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Essex sale moves closer with council approval of ordinance

Action by the Hoopeston City Council Tuesday night brings the sale of the former Essex Building one step closer to reality - and the new owner can hardly wait for the process to be done.

After approving selling the building at its September 5 meeting, the council on Tuesday approved an ordinance for the sale, including a redevelopment plan, to Ross-Leemon Construction, owned by Justin Acton, of Rossville.

The \$1,000 bid was the winning - and only - bid for the Essex building, 325 S. Dixie Hwy., which has been vacant for years.

Acton included 10 percent down with his bid and will pay the remaining \$900 when the sale closes, set for October 27.

The finalizing can't come quickly enough for Acton, who already has a tenant for part of the building. Hoopeston's NAPA store will be the first business to move in.

"NAPA's a go," Acton said after the meeting. "(Owner Roger Dittrich of Watseka) is wanting to do that tomorrow."

Dittrich will have to wait, however, as Acton has up to 180 days from the closing to complete "the NAPA wing." That includes site evaluation and exterior cleanup, getting utilities turned on, cleaning the in-

side, roofing that part of the building, then building out the NAPA store.

Acton's goal is to have the east side of the building used for commercial businesses.

The middle section is slated for commercial businesses that don't require frontage exposure.

The west side will be used as Ross-Leemon headquarters and storage of the company's heavy equipment - unless the location is so popular that other commercial ventures want the space. "If the demand is there, I have no problem letting the demand overtake it," Acton said.

See ESSEX on other side

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Michael Cox, Rossville, case turned over to State of Illinois for further enforcement.

Nichole Hansen, Milford, status check September 7.

Juan Acosta, Hoopeston, status check September 7.

Sean Hofer, Hoopeston, case turned over to State of

Illinois for further enforcement.

Matthew Minard, Hoopeston, case turned over to State of Illinois for further enforcement.

James Cox, Hoopeston, cases turned over to State of Illinois for further enforcement.

Bridget Strawser, Hoopeston, case turned over to State of Illinois for further enforcement.

Jordan Carswell, Hoopeston, status check Septem-

ber 7.

From the Blotter

A 51-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 6:41 p.m. Tuesday that someone trespassed on his property and caused more than \$500 worth of damage. Police are investigating.

Essex continued from other side

While Hoopeston doesn't gain a new business with NAPA, which currently has a downtown location, it may gain in sales tax as sales are expected to increase with Rt. 1 exposure.

A second Hoopeston-based business is also interested in leasing space in the new development to allow for expansion, Acton said.

Under terms of the agreement, Acton may have partners in the project but he must be the majority partner and remain involved in the development. If he sells any part of the property within five years, he agrees to pay the city \$100,000.

Ross-Leemon began as Ross Construction about 19 years ago and became Ross-Leemon when Acton purchased Leemon Enterprises about three years ago. The company does residential, commercial and other construction and includes stores such as Big R as clients.

Acton first expressed interest in the building at a May 2016 council meeting.

In other action, the council, after waiving bids, approved an \$88,050 proposal from Advance Roofing of Champaign to reroof City Hall. The proposal includes removing everything down to the decking, then installing insulation and a white 6 mil membrane. An \$8.50 per square foot fee applies to replacing decking. The work has 20-year guarantee.

The city had received a second proposal from Sentry Roofing for the same work with a 15-year guarantee at \$131,530.

In other business:

- Ald. Ryan Anderson, chairman of the street/alley committee, announced that motor fuel tax road repairs came in for less than anticipated, saving the city \$4,385 in motor fuel tax money.

- Mayor Bill Crusinberry said Teasdale Foods is asking the city to consider vacating Lincoln St., to allow the plant to connect its buildings on each side of that street. He referred the matter to the finance committee, saying plant manager Mel Lollar would be happy to explain the request.

- Clerk Gail Lane read a request from Jeff Keith to install lighting in the middle of the alley of the 300 block of North Market. The request was referred to the street/alley committee.

Weather

Chance of showers today, tonight, tomorrow. High today 74, low 61. Tomorrow, high 74, low 61.

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October 7th & 8th
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