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### Residents to see lower electric rates in new aggregate contract

Residents signed up as part of the city's electricity aggregation program will see a lower rate come July.

Mayor Bill Crusinberry announced at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting that current provider Homefield Energy was approved for a new three-year contract in aggregate bidding on March 4.

Currently at 5.66¢ per kilowatt hour (kWh) the new rate will be 5.044¢. Ameren's rate is 6.2¢ per kWh, he

Homefield was one of four companies bidding to provide service to Hoopeston, Danville and other neighboring towns.

In related discussion, Crusinberry warned residents to be wary of energy sellers going door-to-door, saying residents need to ask peddlers what the company's kilowatt hour rate is, then compare it with that offered under

Direct Energy, one of the four companies bidding for the city contract, was the highest on residential rates, he said.

In unrelated action, the council voted 7-0 to approve Crusinberry's appointments to the Hoopeston Police Commission. By ordinance, commissioners must come from three categories: employer, employee and other. For the employer slot, he chose Robin Lawson, co-owner of Global Fashions, Mr. B's Café and T&L Lawn Care. The

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employee mandate was filled by Michl Kearney of the Hoopeston Area school district. Retired officer Danny Danner was named to as the third member. Crusinberry said he likes having a retired officer on the commission. "I really feel they add a little insight to the interview process," he said.

The commission conducts interviews and arranges testing for Hoopeston police applicants and also reviews disciplinary action of officers.

Tom Sheridan, who had been commission chairman, resigned the post, the third member in 12 months to do so, Crusinberry said.

See CONTRACT on other side







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#### **Contract** continued from other side

The mayor made mention of Sheridan's longevity on the commission, saying he didn't know how many years Sheridan served in total but that Sheridan had helped select all current officers.

Crusinberry also spotlighted long-time employee Debbie Nosler, who will retire April 1 after 39 years with the city. "She's a wealth of what goes on in our office," he said.

In other business, the council approved a proposal from Advance Roofing of Champaign to reroof the water plant at a cost of \$28,575.



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#### State champs

Five Hoopeston youth wrestlers participated in the Illinois Midget State Championship last weekend in Danville. Three wrestlers placed: Ayden Larkin, 8th, Angel Zamora 3rd, and Damon Glen, 7th.

#### **Obituaries**

HARRIS - Maynard W. Harris, 66, of Milford, died Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Watseka. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 2 p.m. memorial service Tuesday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Memorials are suggested to Milford Christian Church or donor's choice.

**LUHMAN** - Gary Lee Luhman, 60, of Browntown, Wis., formerly of Woodworth, died Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at home after a short battle with cancer. Visitation will be 3-7 p.m. Friday at Monroe United Methodist Church. Funeral will be at 11 a.ml Saturday at the church. Burial will be in Jordan Lutheran Church Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the family to be disbursed to various charities in his name. Condolences may be made at <a href="https://www.newcomerfuneralhome.net">www.newcomerfuneralhome.net</a>.

#### Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 49 Rain/rain snow likely tonight and tomorrow. Low tonight, 32. High tomorrow 36, low 25. Sunday, sunny. High 39, low 28.

#### From the Blotter

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 7:12 a.m. Wednesday in the 600 block of West Maple. Police said a 2003 Chevrolet pickup driven by Ronald B. Williams, 57, of Hoopeston, struck a house owned by Jo Anna Leslie, also of Hoopeston, after the truck's accelerator stuck.

#### Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 9:45 p.m. Wednesday to the 500 block of Seventh Ave., for a large fire in the back yard next to a structure. No injures were reported.

#### **Court Dispositions**

#### March 1

**Mona Lisa Perez**, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to trespassing; trial April 5.

**Bridget Strawser**, Hoopeston, found guilty by default of battery, fined \$200; status check April 5.

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