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City civic committee tackles demolition, development issues

A Hoopeston civic improvement committee may provide impetus for action on proposed development.

The committee met Monday night to discuss development, demolition and other issues.

Mayor Bill Crusinberry told aldermen that he met with Russ Leigh, representing Hoopeston Retirement Village Foundation, about development at Rtes. 1 and 9 and the motel/restaurant complex planned for Rt. 9. Crusinberry concentrated on the truck stop, which he called the "most doable right now."

Before a truck stop can be built, water and sewer lines must be installed. Crusinberry said the most economical way to do that is to run lines from the former Baer's Trailer Park on Rt. 1 under the road to the development property. A fire hydrant and bigger water line would be included to allow for further development south of the truck stop. This would eliminate the need for another lift station and cut about \$1 million from the \$3 million total development price tag.

Installing infrastructure would cost the city an estimated \$175,000. The area is in the city's tax increment financing district, which makes the project TIF-eligible.

The consensus of the committee, chaired by Ald. Bill McElhaney, with members aldermen Ryan Anderson and Chad Yaden, was to do the infrastructure work.

In other discussion:

• Crusinberry said he told Leigh that a parking lot for the motel/restaurant will not be done by the city but water and sewer lines would be.

• Ald. Bill McElhaney said the committee is focusing on demolishing the former Lester Drugs and Ray Williams' buildings. He said demolishing Williams' building would cost \$16,000, compared to \$8,000 to secure it. The fee for Lester's is \$18,000. Neither includes dump nor fill fees.

Aldermen split on whether to tear down Williams' building, with Brandon Hamilton, Carl Ankenbrand, Alex Houmes and Anderson in favor and Bill Goodwine in favor of shoring it up and putting a lien against it.

Ald. Louridine Florek was absent.

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By
BERTHA PARSONS

Six reasons our world is a marvelous place

- We are not alone. People need each other, no matter how much we insist we don't.
1. Nobody is an island, we're in this community together, the losses, the fears and the good times. Even the Lone Ranger had a sidekick.
 2. The right to change our mind. Thank Goodness! My mind is changed more often than my shoes. We can research our ideas today and decide, but tomorrow we find a better solution. Right now there are so many changes in our country, community and personal life. So get the facts together, then decide.
 3. Beauty on the outside. Have you taken a walk recently and just looked at the flowers, the grass, the unusual houses? Last week the days reminded me of San Diego. Perfect weather, my spirits were high, my back didn't ache and all was right in my world. Just think. This outside beauty is FREE to all of us.
 4. Friends are here for us. What a joy, having friends I can call when in need of comfort, a listening ear, a cup of sugar or advice on choosing a doctor. Friends are the cornerstone of my life. They keep me grounded when I'm flying too high and pick me up when I'm too low. Friends make our life more enjoyable.
 5. We can become whatever we want. How awesome is that? Being a teacher, cook, mechanic, mother, sales person is all possible if we are willing to study, learn and work to be the best. Don't let anyone tell you it's too late or not possible. If the desire to become whatever you want is running around in your head and heart, go for it, full speed ahead!
 6. Libraries, books, letters and smiles still exist. Have you been to our library lately? It is a magical place that welcomes you any day of the year. A place to sit and get away from the real world. A place to laugh, cry and just enjoy the gift of a library. I am a letter writer and I know how much joy a letter mailed directly to a person can bring. Oh sure, we have texts, e-mail, Facebook and Twitter, but a "real hand written" letter fills a special place in the receiver's heart. Just to think, someone cared enough to personally write to me!
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Obituaries

KELNHOFER - Nettie Kelnhofer, 84, of Hoopeston, died at 1:10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 6, 2018, at home. Arrangements are pending at Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

NEUKOMM - Margaret V. (Steiner) Neukomm, 95, of Cissna Park died Friday, Aug. 3, 2018 at Iroquois Resident Home, Watseka. Private graveside service was held at German Apostolic Christian Cemetery, Cissna Park. Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park, coordinated arrangements.

PHILLIPS - Marilyn Rosa (Britt) Phillips, 63, of Hoopeston, died at 5:14 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018, at home. She was cremated. Memorial service will be held at a later date. Blurton Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

POLSON - Leon Polson, 66, of Hoopeston, died at 3:45 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, 2018, at home. Visitation will

Weather

Slight chance of thunderstorms today. High 82. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 64. Tomorrow, sunny. High 85, low 66.

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be 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston, with Masonic service at 7 p.m. Celebration of his life will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Jaycees or Star Lodge #709.

SEITERS - Ada Mae (Goin) Seiders, 90, of Hoopeston, died at 3:04 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, 2018 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Thursday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice.

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