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Council approves bids to demolish 2 downtown buildings

Lack of specificity in bids to demolish two downtown buildings led to a back-and-forth between alderman at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.
 Before aldermen approved a bid from Ross-Leemon Construction, Ald. Bill McElhaney, civic improvement committee chairman, fielded questions whether a \$30,000 federal lien on Ray Williams' building at 205 E. Main, would impede demolition. Zoning officer Mike Bane said Williams has been served papers last week. Bane said he has talked with an IRS agent in Champaign and plans to send the agent all documentation on the case.
 Next, Ald. Bill Goodwine engaged McElhaney in a verbal thrust-and-parry. Saying he previously voiced

concern over demolishing private buildings with public money, "in this case, I fear we really don't know what we're doing," Goodwine said. Two buildings have already been taken down because old mortar turned to powder. Now "a 100-year-old building is sandwiched between two other 100-year-old buildings," he said. "It seems like it would take kind of a surgical procedure" to remove the middle building. However, there is nothing in writing that the city expects such precision.
 "Where are the specs," Goodwine asked. "Why are there no specs? Because we don't know how to tear down a building like that." He further said there has been no
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Buildings continued from other side

asbestos inspection and asked if Ross Leemon owner Justin Acton has experience in such demolition.

McElhanev urged that the project move forward despite the concerns. "We've come to this line in the sand so many times before," he said. "Justin does roofs and has inspected the building."

"Why are there no specs," Goodwine asked again. "That's just wrong."

McElhanev said Acton gained the needed experience taking down a building in Collison. "He's going to go in there and surgically cut every board" shared by the build-ings.

In discussing contractor responsibility for a mistake, Ald. Alex Houmes made an unintended play on words. "If they don't do the job correctly, it's going to fall on them," he said.

Goodwine then questioned the level of contractor insurance, saying the bid solicitation stated bidders must have insurance but did not specify how much. He wound down his questioning saying he spoke with two engineers who told him the city is "crazy to do it without specs."

In the end, the council voted 6-2 to accept Acton's bid of \$16,000 to take down Williams' building at 205 E. Main and \$18,000 for the former Lester Drugs, 220 E. Main Ald. Louridine Florek joined Goodwine in voting no.

In other discussion, Mayor Bill Crusinberry recapped discussion, from Monday's civic improvement committee meeting, saying officials consider the plan for a truck

stop on the southeast corner of Rtes. 1 and 9 to be the project that could be expedited most quickly.

Parcels planned for the truck stop currently generate \$9,000 in annual property tax, he said, estimated that would increase to \$30,000 once the truck stop is built,

Hoopston Retirement Village Foundation is leading the development effort and if they can sign a deal for a company to build a truck stop, the city will agree to put in the water and sewer infrastructure at an estimated cost of \$175,000, Crusinberry said.

Weather

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