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Council unanimously approves measures for Teasdale Foods

In three unanimous votes, Hoopeston City Council approved three resolutions concerning Teasdale Latin Foods.

Teasdale's desire to clean the sediment lagoons, where its wastewater is sent, resulted in two resolutions: one between Hoopeston and Teasdale and the other between Hoopeston and Westville-based ERH Enterprises, a water and wastewater management company.

Teasdale and ERH had already worked out – but not finalized – an agreement when Teasdale executives saw a provision in a 2006 contract between then-Hoopeston Foods and the city which calls for the city to pay for maintenance on the city-owned lagoons before being reimbursed by the company.

The agreement was passed on to Teasdale when they purchased Hoopeston Foods in 2012.

Ald. Lourdine Florek, water/sewer committee chairman, said the two companies had agreed upon the sum of \$425,000 for the work, which the city would now pay, then receive reimbursement. "Basically, it's flow-through money," she said.

In 7-0 votes, with Ald. Ryan Anderson absent, the council gave Mayor Bill Crusinberry the authority to sign documents with Teasdale Foods and ERH for the project.

Under the approval, Hoopeston will pay \$40,000 to ERH to begin cleaning and \$11,000 per month for 35

months, all of which will be reimbursed, she said.

Sediment in three of the five lagoons will be removed to within one foot of the bottom and will be taken to drying beds at the city's wastewater treatment plant, Crusinberry said.

In other Teasdale-related action, the council approved 7-0, a resolution allowing Crusinberry to sign documents vacating Lincoln St. from First Ave. to the railroad tracks once the issue has been approved by Teasdale officials.

Hoopeston will vacate the street to allow Teasdale to building more loading docks and to improve employee safety. In return, the company is expected to pay the Hoopeston \$5,000 for administrative and legal costs associated with the change and for signage directing trucks to use Second Ave. The company is also to approve installing a sidewalk on West Maple to the tracks and cap an abandoned water main on First Ave. that runs under the tracks.

In other business, the council heard from John Heckler, representing the Vermilion County Land Bank, who presented a \$19,940 check to the city for dump fees for dilapidated houses the land bank paid to tear down.

The three Hoopeston houses were the first ones to be taken down by the land bank, Heckler said, adding they

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Obituaries

BARKER - Florence M. (Stebbins) Barker, 86, of Hoopeston, died at 11:20 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018 at Carle Hoopeston Regional Hospital. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Chestnut Street Church of Christ, 709 E. Chestnut St., Hoopeston IL 60942. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements.

LLOYD - The Rev. Jim Lloyd, 78, of Willis, Tex., formerly of Rossville, died Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018. Memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Monday at Morningstar Church, 201 N. Chicago, Rossville. Condolences may be left at www.shmfh.com. Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home is handling arrangements.



Boxing

As Corey Betka loads more cases of corn, seven-year-old Anna Schenk flings an empty box after loading ears on the conveyor belt Saturday during the National Sweetcorn Festival. Corn is taken to the husker, then cooker before being served to festival-goers. The festival is sponsored by Hoopeston Jaycees.

Council continued from other side

learned much from the experience.

The land bank had expected to pay about \$8,000 to take a house down but ended up spending about \$40,000, in part because one of the houses had asbestos siding. "In the future, we probably won't take a house with asbestos siding," he said.

Two of the properties that were cleaned up have been sold to neighbors, Heckler said.

The land bank currently has \$20,000 and \$30,000 available to tear down more houses in the county. In addition, the group earlier this year received a \$300,000 grant from Illinois Housing Development Authority and is working with them on how the money may be used.

Heckler, who spent 40 years in public administration, said cities taking ownership of property is a new thing.

"Ten, 20, 30 years ago, the idea of a city buying property - no way," he said. With more blight in cities, however, more and more communities are taking on properties and cleaning them up, he added.

In unrelated business, the council:

- Approved an \$11,799 bid from Birkey's for a mower for the cemetery. Ald. Chad Yaden, cemetery committee chairman, said a second bid was received but did not meet specs.

- Heard from Ald. Carl Ankenbrand, who took part in Sunday's 911 Memorial Climb at Honeywell School.



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Ankenbrand, Hoopeston firemen and others climbed stairs at the school 110 times in remembrance of first responders who climbed stairs in the Twin Towers in 2001. Money raised by the climb is expected to be used for a scholarship for Hoopeston Area students who plan a career in firefighting or law enforcement, he said.

- Heard from Crusinberry that election packets will be available beginning September 18. One seat in each ward is up for election, he said.

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