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Council hears questions on street closure, damaged building

Hoopeston City Council fielded questions about Lincoln Street truck traffic and a damaged building at Tuesday's meeting.

Paul Kelnhofer, who owns a vehicle storage building on Lincoln near the railroad, said, "Semi traffic is terrible" on the street.

In August 2018, the council approved closing Lincoln from First Ave. to the railroad tracks. The closure was requested by Teasdale Foods for employee safety and to expand the dock area to handle increased business.

Kelnhofer said a large rock he put on his property to discourage traffic got run over by a truck and he has previously had damage to his building. "A year ago, you said you'd do something about it before you closed the road," he said.

Part of the agreement between the city and Teasdale called for the company to purchase highway signs directing traffic down Second Ave., instead of First. However, Mayor Bill Crusinberry said Illinois Department of Transportation will not allow the city to post signs on the highway directing traffic to the right road.

For its part, Teasdale has put directions on its bills of lading and engineer Tracy Fullen, with Donohue & Associates, is working to get Global Positioning System (GPS) directions change, he added.

Kelnhofer suggested the city needs a truck route ordinance to address the problem.

The council also heard from Joshua Clifton, neighbor to 401 N. Market, which suffered a fire December 21, 2017.

Since then, officials have worked with the owners to remedy the situation before leveling charges and fines. Currently, alternatives to fining are being considered, Crusinberry said.

"Why is the city messing around with all this," Clifton asked. "Why don't you just go in and knock it down?"

After Crusinberry said the city cannot legally do that,

Clifton fired a barrage of comments, including that by ordinance, a burned building must be removed within 90 days and that the structure violates six code regulations. "The entire neighborhood is about to come down on the city council pretty hard."

The city refuses to act on this building "but yet you guys want to tear down all these other buildings. The building is a public hazard and needs to be condemned and torn down," he concluded.

Resident Bill Redden asked why such properties that find their way to the tax sale aren't pulled by the city and demolished.

Instead, he said, people buy them but can't afford to fix them up and are then fined for not fixing them. "It doesn't make sense," he said.

In other business, the council:

- Approved removing a house at 819 S. Fifth St. from the tax increment financing district. Ald. Bill Goodwine said the owner, a disabled veteran, can get an exemption but on the property but had two hurdles: the home being in the TIF district and that it is situated on two parcels.

In an 8-0 vote, the council approved removing the property from the TIF area, which will allow the parcels to be combined into one so the man may have his exemption.

- Unanimously approved spending \$362,580 with Coe Equipment of Rochester for a new Vactor jet-vac truck for the water department.

- Learned perpetual care bids will be opened at 10 a.m. April 15. Specs are available at city hall.

- Heard from Ald. Ryan Anderson that alley cleanup will begin April 15, for yard waste only. Brick, concrete and other materials will not be picked up.

- Anderson also said the street and alley department will be removing ash trees infested with the emerald ash borer from city parkways. The city will not trim or cut back any trees on the parkway, he added.

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Romario Perez-Coronado, 23, of Ambia, Ind., was arrested after police stopped his vehicle for a mechanical issue at 9:29 p.m. Tuesday at Rt. 9 and Lockhart. He was charged with no valid driver's license and was released on traffic citation and court date.

A **64-year-old** resident of the 500 block of West Dice reported at 8:34 a.m. Wednesday that someone accessed her Social Security information and changed bank information for her direct deposit. Police worked with the bank

and the woman with Social Security to fix the identity theft.

A **13-year-old boy** was arrested after police were called at 3 p.m. Wednesday to the 500 block of East Wyman for a report of armed violence. He was arrested on preliminary charges of unlawful use of a weapon, assault and armed violence on a complaint from a 37-year-old Hoopeston man.

The boy was taken to the juvenile detention facility in Danville.

Justin Taylor, 36, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 6:42 p.m. Wednesday for a report of an argument between neighbors. Police alleged Taylor

refused to allow witnesses to be interviewed. He was charged with interference of police prohibited and was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Police were called at 11:04 a.m. Thursday to Dollar General, 415 S. Dixie Hwy., for a report of retail theft. Jennifer L. England, 53, of Buckley, and Jennifer L. Brock, 29, of Cissna Park, allegedly left the store with items for which they failed to pay.

Each was arrested on preliminary charges of retail theft, possession of meth, distribution with intent of delivery and possession of paraphernalia/hypodermic needles.

Both were taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Obituaries

FINLEY - Vonna Mae (Correll) Finley, 84, of Danville, died at 11:22 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, 2019, at OSF Sacred Heart Medical Center, Danville. She was cremated. Memorial service will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Partlow Cemetery, Armstrong. Memorials are suggested to Danville Humane Society or donor's choice. Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements.

HALTIWANGER - Jack B. Haltiwanger, 81, of Potmac, died at 9:46 p.m. Friday, April 5, 2019, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be

5-8 p.m. Tuesday at Potomac First Church of Christ. Celebration of his life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Burial will follow in Potomac Cemetery. Blurton Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

LESLIE - Marshall "Devo" Leslie, 65, of Hoopeston, died at 12:37 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, 2019, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. He will be cremated. Visitation will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice.

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Mini corndogs, baked beans, cucumber slices, mixed fruit, milk

TUESDAY: Pizza Rolls, baby carrots, salad, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Pancake & sausage nuggets, hash brown, baby carrots, mandarin orange, milk

THURSDAY: Taco Max Snax, chips & salsa, baby carrots, salad, peaches, milk

FRIDAY: Pork BBQ/bun, fries, Sunset Sip juice, mixed fruit, milk

Hoopeston Area Middle School

MONDAY: Chicken strips, broccoli/cheese, salad bar, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Fettucine Alfredo, Max Stick, salad bar, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Mini corndog, baked beans, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pizza, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

Hoopeston Area High School

MONDAY: Chicken strips or ham & cheese, broccoli/cheese, salad bar, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Country fried steak or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Fettucine Alfredo or BBQ rib, Max Stick, salad bar, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Mini corndog or cheeseburger, baked beans, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pizza or fish sandwich, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

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Small Wonders Preschool is seeking applications for its Preschool Director/Teacher position for the 2019-20 school year. Please send cover letter and resume to First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 297, Hoopeston, by April 10. Our program is a half-day program M-F during the school year for 3- and 4-year-old children. Candidates must be Director qualified by DCFS standards which can include sixty credit hours of college with eighteen hours in courses related directly to child development from birth to age six.

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