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Council approves new garbage contract, updates ordinance

Hoopeston officials approved a five-year garbage collection contract that has a money-saving provision they will test for two months.

Provider Republic Services was the only company to submit a bid for garbage pickup in Hoopeston. The bid included rates including and excluding twice-weekly pickup of bulk items.

Approval of the former would add \$76,356 to the bid price of \$342,329. The amount is what Hoopeston currently pays and will continue to pay for the first two years of the proposed contract.

With the latter, Republic agreed to provide a centrally located roll off for residents to dispose of their own bulk items.

Ald. Bill Goodwine, finance committee chairman, said Republic will let the city try out the "no bulk" option from June 1-August 1. If it is not working, Hoopeston can return to bulk pickup, adding \$3 to the garbage cost of each customer.

The council approved the contract in a 5-1 vote, with Ald. Lourdine Florek voting against it. Aldermen Alex Houmes and Jeff Wise were absent.

After the meeting, Florek said she was concerned that, unlike the previous contract, the new deal makes no provision for smaller blue totes to be used. Some senior citizens have complained that the 96 gal. totes are unwieldy, she said. For disabled residents, Republic employees had previously taken the totes to the truck, emptied them and returned them to the house, a practice some said have been stopped, she added.

Some items still need to be addressed, such as Ald. Chad Yaden's question on how much Republic would charge for bulk pickup once a month and where the roll off will be located.

Under the new contract, Hoopeston will pay \$342,329 for the first two years of the contract. In subsequent years, the amount increases to \$352,510, \$363,200 and \$374,144.

In related action, the council unanimously approved a

change in its garbage/trash disposal ordinance to reflect the change in bulk pickup.

Under the revision, bulk items will not be allowed to sit curbside for more than three days. After that time, the city will remove them and charge the tenant or owner the greater of \$100 or actual costs, Goodwine said. Those costs will include rental of a front-end loader - estimated at \$125 to \$150, employee wages and benefits and disposal costs.

"If we honestly charge what it costs, it will be very expensive," Goodwine said, adding it would be a good opportunity for a local entrepreneur. "Somebody, I think, would hop in and provide the service."

Goodwine admitted some residents might find ways around the ordinance but he "(hopes) for a responsible citizenry."

Residents may still contract directly with Republic Services for bulk pickup.

In other action, the council approved a resolution for the 2019 Motor Fuel Tax program, centered on West Elm "basically from the park entrance to Ninth Ave.," said Tracy Fullen, engineer with Donohue & Associates. The existing concrete street will be removed and replaced with new concrete. Curbs in the area will be replaced as needed, she added.

The project is estimated at \$124,463 but the approved resolution is for \$135,000, to cover unexpected costs. The project began May 1 and will be completed by August 23.

In other business, the council:

- Approved spending no more than \$330,000 for a new fire truck, to replace a 1997 tanker. Delivery is expected in 10 months, said Ald. Robin Lawson, fire committee chairman.
 - Approved an \$18,300 bid from Diaz Construction to reskin the street/alley department building.
 - Approved stop signs for the eastbound lanes of Chestnut and Elm at First Ave.
 - Heard from Fullen that the Sixth St. sewer lining project
- See GARBAGE on other side

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Briefly

The Gathering

“The Gathering, Rossville’s monthly get-together for senior citizens, will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Rossville Fire Station. The event is sponsored by Rossville Community Organization.

Placing flags

Anyone interested in placing flags for Memorial

Day is asked to meet at 4 p.m. Thursday at Hoopeston American Legion. If possible, property owners are asked to mow before flags are placed.

Volunteers will meet again at 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, to retrieve flags from the routes.

At the library

Cookin’ the Books, 6-7 p.m. Thursday. This month it’s

Salad Days. Select a recipe from our special section. We’ll copy it for you. Make it and bring it back to share. Bring serving utensils. Drinks, table service provided.

Stitchin’ Time 10:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday. For beginner to skilled “yarn junkies.” Crochet instruction provided.

Anniversary celebration

Half a century ago a wonderful marriage began. Two people joined together to share their lives side by side. Please join us in celebrating Pat and Dave Foster's 50th Anniversary at an open house from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, May 25 at St Anthony's Parish Hall. Please

no gifts.

Memorial Day closings

- Just the Facts will not be printed Monday.
- Hoopeston Public Library will be closed Monday.
- Hoopeston administrative offices will be closed Monday.

Weather

Chance of thunderstorms today. High 82. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 60. Tomorrow, partly sunny, chance of storms late. High 84, low 67

Court Dispositions

May 2

Rogelio Rivera Jr., Hoopeston, status check June 6. J. Santos Pineta, Texas, failed to appear for battery, found guilty, fined \$280; status check June 6.

Elbert Cannon, Hoopeston, status check June 6.

Melissa Kinnaird, Hoopeston, status check June 6.

Bridget Strawser, Hoopeston, failed to appear, found guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$280; found guilty of possession of cannabis, fined \$380; status hearing June 6.

Skylar Pickett, Potomac, case sent to state for further enforcement.

Linda Drollinger, Hoopeston, case sent to state for further enforcement.

Donald Underwood Jr. Hoopeston, status check June 6 in three cases.

Garbage continued from other side

ject is underway, with a sewer at Judson being repaired before lining the sewer. Actual lining will probably start after Memorial Day.

- Heard from Mayor Bill Crusinberry that representatives of Prairie Meadows will attend the next council meeting about conditions at both developments.
- Crusinberry also said he has had “very preliminary” discussions with school district principals about a resource officer for Hoopeston Area schools.

Obituaries

ALLEN - Elmer L. Allen, 90, of Milford, died Monday, May 20, 2019 at home. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Memorials are suggested to Milford Fire Department or Milford High School Booster Club.

NEUKOMM - Joy (Knapp) Neukomm, 63, of Cissna Park, died Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at home surrounded by her husband, children, and grandchildren.

She was born on September 16, 1955 in Watseka, the daughter of Richard and Bette Gatrell Knapp. Joy married John D. Neukomm Jr. in Watseka on September 21, 1973. He survives, along with one son, Jerry (Nancy) Neukomm of Cissna Park; one daughter, Marlene (Travis) McWethy of Cissna Park; mother and stepfather, Bette and Ken Schmid of Hoopeston; three



brothers- Art (Mary Jane) Knapp of Tuscon, AZ, Dale (Mary Ann) Knapp of Peoria, and Kent (Michelle) Knapp of Thawville; one sister, Colleen (Greg) Mitchell of Newnan, GA; four grandchildren- Sam Roberts, KayLee McWethy, Samantha Neukomm, and Dalton McWethy; and one great grandchild- William Roberts.

She was preceded in death by her father and one sister- Gay Knapp Nolin.

Joy was a member of First Christian Church in Hoopeston where she taught Sunday School for many years. She enjoyed sewing, gardening, farming, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Friday May 24, 2019 at 10:00 am at Creekside Prairie in Cissna Park with Pastor Tom Cici officiating. Visitation will be from 4-8 pm on Thursday at Creekside Prairie in Cissna Park. Burial will be in Cissna Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to American Lung Association.

Arrangements are by Knapp Funeral Home in Cissna Park.

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HOOPESTON: Hoopeston United Methodist Church fellowship hall, 403 E. Main. United Methodist Women sale. Fri. & Sat., 8-5. Freewill donation on most items.

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