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Public's decorum sparks need for employee safety measures

Comments and threats made to administration employees have elected officials thinking about security measures at Hoopeston City Hall.

At a committee of the whole meeting Tuesday evening, Hoopeston resident Joel Schuler spoke to Hoopeston City Council and a handful of residents about electronic security.

Mayor Bill Crusinberry said that employees in the administrative office have said public decorum, in the last two to three months, has been the "worst they've ever known in 10 years," with threats of physical harm being leveled at the staff.

"We're in a crazy world right now," Crusinberry said. "We'd hate to be the people who said 'we talked about that but never acted on it.'"

Schuler, a Hoopeston auxiliary police officer, has,

New hours set for Hoopeston's second bulk garbage collection

The City of Hoopeston's bulk garbage drop off will have a different time beginning Saturday, August 3.

The drop off will begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. at City Hall, 301 W. Main St.

This schedule will continue every first and third Saturday of each month.

To be eligible, each person wanting to dispose of items must be a Hoopeston resident and pay for Republic Services City garbage service. Those who want to dispose of items will be required to present a photo ID with current address on it.

This is for bulk garbage only. Garbage that fits in the blue tote provided by Republic will not be allowed. Residents are not allowed to dispose of electronics, appliances, paint, liquids, tires, batteries, yard waste, and construction waste including drywall and carpet. Residents will be limited to one load and are required to unload it on themselves.

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for more than five years, done electrical work, including installing about 500 keyless entry systems in places like Chicago, Champaign-Urbana and Effingham, where he worked for FE Moran.

Schuler submitted a \$7,840.09 proposal to the city that would provide electronic entry to 14 doors at city hall. Employees would each have a card or fob to unlock doors in areas they need to access for their work.

The system Schuler recommends is "fail secure," meaning it will work when the power is out. It will create a log entry each time someone uses a fob or card to open a door. If someone uses the wrong fob, tries to use a key or tries to break through a door, the system will send an alarm. "It may not be a physical alarm, they may not hear it or see it, but it will be logged," he said.

Each system creates its own log, which can be downloaded to a central computer. In the event of a power outage, the system's battery backup can hold log information for up to three months. Internet outage will not affect the system, he said, calling it "not internet based as much as internet enhanced."

While originally looking at an electronic system for security, Crusinberry said it could be used for other purposes, as well, such as serving as a time card system.

The electronic system could also provide safety for people held in cells at Hoopeston Police Department. Doors are currently locked with a padlock but an electronic system could open doors remotely in the case of an emergency, such as a fire, he said.

Also, it could eliminate the need for employees to open and close things such as the civic center for walkers or park bathroom accessibility.

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grimed for future use, Crusinberry said.
For Crusinberry, controlling access to areas of city hall is just the first step towards building security. He would also like to have bulletproof glass and security panels installed to help keep employees safe.
Other discussion at the meeting included:

Obituaries

CARMIN - Roger David Carmin, 80, of New Haven, Mo., formerly of Lovejoy Township, died Friday July 26, 2019, at home. He will be cremated. Grave-side service will be held at Sugar Creek Cemetery, Stockland. Toedtmann & Grosse Funeral Home, of New Haven, is handling arrangements.
HACKNEY - Glenn Hackney, 69, of Hoopeston, died at 11:48 a.m. Monday, July 22, 2019, at home. He will be cremated; a service will be held at a later date. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements.
HOTT - Lewis Ralph Hott, 100, of Fulton Tex., formerly of Hoopeston, died July 28, 2019. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston United Methodist Church, 403 E. Main, Hoopeston IL 60942.

- A new position for a full time employee who would also work in other departments. Ald. Jeff Wise, street/alley chairman, asked other chairmen to let him know what percentage of the employee’s time they would like to budget accordingly.
- Lack of action on Bzzz Bar, which was damaged in a fire in March. The fire is still under state and federal investigation and the business registration has been

Court Dispositions

July 11

Sandy Zarate, Hoopeston, general nuisances dismissed.
Sandy Zarate, Hoopeston, preparation and placement of garbage and refuse case dismissed.
Richard Smith, Hoopeston, found guilty of disobeying police, fined \$180; status check August 1.
Brian Kinnaird, Hoopeston, status check August 1.
Jennifer Morgeson, Hoopeston, status check August 1.
Alfred Layton, Hoopeston, case sent to state for further enforcement.

revoked.
• Legal recreational marijuana. Crusinberry said he received “a couple calls” against allowing it after it was discussed at a recent council meeting. The Illinois Municipal League suggests that municipalities who do not prohibit it should regulate it. Crusinberry said a public hearing on the issue will be scheduled so residents can share their thoughts with the council.
• Gaming parlors. Crusinberry said he’s been approached by two outside entities wanting to open gaming parlors in Hoopeston, including one in the former Pizza Hut build-

ing. To open a parlor, someone would have to first obtain a liquor license, then apply to have online gaming.
Currently, all businesses in Hoopeston that have online gaming are residents of Hoopeston. Some council members expressed concerns about having distant owners for parlors.

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