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Hoopeston to use outside firms to take down dangerous trees

Hoopeston will contract with local tree businesses to get rid of dangerous trees more quickly.

Ald. Jeff Wise, street/alley committee chairman, made the announcement at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

Wise said he has freed up money in the department's budget to take down trees in precarious situations, such as near power lines, or in situations where damage to property might occur. Licensed and bonded contractors will be used only to fell the trees. "They'll knock them down and we'll clean them up," he said.

Wise referenced the large tree in the 800 block of McCracken that was toppled in Friday's high gusts.

There are several others, he said, adding, "Another wind-storm and they're probably going to come down, too."

Asked why the company hired by Ameren to trim branches near its power lines doesn't cut trees down, Mayor Bill Crusinberry said the service is hired only to trim branches, although they will take down ash trees.

Wise said he spoke to representatives of the company and was told they could take down other trees but not on the time they were contracted to do Ameren work.

He also announced fall cleanup will start October 21 and that due to costly repairs, the department will probably replace its backhoe in the near future.

In other business, Crusinberry updated the council on a list of city issues, including:

- Naming Joel Schuler as city compliance officer. A Hoopeston native, Schuler serves on the city's auxiliary police force. Because he has a full time job, Schuler will do most work evenings and weekends. He was approved by the council 7-0, with Ald. Bill McElhaney absent.

- Announcing a change in how dilapidated buildings are handled. Instead of first sending 10-day notices to make improvements, owners will now first be given a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court to present to the hearing officer a plan to rehabilitate or demolish the structure. Failure to do either will result in daily fines.

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Hoopeston continued from other side

The first building to come under the new procedure will be the Downtown Motel, Crusinberry said. Attempts by officials to meet with the owner have been unsuccessful. The building remains empty and is deteriorating and, because "vagrants could be staying there," Crusinberry plans to ask for a higher-than-normal daily fine. The owner is scheduled to appear in court on November 7.

- The West Elm resurfacing project, which was completed on time and \$6,000 less than what was allowed by motor fuel tax. The savings were used to replace three damaged catch basins along the street, using a combination of Hoopeston Water Department employees and those of A and A Concrete, of Ludlow.

- Issues at Prairie Meadows I and II, including standing water at the new one. Contractors have reshaped contours, creating swales to move the water away from the area.

Also, Crusinberry said, a new management company is going to be doing inspections to make sure only those listed on the lease are living in the homes.

- The Vermilion County Land Bank, which is in the process of applying for grants to take down more houses.

- Recreational marijuana, a topic of an Illinois Municipal League conference in Chicago which Crusinberry attend-

ed. He learned that 56 of the 65 recreational licenses to be granted will go to those who have medical marijuana dispensaries. Those dispensaries will likely get the remaining licenses to open secondary facilities, he said. The speaker said growth in the industry will be slow the next two years.

As a first step towards a decision on recreational marijuana, the council will hold a listening session at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29. Residents with opinions on the topic are invited to come and share their thoughts. Those who plan to speak will be asked to sign in. Speaking time will be limited.

- Building security, which will be overseen by a new committee made up of aldermen Bill Goodwine, Alex Houmes and Chad Yaden. Officials have discussed keyless entry systems and are looking at other security measures to keep employees safe.

In other action, the council:

- Unanimously approved its annual \$150 donation to Keep Vermilion County Beautiful. Director Brenda Adams last month asked the council to up its membership to the corporate level of \$1,000, but in making the motion, Houmes said the city budgeted only \$150 this year. The increase will be considered for next year's budget, he added.

- Approved spending \$5,400 of pool fund accrual money and \$1,608 of leftover insurance replacement money to replace the Pony League field scoreboard, damaged in a storm. The scoreboard will be purchased from Watchfire Signs and will be a replica of what the league had, Houmes said. The council approved 6-0-1, with Houmes, a Watchfire employee, abstaining.

Court Dispositions

September 5

Lonnie Davis, new status check in two cases October 3.

Iris Gray, Hoopeston, status check October 3.

David T. Cannon, Rankin, sent to state for further enforcement.

David T. Cannon, Rankin, building permit required and nuisance structure cases dismissed by hearing officer.

Timothy E. Coon Jr., pleaded not guilty to trespassing, trial October 3.

Weather

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