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Making room

An employee of Wright's Tree Service trims branches away from a power pole Monday in the 200 block of North Third St. Ameren Illinois has contracted the work to keep power lines clear.

Agencies request new building for training, operations

Hoopeston City Council is being asked to consider a new building to house Hoopeston Auxiliary Police and Hoopeston Emergency Management Agency personnel.

At Tuesday's council meeting, Ald. Carl Ankenbrand, police committee chairman, said the two groups would like a new building to serve as a joint operations, training and command center.

Growth in responsibilities and personnel has led to space issues with the current facilities use by the groups, according to a memo presented to aldermen. There are 12 auxiliary members and 11 EMA members. Additionally, the Hoopeston Explorers program - for youngsters interested in a law enforcement career - has grown. Explorers' participation during the National Sweetcorn Festival has further strained the available space, according to information provided to the council.

The Auxiliary and EMA are asking officials to approve \$35,000, which would be used for 30' x 40' pole building to house offices, a meeting/training room, restroom/shower, and common area, as well as a garage/storage area. Construction would be done by Auxiliary members, according to the information.

EMA's current office leaks and gets wet when it rains. To repair it, a gutter system would need to be installed or the east exterior wall reconstructed.

The proposal calls for the hoped-for building to be open to other city departments to conduct training. Planned to be in McFerren Park, being away from other city buildings would eliminate interference with regular operations at the primary buildings, the memo said.

Ankenbrand said he presented the information so the entire council is aware of the request. A new building is not in this year's budget, but could be considered in the next budget cycle, which begins May 1.

In other business, the council heard from Ald. Jeff Wise, street/alley committee chairman, who asked

that, in light of the predicted snow, residents be mindful of the city's emergency snow route ordinance.

The ordinance states that if 1.5" or more of snow accumulates and a snow emergency is declared, vehicles parked on designated streets must be promptly removed from the street. Vehicles not removed will be subject to a fine and towed at the owner's expense.

Streets that are part of the snow route include:

- Second Ave. from Main to Rt. 9
- Penn from Rt. 1 to Euclid
- Main from Rt. 1 to Eighth St. and Euclid
- Fifth St. from Rt. 9 to Honeywell
- Maple from Fifth St. to Third St.
- Third St. from Maple to Lincoln
- Lincoln from Third St. to Fifth St.
- Market from north of Hoopeston to Rt. 9
- Sixth Ave. from Rt. 9 to Main
- Eighth St. from Penn to Main

To address safety concerns, alderman approved, 8-0, a \$7,894.18 bid from Joel Schuler to install an electronic access system on exterior and interior doors at Hoopeston City Hall. Ald. Alex Houmes called the addition "part of our bigger scope for the security committee to kind of tighten things down here at city hall" after some employees reported feeling unsafe.

Mayor Bill Crusinberry said the administration office personnel received phone calls they believed to be threatening. "In this day and age we're in, that's when we formed the committee and started looking at these different accesses to buildings."

Houmes said similar systems have already been installed at Floral Hill Cemetery and at the park office.

In unrelated business, the council:

- Heard from Houmes that Hoopeston will submit a video to be entered in HGTV's Hometown Makeover program, which will include aerial photos provided by Jack Miller, and other information.

- Houmes, parks committee chairman, also said work

See BUILDING on other side

Building continued from other side

on the park lagoon will begin cleaning large chunks of concrete from the McFerren Park lagoon. Originally put in the lagoon to control erosion, Houmes said erosion has worsened and the concrete is dangerous because some pieces of concrete have rebar in them. Once the area is cleaned, rock or riprap will be put around the lagoon, at a cost of \$18,000. He said he would ask for money to budgeted for the work, but "regardless of whether we get the money or not to do this, it has to be removed."

- Approved 8-0, a \$2,150 façade grant for Hoopeston Coin Laundry. Ald. Robin Lawson, façade committee member, said \$2,200 is still available in this year's façade program.

Crusinberry said the laundry removed large windows, installed smaller ones and resided the front of the establishment.

- He also reported that he recently toured Silgan Containers and Teasdale Foods and that both businesses are expanding.

Silgan recently opened two new lines and reopened a line that had been closed after a new customer was found.

Teasdale has also increased production and employees, but representatives of both plants said finding employees for some tasks, such as maintenance mechanic and elec-

trician trainee, has been difficult.

Crusinberry said Hoopeston Area school district and Danville Area Community College are working on ways to meet that need.

- The mayor also reported that WCIA will do an Our Town segment in Hoopeston on June 26. "The last time we were recognized this way was the Friday of the FMC tire fire," he noted.

- He has also been asked about the city spearheading a celebration for Hoopeston's 150th birthday next year and asked aldermen to think about a sesquicentennial event.

Obituaries

DECKER - Carol Lee Decker, 88, of Champaign, died at 2:53 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, 2020, at Evergreen Place, Champaign. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

REN - Darlene (Ellis) Ren, 84, of Danville, died at 8:45 a.m. Monday, Feb. 3, 2020 at Hawthorne Inn, Danville. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the noon celebration of her life Friday at Blurton Funeral Home, Potomac. Burial will be in Potomac Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice.

- Heard from Jordan Crook, editor of the Chronicle, who asked if there was new information on when Bzzz Bar could be demolished, after a fire last March. Crusinberry said there was not much movement, as there is still no final report from the Illinois State Fire Marshal's Office.

Fire Chief Joel Bird asked how long the city wants to wait to act, citing heavy snow forecasted this week would put additional strain on the structure. "That building is

really dangerous," he said.

Weather

Chance of snow today, tonight. High 30, low 21. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 31, low 21.

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United Prairie-Hoopeston has opening this Spring for the following: CDL Drivers and Non-CDL. Please pick up applications at 18978 E 3850 North Rd, Hoopeston, IL 60942. For more information, please call the office, 217-888-0164 or Jordan Reese, manager, 217-918-2876.

The City of Hoopeston Swimming Pool is accepting applications for Pool Manager. This is a Seasonal Position, May through September. Applicants should be able to manage employees and schedules, have customer service skills, and help maintain swimming pool. Lifeguard and CPR Certification a plus. Applications may be picked up at City Hall, 301 W Main St. For more information, call 217-283-5833.

Hubbard Trail Country Club is currently taking applications for a Clubhouse manager. Duties included are: Supervise, train and schedule bar and kitchen employees. Place food and beer orders. Schedule and coordinate wedding and party events, golf outings and clubhouse activities. Promote activities through email, social media and print ads. 20 hours per week, salary is based on experience. If you have experience in the service industry, enjoy working with the public, email your resume to hccgolf@yahoo.com or mail to PO Box 305, Hoopeston, IL 60942.

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