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## Hoopeston hopes grant writer will help nab state money

Hoopeston City Council approved spending not more than \$7,500 to have someone from Champaign County Regional Planning write a grant application for the Rebuild Illinois program.

Mayor Bill Crusinberry told the council the Shovel Ready Sites component of the Rebuild program is accept-

ing applications until June 15. He asked the council to approve hiring a grant writer to increase Hoopeston's chances of getting money from the \$13 million allocated for the public infrastructure program.

Under Shovel Ready, grants will range from those cost-  
**See GRANT on other side**



### In memory

Gary Miller, left and Bob Duffin place crosses at Floral Hill Cemetery Wednesday morning in preparation for Memorial Day Monday. The men also brought a trailer with flags for residents to put on family members' graves. So many residents took advantage of the offer that Duffin had to return to town to get more flags. Due to COVID-19, no public Memorial Day service will be held this year.

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ing more than \$250,000 to a maximum of \$2 million per project. The purpose is to provide funding for site preparation for underused properties that can transform into economic development opportunities across the state.

The project Crusinberry pitched for the program is the city's part of the motel development at Heritage Park - the land between Hoopeston Marathon and the former Chrysler dealership.

The property, owned by Hoopeston Retirement Village Foundation, was recently sold to Russ Leigh, who has gathered investors for the motel project.

Design work on necessary infrastructure - a road from Rt. 9 to Elm, as well as water, sanitary sewer and storm

**From the Blotter**

**No tickets** or injuries were reported in an accident at 11:40 a.m. Tuesday at East Young and North Third St. Police said Amanda Martinez, 50, of Hoopeston, in a 2015 Ford, and Helena Shoulders, 20, also of Hoopeston, in a 2000 Dodge utility vehicle, were involved.

Martinez was at fault for failing to yield at a marked intersection, police said.

sewer lines - was already in the works. Officials previously committed \$200,000 towards the plan and if a grant was awarded, "this project might move forward," Crusinberry said.

Developing the site will significantly increase property taxes, he said. Currently, total taxes on the roughly six-acre parcel are \$985. First-year taxes on a motel are estimated at \$30,000 and could go as high as \$45,000, he

**Obituaries**

**TITTLE** - Bradley Michael Tittle, 30, of Rankin, died at 12:09 a.m. Tuesday, May 19, 2020, at home. He will be cremated and a memorial service held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice. Blurton Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at [www.BlurtonFuneralHomes.com](http://www.BlurtonFuneralHomes.com).

**Weather**

Mostly cloudy today, tonight. High 66, low 55. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High 74, low 59.

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said.

The council voted 7-0 to approve Crusinberry's request. Ald. Bill McElhaney was absent.

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