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## Council approves engineering work for Thompson project

After several years of saving for the project, Hoopeston City Council on Tuesday unanimously approved a contract with the Illinois Department of Transportation for engineering costs to resurface Thompson Ave.

Ald. Jeff Wise, street/alley committee chairman, requested approval to spend not more than \$238,747 for services with Donohue and Associates, of Champaign, with some work to be subcontracted to Cummings Engineering Corp., of Springfield.

Since 2013, Hoopeston has been saving part of its Motor Fuel Tax money for the Thompson project. Former alderman Randy Carter estimated in 2015 that the city would need to accrue \$240,000 for its share of the costs.

The original project date was 2017, but was later changed to 2020-21.

In early September, city officials met with state and federal representatives, presenting the plan to resurface Thompson from the railroad tracks to Hoopeston's eastern city limits. Preliminary approval was given later that month.

Hoopeston is requesting Federal Highway Administra-

tion funds to pay for 80 percent of the project, with the city picking up the rest and engineering costs, which are expected to include plans to address flooding in the area.

The total project is expected to be more than \$1 million, said Mayor Bill Crusinberry.

City money spent on the project may come back Hoopeston in the form of six additional MFT payments, part of Rebuild Illinois. Hoopeston has already received its first payment, of \$50,000, he said.

In other business:

- The council approved, 7-1, the annual appropriations ordinance, which is what allows the city to spend money. Ald. Chad Yaden voted against approval.

In reporting on the appropriations ordinance, which includes the budget plus a five percent contingency, Goodwine, finance committee chairman, said officials were somewhat behind schedule for the budget and appropriations, waiting to see how sales, income and other taxes would be affected by the coronavirus lockdown. The Federal Reserve Bank in St. Louis predicted double digit loss-

See COUNCIL on other side

## Uptick seen in COVID-19 cases, drive-, walk-up testing available in Hoopeston Friday

As of Tuesday, 113 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Vermilion County.

Six new cases were confirmed Tuesday, said Health Administrator Doug Toole. The people include one four in their 30s and one each in their 70s and 20s.

Of the six new cases, two share a household and two share a household with some previously-reported cases, he said.

Of the 130 cases, 22 are active, and of those, one is hospitalized.

The Vermilion County Health Department has received 9,825 total tests, with 9,712 negatives.

As more testing is done in the county, more positive cases are being reported, but the rate of hospitalizations and deaths remain low. Vermilion County has

had two coronavirus-related deaths since March.

Area residents who want to be tested for the virus, which was discovered earlier this year in Wuhan, China, can do so at a mobile testing lab which will be set up Friday at Hoopeston Area High School, 615 E. Orange. Tests will be done from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and no appointment is necessary.

Team members will administer nasal swabs, but those who wish to, may administer their own.

Testing is open to children and adults from Illinois and Indiana. Those tested will be notified of results within 5-7 days, Toole said. The team will have flyers outlining the results process, he added.

For those who have coverage, insurance information will be collected at the site, but those being tested will

## Part timer hired full time as Hoopeston Police officer

A man serving since March as a part time officer on the Hoopeston Police Department has been hired on a full time basis, beginning August 5.

Ryan Garfield, 38, was recommended by Hoopeston Police Commission and unanimously approved by Hoopeston City Council Tuesday night.

A Watseka native, Garfield comes to Hoopeston from Watseka Police Department, where he served for 11 years, said Ald. Carl Ankenbrand, police committee chairman.

Garfield said he suffered a work-related injury. He left Watseka Police Department in 2019.

Garfield and his wife, Abbey, have two children, Connor, nine, and Addisen, 12. The family resides in Hoopeston.



**GARFIELD**

not be billed. "The state uses a commercial lab that may attempt to run insurance, and would reimburse the state accordingly," he said. "No one should ever receive a bill."

Contact tracing will be a part of the testing. "Most lab forms I have seen just have a person's name, address and phone number on them," he said. Some forms indicate whether the person works at a food-service establishment or a long-term care facility.

"When we receive the positive lab forms, we confirm the diagnosis, contact the individual to double-check home address, ask about symptoms, talk about self-isolating, and then ask about who they could have passed the disease to in their personal or professional life," Toole said.

## Briefly

### Honeywell rummage sale

Hoopeston Area School District will hold a rummage sale at Honeywell School from 7:30-3:30 Saturday.

### Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 4:24 a.m. Monday to Heritage Health, 423 N. Dixie Hwy., for a fire alarm. Firemen discovered a low air tamper alarm was malfunctioning. It was to be checked by the facility's maintenance department.



day. Chairs, tables, bookshelves and other miscellaneous items will be available.

### Blood drive scheduled

American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, July 24, at First Presbyterian Church,

### Obituaries

**CRABTREE** - Leslie Lee Crabtree, 65, of Hoopeston, died at 1:12 P.M. Saturday April 18, 2020 at home. He was cremated. Graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements.

### Council continued from other side

es but that has not been the case locally. Goodwine said in actuality the city saw a slight increase, due to government payments made to people who were furloughed from their jobs during the shutdown.

• Ald. Alex Houmes announced a parks committee meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday to discuss the Hoopeston EMA building and a possible demo derby.

915 E. Orange, Hoopeston. Donors should schedule an appointment online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) (sponsor code Hoopeston) or at 1-800-RED-CROSS

COVID-19 antibody tests will be provided to all donors at this drive.

### Splash pad open

Hoopeston splash pad at McFerren Park is open 9 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. There is no charge.

### Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 84. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 63. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 85, low 67.

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