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Chickens don't fly in Hoopeston; scofflaws to face action

A straw poll of officials at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting put the kibosh to an ordinance that would have allowed residents to keep backyard hens.

Ald. Chad Yaden found misspellings in the finalized ordinance and suggested rather than possibly wasting time fixing it, a straw poll could determine the outcome.

Members of the police committee, chaired by Ald. Carl Ankenbrand, with members Bill Goodwine and Lourdine Florek, voted yes in the poll. They were joined by Ald. Jeff Wise, who said he favored it as long as the city has a

compliance officer.

Voting no were Yaden, Bill McElhane, Robin Lawson and, attending remotely, Alex Houmes. Mayor Bill Crusinberry cast the tie-breaking vote.

In other business, the council discussed the fate of the former Countryside Mall building downtown. Much of the sidewalk and parking places on the south side of 200 block of East Main since part of the building's interior fell through the first floor ceiling last week.

Crusinberry said he has called and texted owner, Mike Mihalios, Inc. but has received no response. Yaden suggested the city move quickly to issue a 30-day notice, giving the owner that much time to come up with a remediation plan or face further legal action.

Meanwhile, the front of the building was expected to be inspected Wednesday to see if the awning could be safely removed to keep the weight of it from pulling the wall forward into the sidewalk and street.

Crusinberry said Central Illinois Land Bank is considering contracting with a building inspector who could be used by member communities, such as Hoopeston. Another possibility, he said, is to contract with a structural engineer.

In related discussion, Wise said he only recently learned that Hoopeston does not have a compliance officer. Crusinberry said Chief Jim DeWitt is currently performing the duties, causing Wise to ask, "Who can be an enforcement officer. Could it be all the police? Could it be all the alderman? I would have no problem signing my name on a letter."

Ankenbrand said an ordinance allows for any city representative, including aldermen, to report structural violations to the city clerk. A three-person board is to hear the matter and, if warranted the owner must tear the building down.

Clerk Gail Lane said a form for the process does not currently exist, but Ankenbrand said the verbiage is in the ordinance.

"You're going to need lots of copies," Wise said.

'Unofficial' parade to roll down Main Street Saturday morning

Two Hoopeston natives are organizing an unofficial parade to take the place of the Grand Parade normally held the Saturday of National Sweetcorn Festival.

Clayton Hinkle and Regina Fraley are organizing the Labor Day Weekend Golf Cart Fun Ride & Candy Toss.

The idea came about to do something for Hoopeston kids who gather curbside along Main Street to enjoy the parade and collect candy.

What started out as a few people driving golf carts and throwing candy to children has morphed into something bigger. Miss Hoopeston will take part, as will Hoopeston Fire Department and the Ansar Shriners of Danville will show off their motoring skills in their Krazy Karts.

Like the festival parade, the golf cart variety will begin at 10:30 a.m. in front of the Lorraine Theatre at the corner of Main and Third St. Participants are asked to line up east of the intersection. The procession will take the official parade route to McFerren Park. Hoopeston Police and Auxiliary Police will provide traffic control.

Participants are asked to bring their own candy to pass. Candy must be passed out by people walking the parade route and may not be thrown from the carts.

Anyone who wants to participate in or ask questions about the parade can do so at the event Facebook page, www.facebook.com/events/597661070920110.

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From the Blotter

A 26-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 6:31 a.m. Tuesday that someone stole property from her vehicle in the 400 block of South Fourth St.

A representative of Limbach Detail Shop reported at 7:35 a.m. Tuesday that someone damaged the west side of their building at 819 S. Sixth Ave.

A 74-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 1:36 p.m. Tuesday that his phone had been taken while he was at The Pit Stop at Fast Lanes, 719 W. Elm.

Police are investigating a burglary reported at 5:23 p.m. Tuesday. A 25-year-old Hoopeston man said someone entered his home in the 700 block of South Third St. and took items without his permission.

A 32-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 7:55 p.m. Tuesday that his vehicle had been damaged in the 200 block of North Market. An investigation continues.

Court Dispositions

July 8

Terry L. Williams, failed to appear at initial appearance for trespassing; sentencing August 12.

Donald E. Underwood Jr., Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for unlawful acts constituting disorderly conduct.

Stephen T. Spivey, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to criminal damage to property, fined \$180; status hearing August 12.

Ryan J. Nosler, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for criminal damage to property; sentencing August 12.

Haley M. Edwards, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for criminal damage to property and unlawful acts constituting disorderly conduct; sentencing August 12.

Michael S. Winland, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for assault; sentencing August 12.

Elbert W. Cannon, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for unlawful acts constituting disorderly conduct; sentencing August 12.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 85. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 52. Tomorrow, sunny. High 77, low 55.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.



Taking heat

Iroquois County Sheriff Derek Hagen addresses protestors and media outside the county’s administrative building Tuesday afternoon. Family and friends of Andre Maiden, who was found unresponsive in a cell at Iroquois County Jail and later died on August 26. After protesting with chants of “Say his name/Andre Maiden,” and “black lives matter,” protestors drove to downtown Watseka, where Rt. 24 (Walnut St.) was blocked at Second St., as protestors again waved flags and chanted. Watseka Police Department officers parked in the area to monitor the protestors, who claimed it was their right to close the road to protest Maiden’s death. Protestors were expected back Wednesday.

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ROSSVILLE: 113 Benton. Sat., Sun. & Mon. Christmas items, records, VHS movies, beads, angel kits, cassettes, too much to list!

HOOPESTON: 803 Euclid. Fri., 8-2. Men’s, women’s size small -1X, girls -10 shoes, knickknacks, bedding, Christmas, wooden bench, microwave, cage for lizard, tools, area rug (8x10 & 5x7) old gas cans, kids’ pinball machine. Come rain or shine!

HOOPESTON: 3 mi. W of Hoopeston on Rt. 9 Fri. & Sat., 9-4. International combine parts, tools, miscellaneous parts, quilt tops, books, clothes, & lots of stuff.

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