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Houmes resigns seat as Ward 3 alderman, Crusinberry accepting letters of interest

Mayor Bill Crusinberry is looking for someone to represent the city's Ward 3 after Alex Houmes resigned unexpectedly.

Crusinberry announced Houmes' resignation at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

Houmes, who was first elected in 2015, submitted his resignation via a letter dated September 3. His resignation was effective immediately.

In the letter, Houmes said that after consideration, he decided to "focus more of my time and energy on personal goals, which include relocation out of the city limits."

"It has been an honor to serve the community as alderman for the last 5+ years," he wrote. "I am proud of the accomplishments to which I have contributed. The relationships, knowledge and experience I've gained from my involvement with the city is invaluable."

Crusinberry said he will accept letters of interest from ward residents interested in serving on the council. The deadline to submit a letter is October 23. Anyone who has questions about boundaries of the ward are asked to call city hall.

In related discussion, Crusinberry announced that election packets will be available starting September 22 and may be filed December 12-22. The April 6 election will include candidates for mayor, clerk and treasurer, along with one alderman in each ward.

Aldermen who are up for reelection include Bill Goodwine, Carl Ankenbrand, Bill McElhaney and Lourdine Florek. Whomever is appointed to the remainder of Houmes' term - or any other resident interested in that seat - may also run.

In other business, a proposed nuisance ordinance was tabled to allow the definition of "alterative vegetation" to be included.

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A hi-ho is parked next to Honeywell School, waiting to be used to demolish the school. Built in 1927 it closed at the end of the 2016-17 school year. Lee Farms Excavating of Paxton had the lowest bid to raze the structure, at \$224,450. Work is expected to begin soon.

Letters continued from other side

nant and polluted water; non-cultivated plants, such as weeds, grasses, trees or bushes; vegetation, alternative

From the Blotter

Mary R. Beaty, 87, of Hoopeston, was cited on a nuisance dog complaint after the dog, Joker, was loose, chasing people and acting in a menacing way towards neighbors. Beaty paid the fees and reclaimed Joker. She was given a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

The incident occurred at 11:10 a.m. Monday.

Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident reported at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center, 701 E. Orange. An unknown vehicle backed from a parking space into a parked 2019 Dodge, owned by Kaylee Watson, of Rossville.

Weather

Decreasing clouds today. High 71. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 45. Tomorrow, sunny. High 66, low 42.

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vegetation, shrubs and tress that harbor or host pests, vermin, insects, diseases or which pose a danger to any person or property.

In unrelated business, the council also:

- Approved, 6-0, final payment for this year's motor fuel tax road repairs. Ald. Chad Yaden was absent.
- Heard from Florek that a main break on North Market was fixed Tuesday. Water personnel spent the entire day working on it, she said.

Crusinberry said the area of the break is somewhere between mains installed in 1888 and those installed in 1908.

- Heard from Ankenbrand, who asked media to report that "infrastructure is not tearing down old buildings." He said social media commenters have suggested the city's infrastructure fund be used to tear down old buildings. Ankenbrand said the fund is to repair and replace city services, such as water mains.

He also noted that residents' water bills may have increased because new, more efficient meters have been installed.

- Heard from Crusinberry, who updated the council on damaged and dilapidated buildings.

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Cade's Heating and Air HVAC installer/ service tech. must have valid IL drivers license and EPA freon license. Please send resume to ramcade@frontier.com or 101 E Penn St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

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East Lynn Fertilizer is seeking full time and seasonal help. Requirements include at least a Class B CDL and ability to pass a drug test. Call 217-375-4225 or stop by 41284 S Main St., East Lynn, IL for more details.

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