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## Council approves levy, payment for water/sewer extension

Hoopeston officials are holding the line on spending while working to make up a shortage in the police pension fund.

Hoopeston City Council unanimously approved the tax levy, leaving all categories the same as last year.

The finance committee unanimously approved the action at a meeting on November 10 and recommended it for full council approval.

Ald. Bill Goodwine, finance committee chairman, said that while tax revenues are fairly steady in Hoopeston, some residents have been hurt by the ramifications of Covid, which led the committee to recommend putting off an increase.

The committee did, however, recommend levying \$25,000 towards the police pension shortage. In very rough numbers, Goodwine said the increase would be "about a buck a month" per household, but said in actuality, it would be less because businesses also pay property taxes.

Last year, Hoopeston levied to pay \$54,000 towards the deficit, set at \$2.5 million, based on an Illinois Department of Insurance calculations. The formula presupposes that 80 percent of officers will be married, that officers will be three years older than their spouses, and money accrued for pensions would earn 8.5 percent interest.

Hoopeston has a retired officer whose wife is 14 years younger and will collect for longer than the formula suggests. Also, interest on investments is far below 8.5 percent, except in high-risk ventures.

Approving the levy were Goodwine and fellow committee members, aldermen Jeff Wise and Lourdine Florek and Ald. Bill McElhaney. Mayor Bill Crusinberry cast the fifth vote.

Members Robin Lawson and Carl Ankenbrand were absent.

In other business, the council unanimously approved a request for payment from Cross Construction for the Rt. 1 water/sewer extension to the planned truck stop site.

The \$114,954.75 payment leaves a five percent re-

tainage with the city until the project is completed, said Ald. Lourdine Florek, water committee chairman. That will be paid upon final completion.

Florek also brought up a request from Sabah Yokhana, new owner of the Downtown Motel. Yokhana, of Sterling Heights, Mich., has requested a two-inch line be run on both the east and west wings of the motel.

Crusinberry said if the issue is water pressure, Yokhana may not be familiar with how much pressure Hoopeston's system has. "There's 75 lbs. in our system," he said.

Ald. Bill McElhaney, who is doing work for the motel renovation, said Yokhana "doesn't understand the water system. He's used to Sterling Height, Mich."

Crusinberry said Yokhana recently gave him a tour to show the improvements that have been made, including new roofs on both. "I'm a skeptic at times, but I think it's coming along well," he said.

In other business, Crusinberry updated aldermen on the status of building issues:


Regarding Bzzz Bar, owner Brian Swinford was scheduled to appear in city court Wednesday, Crusinberry said, adding city attorney Dave Wesner requested Crusinberry, Police Chief Jim DeWitt and Fire Chief Joel Bird attend the hearing.

Crusinberry said he has been unable to get a response from Brian Suiter's relatives concerning the former Hoopeston Plumbing building, which collapsed with Mr. Suiter inside. He later died of injuries he received. He is also the owner of record of a dilapidated house on Washington.

He also said he met with a representative from the Carile Group, a Manteno firm of architects and inspectors, about the Countryside Mall building, who said he does not believe the front wall is compromised and that a plan is being drawn up to stabilize the building.

Owner Mike Mahalios has been cited for a dangerous building and while Crusinberry wasn't willing to take it off of the docket, he would have it continued for a month.

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Ben Franklin said, “By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.” With that in mind, Illinois is marking Winter Weather Preparedness Week November 15-21.

The National Weather Service offers these tips to make winter safer:

- Make sure your home Emergency Kit is stocked. Your kit should include nonperishable food and can opener, bottled water, first aid kit, prescription medication (for you and your pets!), hygiene items, battery

-operated radio, spare batteries, flashlight, extra clothing and extra cash. A complete list of items and additional information is at [www.ready.gov/kit](http://www.ready.gov/kit).

- Use sand to improve traction and apply ice-melting products on walkways.
- Be sure to have sufficient heating fuel. Regular fuel sources may be cut off.
- Keep emergency equipment and fuel to keep at least one room of your house warm enough to be livable.
- Keep fire extinguishers on hand and make sure your family knows how to use one.
- Winterize your home to extend the life of your fuel supply. Insulate walls, attics, doors and windows.
- Do not overexert yourself or work outside for extended periods of time.
- When it comes to shoveling snow, get the latest forecast, push, don’t lift, wear breathable clothes and warm boots and drink water.
- Indoors, check your smoke/carbon monoxide detectors and practice fire safety by being diligent during a winter storm with heating, lighting and cooking activities.

- In the event of a power outage, to help stay warm:
- Close blinds and curtains and close off rooms to help keep heat in a primary room.
  - Wear layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing. Eat and drink. Food provides energy to warm the body.
  - Avoid caffeine and alcohol. Stuff towels or rags in cracks under doors.

For more tips, visit [www.weather.gov/ilx/winter-prep](http://www.weather.gov/ilx/winter-prep).

## Obituaries

**CLEMENTS** - Vader Clements, 95, of Washington, IL., formerly of Hoopeston, died at 12:40 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020, at Washington Senior Living. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

**LANGDOC** - Mildred Langdoc, 99, of Hoopeston, died at 6:48 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020, at home. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

## Weather

Partly sunny today. High 62. Tonight, cloudy. Low 41. Tomorrow cloudy, chance of rain. High 49, low 37. Sunday, rain likely. High 46, low 29.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit [justthefacts.net/weather/](http://justthefacts.net/weather/).

## From the Blotter

**The owner of a debit** card found Wednesday outside the Hoopeston Drivers Facility may identify and claim it at the police station.

**Two Hoopeston men** were arrested after a traffic stop at 8:28 p.m. Wednesday at Third St. and Penn.

Andrew Thompson, 56, was charged with driving while license revoked.

He and Titus Barber, 42, face preliminary charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a firearm by a fel-

on, obstructing justice and resisting/obstructing a peace officer.

Both were taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

## Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 4:39 a.m. Wednesday to Heritage Health, 423 N. Dixie Hwy., for a fire alarm. Nothing was found. The alarm was reset.

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