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## City Council back at full strength, hears suggestion to tow vehicles of snow route violators

Hoopeston City Council has its full slate of members for the first time in four months.

Stephen Eyrich was sworn in as Ward 1 alderman at Tuesday's council meeting, replacing Chad Yaden, who resigned via email on October 18.

A long-time resident of the 700 block of East Seminary, Eyrich and his wife, Holly, purchased a home on West Chestnut in January 2020, giving him the required one-year residency in the ward.

He is filling the remaining time of Yaden's term, which would have ended when a new candidate ran and won the seat. However, no candidates filed to run for the position.

Mayor Bill Crusinberry's recommendation of the new alderman drew unanimous council support, with an abstention from Ald. Lourdine Florek, Eyrich's daughter-in-law.

This was the second meeting in a row at which a new alderman was sworn in. At the February 2 session, Joe Garrett was appointed to fill a Ward 3 seat until the April election. He is one of two candidates running for the final two years of that term.

In other business, the council heard from Ald. Jeff Wise on the city's new plowing strategy, which makes use not only of the street and alley department, but also water and parks personnel.

Wise said overall, the plan worked well, but that some fine tuning is needed. He acknowledged residents' complaints that cleared driveways are closed again by plows clearing the streets. Some residents suggested the plows clean their alleys, but Wise "it is what it is. I understand their frustration, but we just can't do it."

Regarding plowing alleys, Wise said the city had hoped



Stephen Eyrich, left, is sworn in as Ward 1 alderman by Clerk Gail Lane at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting. Looking on are council members Joe Garrett, Bill Goodwine and Robin Lawson.

to use park department workers and their truck, but that drifting made that impossible. "There was just too much snow," he said. Wise checked with Watseka, where alleys are not plowed, and Rossville, which doesn't maintain alleys. "Anything we do is above and beyond. We're trying our best. 'Work with us' is all I can ask. so bear with us."

Wise has also received complaints from downtown business owners who shovel their sidewalks only to have

plows push snow back on them. One solution, he said, may be to use the parks department gator with a blade to clean downtown sidewalks and perhaps those surrounding city buildings.

Wise would also like to take a stronger stance on those who fail to remove their vehicles when snow routes are activated.

Saying it's not something anyone wants to do, but because many people don't move their vehicles, "I would like to see us start towing cars," he said. People complain about cars being snowed in "but they're not supposed to be there in the first place."

Wise said police used to knock on doors and ask people to move their vehicles, a practice he hopes officers would be willing to do again. "We plead, we beg, the police knock on doors. If they won't do it or don't answer or something, I'd like to see them towed."

In other business, the council:

- Heard from Florek that the swimming pool needs repairs and an inspector last year said the bath house is not handicapped-accessible. "We're looking into the cost of both of those," she said.

- Heard from Crusinberry that the city is accepting bids on a sealed bids on an Exmart mower used by the cemetery department. Specs are available at city hall or

on the city's website, [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com). Minimum bid is \$1,500, due by 9 a.m. March 12. Bids will be opened at 10 a.m. on that date.

- Ald. Robin Lawson reminded residents that Cash Bash tickets are still available.

- Tabled approval of an agreement for a \$125,000 state grant for property demolition for more details. A special meeting will be held before the document's February 26 deadline.

## Letters to the Editor

### Country roads!

When John Denver composed the song, "Country Roads", he meant it as a tribute to God's gift of peace and beauty while traveling clean roads throughout our country. Please don't spoil that blessing in America and particularly around Hoopeston.

Some persons are hauling sofas, chairs, sinks, dishwashers, tires, broken furniture and yes, pure garbage, out to the country and depositing these items along road sides and on private property to somehow magically decompose? If it is possible to haul these items to the country, it is more than possible to haul them to the proper disposal places in our area. There may be a small charge for large items but please THINK! BE RESPONSIBLE! There are much better ways to save money than to choose not to pay for garbage.

Dumping refuse and garbage on private property or that of the townships is a crime and culprits can be prosecuted! Just as importantly, DO NOT HAUL IT TO THE COUNTRY AND RUIN THE BEAUTY ALL CAN ENJOY IF WE SHOW SOME PRIDE AND CARING.

Thank you.

Theta Lee  
Wellington

### Alderman hopeful feels slighted

My goal throughout my life has been to work towards the betterment of my community through words and actions. I have attended city council meetings frequently to understand what is going on in my city.

Upon learning of the resignation of ward (3) Alderman effective 09/03/20, and the mayor accepting letters of

interest from residents of the same ward with a desire to serve, I thought long and hard about this decision. I decided to petition voters of ward (3) to see if they support me as their representative to city council. With a deadline of 10/13/20 to turn in a letter of interest. I obtained signatures of 98 Registered voters from My ward requesting that the mayor appoint me to the vacancy, I submitted my letter to the city clerk and the mayor. I did not receive a reply to my letter and the mayor chose not to interview me or even contact me regarding this, ignoring not only me but those 98 registered voters in my ward who trusted me to represent them. He also ignored Illinois State Law (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-50) (a) (1) (3) (e) (1) Abandonment once an office is vacated through notarized signature resignation extended illness or death of the office holder or abandonment. He delayed the appointment of a replacement using the excuse that resignation was not notarized when the seat was clearly then abandoned, further he stated on the council floor that this position was open and on the April 6, 2021 Ballot and these statements were also reported by the press.

The mayor recently appointed Joe Garrett to the ward (3) position stated he needed someone he could work with, inferring he could not work with me, yet he never contacted me, to determine if I could work with him!

I feel it is my Duty and Obligation to step up and offer help to my city. My goal is to listen to the residents not just of my ward but throughout the city, communicate through proper channels to the council and to the mayor, to meet the needs of this city and its residents.

Jeff Keith  
Hoopeston

## Briefly

### HA schools all remote Thursday

Thursday is a Remote Learning Day for Hoopeston Area schools due to staff vaccinations Wednesday. John Greer students received a packet of work Wednesday to be completed Thursday and returned Friday for students to be counted as present Thursday.

## Weather

Chance of snow early, then mostly cloudy today. High 20. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 4. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 15, low 3.

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Fast Lanes is looking for experienced kitchen help. Time is from 4-usually about 9. If interested and willing to learn our system please contact Doug or Rachel at 283-6505.

Wagner's, LLC, Milford, is hiring production workers, forklift drivers. Apply at 2812 E. 1100 N Rd., or call (815)-889-4101.

The City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for a Code Enforcement Officer. This is a part-time position with flexible hours working approximately 40 hours per month. Applications are available on our website [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com) under the Services link then Employment. Contact City Hall, 217-283-5833, for more information.

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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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## From the Blotter

**Kaylynn L. Kruger**, 32, of Rossville, turned herself in to police at 2:20 p.m. Tuesday. Wanted on an Iroquois County traffic warrant, she was released on bond with a new court date.

**Milford Police arrested** Anthony L. Fisk, 42, of Ashkum on February 12. Wanted on a county warrant for DUI and possession of cannabis, he was taken to the Iroquois County Jail and released on bond.

## Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department and police were called at 6:25 p.m. Tuesday to Dice and Third Ave., for a report of smoke showing. Firemen found no sign of smoke.