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## Mayoral candidates answer questions ahead of Tuesday vote

Just the Facts sent mayoral candidates incumbent Bill Crusinberry and challenger Mike Bane a questionnaire. Questions asked included their age, education, skills they bring, what they hope to accomplish in the next four years and how would you pay for them, issues facing Hoopeston, and in light of decreased population and an increase of those living property, which will result in fewer tax dollars for Hoopeston, if you could only fund three departments, which would they be. Here are their answers:



### MIKE BANE:

Age: 69

**Have you run for office before:** Many years ago I ran for Alderman and also for the School Board

### BANE

**Education:** Graduated from Hoopeston High School, attended D.A.C.C., graduated from University of Illinois Police Training Academy, attended several Police Training Academies throughout the U.S. for various specialized training programs.

**Employment:** I am retired, although I do occasionally work part time driving the bus for the Hoopeston Multi Agency, armed security, process serving, and vehicle transportation for car dealerships.

**Skills:** I have good leadership skills, good people skills, am a team player and I expect no less of myself than I expect from those I lead. I have a willingness to stand up for what is right and a respect for the law and city ordinances. I have good problem-solving skills, pay attention to detail, am consistent and decisive. I am able to see both sides to a problem, and have a sense of humor that often helps diffuse situations. I am very determined and persistent, and have a willingness to do extensive research in order to make educated decisions. I am

known for my honesty, integrity and treating everyone equally.

**Hope to accomplish:** Community clean up through following the city ordinances with an Ordinance Officer who is allowed to do the job properly with the support of the mayor and council. Organized volunteer clean up has been done in the past, but not by the city. I would like to see this set up and run by the city to help clean things up without it costing the city more. There are a lot of good people in this town who would be willing to help if it is explained how to do it and it is organized properly



### CRUSINBERRY

Actively looking for a better contract for waste removal would also be a priority. Improve the City infrastructure, which has major problems from long time neglect.

To pay for these improvements we would search actively for grants as well as setting back funds for future use.

Reviewing City ordinances and actually removing those that are not useable and fixing those that can be used effectively.

I would also want to ensure the city is running as effectively and efficiently as possible. I would bring in all the department heads and the committee chairmen so we could sit down and discuss what the various departments needs, where they are not being fully efficient, what we can do to make things better, etc. Ensure the City follows the rules and the laws – it costs nothing to do that!

**Issues:** The City infrastructure needs major attention. Flooding on the north side of town is an ongoing issue. It is time to consult with a water flow specialist to

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figure out what the problem is. We need to stop putting on band aids and stop having multiple costly studies. Dangerous buildings and houses – The New Land Bank will be a big help along with having a Building inspector, using state law to enforce these problems and addressing these matters in a timely fashion. Enforcing ordinances - Those not responding to paying city fines or no show in city court will be taken to state court if another offense occurs. Lack of communication with the public - Open answers at council meetings, city announcements made on water bill or via mail to provide new city info and any fee/upgrade changes to utilities, recycling programs, etc. Change the ordinance on appointing the Chief of Police to include three residents on the Police commission, council and mayor. This takes politics out of the appointment, when only the mayor makes the appointment. New/existing businesses- Work with Vermilion Advantage to attract new businesses but also support and try to help any existing businesses with questions, concerns, etc.

**Pick 3:** Water & Sewer –State regulations require someone to have a license to run this department. Clean and proper sewage control are absolute necessities, as well as having trained people to run this department. It

would be too expensive and not cost effective to hire out the work. I would work with the head of the department to try to figure out where the budget could be cut and what needs to be done to keep things running efficiently. Street & Alley – There are so many different aspects of this department, that again, it would not be cost effective to hire out the work. Possibly the Parks Department and the Cemetery could be combined with Street & Alley. Again, I would want to work with the head of all three departments to try to figure out what would work best in order to keep everything running efficiently. Police and Fire Departments –First and foremost, safety and security are very important, and without a city police department, we would have anarchy and civil unrest. The Vermilion County Sheriff’s Department is already spread very thin, and only responds to emergencies in incorporated communities. A local community cannot police itself with volunteers, as that would turn into Fascism. Unfortunately in this day and age, law enforcement has seen many changes and continues to face funding and other issues. A review of the current budget and working with the council will be an essential part in manning our police department. Utilizing and training our auxiliary personnel may be a way to have some cost savings. The fire department, which is a volunteer department that we are very thankful to have, would also need to be budgeted accordingly for equipment, training, etc.

**BILL CRUSINBERRY:**

**Age:** 71  
**Have you run for office before?** Elected 2005 alderman  
**If an incumbent, how many years have you served?** 12 years as mayor.  
**Education:** Graduate Hoopeston High School, Associate Degree - Mechanical Engineering- Danville Junior College  
**Employment:** Retired

**Skills:** My previous work experience, I have operated heavy equipment, driven trucks, preformed maintenance on all. The Department supervisors know that they can come to me to discuss issues that they have and I will understand and be able to discuss solutions with them. The Mayor's office is a constant learning experience and my 12 years in office have brought me knowledge of the working of the office.

**Hope to accomplish:** I would like to continue with upgrades to our infrastructure, that we have been working on the past eight years. I would like to implement a five-year plan to prioritize this work. We will fund with grants and the infrastructure fee that we passed a few years ago, so hopefully no need for new revenue sources for infrastructure.

Work with Central Illinois Land Bank to utilize our grant and matching funds totaling \$275,00 to remove some of the most blighted properties, and then apply for a grant to rehab some properties that still have life left in them

**Issues:** Infrastructure, keep working on it  
Blight, follow the current path  
Economic Development, I believe in using TIF funds to bring new business or assist existing businesses, must evaluate return on investment when investing these dollars

**Pick 3:** I don't see how we can cut any department, all provide a valued service to city residents. We might have to get more creative, such as shared labor and outsourcing.

**Cornjerker climb over Hilltoppers, bring home 3-0 win**

Hoopeston Area traveled to Danville Thursday night to face an improved Danville Schlarman team.

Junior Ben Brown scored three goals on the night in the Cornjerker 3-0 victory on a rainy night. Owen Root and Nick Hofer each had one assist on the evening.

Derek Drayer had nine saves on the evening earning

**Obituaries**

**MARSHALL** - Mary L. (Randrich) Marshall, 97, of Rankin, died Monday, March 29, 2021, at Accolate Healthcare of Paxton. Services will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Rankin Union Cemetery. Cox-Knapp Funeral Home, Rankin, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at [www.coxknapp.com](http://www.coxknapp.com).

**YERGLER** - Joann C. (Seggebruch) Yergler, 86, of Cissna Park, died Sunday, March 28, 2021 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church, Ash Grove. Burial will follow in St. John Lutheran Cemetery, Ash Grove. Memorials are suggested to the church or donor's choice. Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at [www.knappfuneralhomes.com](http://www.knappfuneralhomes.com).

**Weather**

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