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A little Hoopeston election history, polling place information

Hoopeston residents could make 21st century history with their votes on Tuesday.

Incumbent Mayor Bill Crusinberry is running for his fourth term in office, a rare but not unheard of event in the complete history of Hoopeston.

According to information provided by Hoopeston historian Tom Sweeney, J.S. McFerren was the first mayor to serve four terms - from 1877-78, 1881-84, 1895-97 and 1901 - but, as the dates show, they were not four-year terms.

Although others served as the village president, including T.J. Corr, N.L. Thompson, S.P. Thompson and S. Nogle, McFerren was Hoopeston's first mayor, and even managed to get re-elected after resigning his second term, which was finished by S.P. Thompson.

It was not until the 1960s that Hoopeston would elect a man who would serve four four-year terms. Earl Smock, elected in 1969, held the city's reins until 1986, according to Sweeney's records. He oversaw such things as Hoopeston's Centennial and the city's starling plague in the 1980s.

Crusinberry is the 37th man to hold the title of mayor. Elected to the city council in 2005, he was elected mayor in 2009 and has served ever since. He is being challenged by Mike Bane.

Voters in all Hoopeston wards will also have contests for their city council representatives.

In Ward 1, incumbent Bill McElhaney is challenged by Kyle Richards. No candidate filed to run for the seat formerly held by Chad Yaden.

In Ward 2, longtime alderman Carl Ankenbrand is challenged by Kellie Ferrell, who currently serves on the city's planning commission.

In Ward 3, newcomers Joe Garrett and Jeff Keith are vying for the unexpired term of former alderman Alex Houmes.

Ward 4 voters will have a new representative as Bob Porth and Chris Small are running to replace Bill Goodwine, who did not seek reelection.

Polling places will be open from 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday. Area polling places include:

Butler 1: Rankin Fire Station, 511 S. Main
Grant 1-6: St. Anthony Parish Hall, 423 S. Third St., Hoopeston
Ross 1-2, Rossville Church of Christ, 514 E. Attica.

Weather

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WHY RE★ELECT MAYOR BILL CRUSINBERRY?

We have reached the end of a long election campaign. Early in the campaign, with COVID still active, I decided to reach out to voters through use of Facebook and Just the Facts, instead of face-to-face contact, coming to your door. I decided to focus on all the positive things that the City has accomplished the past few years. I have detailed these achievements in Just the Facts this past week. A brief review:

- ★ We have completed over \$5,000,000 in maintenance and upgrades to our water and sewer systems.
- ★ We have a little over \$1,500,000 in upgrades to the infrastructure funded and working on engineering for these projects.
- ★ We are awaiting awarding of grants totaling nearly \$2,000,000 for other proposed infrastructure projects.
- ★ We received a grant of \$125,000 and added local matching funds to designate \$275,000 to Demolition and rehab in residential areas.
- ★ We have, through economic development projects, some using TIF funds, added over \$200,000 to the local real estate taxes generated annually in Hoopeston.
- ★ We have, through careful budgeting, maintained and upgraded our fleet of City equipment and vehicles.
- ★ We have recently implemented a digitalized system at Floral Hill Cemetery, where people will be able to locate individual graves on-line or by smart phone.

I would like to add my take on an issue recently brought up about the hiring of the Chief of Police, stating that the hiring of the Chief had been made more political. I tend believe the opposite.

Previously, the Chief was hired by the Police Commission, 3 area residents appointed by the Mayor, which could be very political. In the hiring process most recently used, interviews were conducted by 4 elected officials: the Mayor and Police Committee. After interviews, their recommendation was submitted to the City Council, where the Chief was hired by a majority of 8 elected officials, a process more accountable to the Hoopeston residents.

Tuesday, April 6 is election day, no matter what your choice, take the time to vote, it is a right given to you.

I would like to be elected for another term as your Mayor to see that the programs we have in place are brought to completion.

I would appreciate your vote, and I will continue to work for

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Now that the last of the questionnaires has been published and shared, I would ask you, the voters of Hoopeston, to read them and give them some deep thought. If you are satisfied and content with how things are currently being handled by our city leadership, then your vote will be with my opponent. However, if you are willing to take a chance on someone who may ruffle feathers to get things done and will uphold the ordinances and laws, who will be transparent and will communicate with the citizens of Hoopeston, who will seek grants on a consistent basis, who will work with the city council, the department heads, EMS, Chamber of Commerce, Vermilion Advantage, the schools, police department, fire department and of course the taxpayers and so much more, given the chance, then I would appreciate your votes TODAY! Regardless of who you vote for, PLEASE make the effort to get out and vote!

Sincerely,
Mike Bane

Paid for by the committee to elect Mike Bane Mayor