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Expected Covid money to fund one-time costs in city budget

Grant money for Covid-related expenses helped Hoopeston officials balance the city's new budget.

In a 7-0 vote, with Ald. Bill McElhaney absent, Hoopeston City Council approved the 2021-22 budget that shows \$2,330,793 in general income.

Costs, including operating costs, accrual payouts and one-time expenses total \$2,325,508, leaving a net of \$5,285, said Ald. Bill Goodwine, finance committee chairman.

Hoopeston expects to receive \$300,000 in Covid-related federal money, which will be used for one-time expenses, including a \$50,000 payment to the police pension fund, \$15,000 for police department generator repair,

\$20,000 for an ATV for ESDA and \$50,000 for demolition of commercial property.

An additional \$30,000 will go to Linzer Products, new owners of the former Schumacher Electric plant. At the April 7 budget meeting, Mayor Bill Crusinberry said the property is not in any of the city's tax increment financing districts and cannot receive tax rebates through the program. Instead, Crusinberry said, the \$30,000 is tied to job creation with a set amount paid per job at differing pay levels.

See BUDGET on other side



Glazed apples

Ice and snow cover apples blossoms in Hoopeston after a spring snow, mixed with rain, fell on the area Tuesday. The Just the Facts weather station reported .24" of precipitation and an overnight low of 30.9 degrees.


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Budget continued from other side

Costs coming from accrued funds include \$118,078 for a street/alley truck, \$15,000 for a new cemetery mower, \$68,000 to resurrect the use of the swimming pool, \$18,000 for lagoon riprap and \$5,000 for lagoon aeration and \$5,000 for tree removal.

An additional \$20,000 each in general funds will come from parks, cemetery and street/alley for tree removal.

Other one-time expenses coming from the general fund include \$2,500 for fireworks, \$85,000 to blacktop two roads at Floral Hill Cemetery and \$4,000 each for the chapel sidewalk and marking baby graves.

Obituaries

CRAWFORD - Estella Pearl Crawford, 91, of Hoopeston, died at 1:47 p.m. Monday, April 19, 2021, at home. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

CROSS - Roscoe Cross, 89, of Hoopeston, died at 5:10 p.m. Friday, April 16, 2021, at Colonial Manor Nursing Home, Danville. He will be cremated and burial held at a later date. Blurton Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com.

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In other business, the council unanimously approved a continuing professional services agreement with Donohue Engineering of Champaign for a water system capital improvement plan for a lump sum \$24,800.

Ald. Lourdine Florek, water/sewer chairman, said Supt. Steve Baker has prioritized needed improvements, including replacing water treatment plant's 50-year-old pumps and valves; upgrading or replacing the plant's backup power system and finding whether a hydraulic issue exists in the aeration/detention tank installed in 2013. The Market St. water main replacement project and replacing or improving hydrants and valves throughout the city round out the current list.

In unrelated business, the council:

- Unanimously approved an intergovernmental agree-

Weather

FREEZE WARNING from midnight-9 a.m. today. Frost, then sunny today. High 55. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 37. Tomorrow, partly sunny, showers likely late. High 59, low 45.

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ment with Central Illinois Land Bank regarding acquisition through abandonment proceedings and, in a 6-1 vote, approving Dave Biggerstaff as the land bank code enforcement officer. Florek voted against the approval.

Biggerstaff will be considered an employee of the city, said land bank Director Mike Davis.

- Heard from Ald. Jeff Wise that people who have trees professionally removed should not leave trunks and branches in the alleys to be removed by street/alley department employees as part of alley cleanup. The tree

service should take them to the city slab, he said.

- Approved a \$4,500 bid from Treasured Roots for 127 perpetual care decorations for graves at Floral Hill Cemetery.
- Heard a request from Charlene Ervin to help clean the headstones of deceased veterans at Floral Hill Cemetery. She and her husband, Dave, will provide the cleaner. Volunteers are asked to bring their own gloves, buckets and other items. Those interested in helping may email her at cse4@frontier.com.

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

Handyman help wanted. 217-283-7426

The Legion, formerly the American Legion, will be opening soon and is now hiring bar tenders. Call 217-260-5630 for inquiries.

City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for swimming pool manager, assistant manager and lifeguards. Application and job description are available at www.cityofhoopeston.com or at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main St.

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Teasdale Latin Foods has immediate openings in both Distribution and Manufacturing. Pay based on experience level. Stop by the Human Resources office at 215 W. Washington, Hoopeston, for more detail. Please no phone calls.

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