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Council approves bids for street, sanitary sewer improvements

Hoopeston officials accepted bids for street and water improvements at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

The council unanimously approved a \$34,608.18 bid from Ribbe Trucking, of Tilton for annual street repair work. The bid was 29.41 percent over the estimate, said Terry Fountain, project engineer for Springfield-based Cummins Engineering Corporation, which oversees the city's street and alley projects.

Fountain said the bid was somewhat of a surprise but acceptable.

The overage will be offset by the concrete work bid, which was more than 52 percent less than expected.

Silver Brothers' bid of \$106,788.57 was the lowest bid and was approved. 7-0, with Ald. Joe Garrett abstaining due to his relationship with owner Brian Silver, a fellow fireman and friend.

Concrete work will include curb and gutter removal and installation and pavement removal and patching.

The city received a second bid, from SNS Construction of Paxton, for 205,288.30.

See IMPROVEMENTS on other side



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The corn crew pours a container of sweetcorn into the serving area during last weekend's National Sweetcorn Festival in Hoopeston. Pictured are, from left, Eugene Cross, Don Kaeb and Kevin Polson.

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Obituaries

ALLEN - Barbara L. Allen, 68, of East Lynn, died at 9:56 a.m. Monday September 6, 2021, at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston.

BURKE - Christine Lee Burke, 64, of Rossville, passed away at 5:14 p.m. Monday, September 6, 2021, at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center.

Chris was born on June 3, 1957, in Danville, the daughter of Herbert A. and Iona Ree (Rife) Smith Jr.

She is survived by one daughter, Jessica (Andy) Atchie of Hoopeston; one son, Billy (Jess) Burke of Hoopeston; eight grandchildren, Jaren (Megan) West, Jadyn West, Tobi West, Alexa Burke, Noah Burke, Michaela Atchie, Mackenzie Atchie and Jackie Atchie; two brothers, Mark Smith and Brian (Jill) Smith both of Rossville; best friend, Marilyn Williams of Rossville; and several nieces and nephews.



**CHRISTINE
BURKE**

Improvements continued from other side

The bids were accepted subject to no bid protests, said Ald. Jeff Wise, street/alley committee chairman.

The council also unanimously approved a \$306,314.72 bid from SNC Construction of Gibson City, to replace the sanitary sewer line in the alley between Washington and Lincoln streets from Sixth St. to Euclid.

Five bids were received for the project, estimated to cost \$318,000.

Ald. Lourdine Florek, water/sewer chair, said the project is at the top of Water Supt. Steve Baker's list of improvements.

The council also heard from April Jones, who is spearheading a drive to create a skate park in Hoopeston. Jones said skate park donations from years ago total \$4,444.51. Volunteers working gates at the festival earned about \$750 that will go to the cause. Another \$720.87 was raised soliciting donations while working the gates, she said.

112 Wine and Coffee Shoppe will have a block party on September 26 with the \$5 cover charge being donated to the skate park fund, Jones told the council. 112 will match donations to the project, she added.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, David Smith.

Chris graduated from Rossville Alvin High School, in 1975. She last worked at Joan of Arc, in Hoopeston, as a forklift driver. She enjoyed listening to music, reading, dancing, shopping, and animals, especially her cats she called "The Boys," Moe and Ryder. Chris loved spending time with her family and going to her grandchildren's sporting and school events.

A Celebration of Christine's Life will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, September 11, 2021, at Blurton Funeral Home, in Hoopeston, with Harry Walker officiating. Visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, at the funeral home. Cremation rites will be accorded following the services.

Memorials may be made to H.A.R.T. 901 W. Main St., Hoopeston, IL 60942.

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 6:41 p.m. Monday for a suspicious fire in the 100 block of West Thompson. No injuries were reported.

Firefighters were called at 5:32 a.m. Tuesday to Autumn Fields, 2325 E. Orange, for a report of a fire alarm.

With questions about things such as a location for the skate park, future fundraising and a name for the attraction, Jones asked what the process should be moving forward.

Florek, acting as mayor pro tem for the meeting, suggested she continue working with the parks committee, chaired by Ald. Kyle Richards, who agreed that the committee will meet with Jones going forward and make recommendations to the full council.

In unrelated business, the council approved, 8-0, purchasing 105 E. Main St. from the county tax trustees for \$800. The action keeps the property from being available at an upcoming tax sale.

The lot was last sold at a tax sale in 2017. That same year, the roof on the building collapsed and the city paid \$12,450 to demolish it.

Weather

Sunny today. High 76. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 63. Tomorrow, sunny. High 79, low 68.

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

The family has entrusted the Blurton Funeral Home to assist them in honoring Christine's life. Condolences may be shared with the family on her everlasting memorial page at www.BlurtonFuneralHomes.com.

SMITH - Fred Allen Smith, 85, of Hoopeston, died at 8:10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 6, 2021, at Heritage Health,

Classifieds

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Hoopeston. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the noon funeral Friday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to the ARC of Iroquois County, 700 E. Elm St., Watseka IL 60970, for his daughter, Kimberly Smith. Condolences may be left at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

Cemetery at 217-283-6311. Applications may be picked up at City Hall, 301 W Main St. at the Administration Office Monday-Thursday, 8 am-3 pm and Friday, 8 am-1 pm and must be turned in to the Administration Office at City Hall. Applications available to fill out online at www.cityofhoopeston.com.

East Lynn Fertilizer is seeking a full time applicator. Call 217-375-4225 or stop by 41284 S Main St., East Lynn, IL for more details.

Silver Brothers is looking for part-time mixer drivers. Hours will vary. Must have Class B CDL, pass a drug test, be able to climb a ladder, and lift 75 lbs. Pay will be \$20/hour to an experienced driver. Perfect opportunity for a retired person wanting some extra money. Stop by 105 E. Washington, Hoopeston for application.

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