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## Hoopeston City Council talks tires, building demolitions

Residents who have used tires to dispose of will be able to do that early next month.

At Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting, Ald. Kellie Ferrell announced that Hoopeston residents will be able to drop off car and truck tires at the McFerren Park Annex from 8-10 a.m. November 6. The collection is free.

Those with tires are asked to come to the annex on Ninth Ave. off West Elm.

Residents are limited to six tires. Those unable to bring tires to the annex that day, or who have questions, may call Ferrell at (217) 597-5760 with number of tires to be collected. Anyone interested in helping collect tires is asked to call her at that number.

Tires from businesses, and semi or tractor tires, will not be allowed

Tires gathered in Hoopeston will be taken to a collection for county and township road districts and municipalities in Danville.

Ferrell, who chairs the city's civic improvement committee, asked for council approval for four properties to be marked for fast track demolition.

At the October 5 council meeting, Mike Davis, director of Central Illinois Land Bank, said he hoped approval would be given at that meeting for five properties for the fast track program. However, the request was not on the meeting's agenda so action could not legally be taken.

The properties are 324 and 628 East McCracken and 217, 320 and 322 Front. Davis said he would consider accepting donations of the properties from the owners if they come with clean titles, with no liens or other issues.

Once the fast track program is activated, Davis explained, the land bank has 120 days to get from start to finish on the demolition, including administrative and actual demolition time.

The council unanimously approved Ferrell's motion to approve fast track for the properties and a second motion to waive a lien for \$450.59 in delinquent water bills if the owner signs the property over to the land bank.

In unrelated action, the council unanimously accepted a \$33,906.44 bid from Quality Buildings and Repairs to construct a new building for Hoopeston Emergency Management Agency and Hoopeston Auxiliary Police. The bid includes construction, concrete and plumbing work for the building, to be in McFerren Park.

A new emergency services building was approved in August 2020, when a 4-4 council vote was broken by Mayor Bill Crusinberry's vote in favor. Construction started but then stopped with the framework standing for several months, until being removed and stored prior to this year's National Sweetcorn Festival

Garrett, who is police committee chairman, said representatives of Quality Buildings said 80 to 90 percent of those materials will be able to be used in the new construction.

Quality Buildings was the low bid of two, with the second from Silver Brothers, for \$59,450.75.

Ald. Kyle Richards, parks committee chairman, announced that a planned skate park will be located on the north side of the tennis courts - where a volleyball court once was - at McFerren Park. Locating it there will save money because lights and power are already there, he said. Additionally, putting it in that area will not interfere with other park activities, including the National Sweetcorn Festival.

In related discussion, during the public comment portion of the meeting, April Jones reported that \$8,659.48 has been raised for the skate park, including private donations, payment for skate park fans collecting gate money during the festival and matching funds from an event at 112 Wine and Coffee Shoppe. Jones, who is coordinating the skate park effort, said other fundraisers are in the works.

In other business, Ald. Lourdine Florek said the city pool committee met Tuesday to review financial information for this year's swim season. She reported that the pool had a \$42,325.50 loss. Average attendance was

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59 for open swim, equal to the number for the 2019 season. Daily total for all activities, including swim lessons, and swim nights for targeted groups, like teens, ladies and families, raised the per-day total to 79.

Florek said complete financial information will be sent to aldermen prior to the November 2 meeting and a decision made on whether the pool will reopen next year.

In unrelated action, the business, aldermen:

- Approved a budget change for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding brought up by Ald. Bob Porth, finance committee chairman.

During budgeting earlier this year, two utility task vehicles (UTV) were approved. In a unanimous vote Tuesday, the council approved purchasing one UTV and using the rest of the allotted funds to buy five air packs for Hoopeston Fire Department.

Each pack is roughly \$3,000, Garrett said, adding the department’s current supply of air packs is 20-25 years old.

- Heard from Ald. Jeff Wise that tree cutting is still going on. Wood is taken to the city slab, from which residents may take wood from the slab for burning.

Those who do are asked to notify city hall before doing so. Wood is not to be cut at the slab.

With colder nighttime temperatures, residents who need something to cover tender plants may also take leaf mulch from the slab.

Dirt and rock are not to be taken, Wise added.

Court Dispositions

September 8

Kaleigh M. Brown, general nuisance case dismissed by hearing officer.

Deborah L. Collin, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to general nuisance at initial appearance; trial October 13.

Damon P. Fairbanks, St. Joe, general nuisance case dismissed by hearing officer.

Weather

Mostly cloudy today. High 68. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 38. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 69, low 44. Sunday, showers. High 69, low 62.

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Briefly

Addiction recovery group

Addiction recovery group for men. 6 p.m. Sundays in Rossville. Call or text 217-304-4211 or 217-260-1361 for details.

Volunteers needed for Light work

It’s time to put up the Christmas lights. Volunteers are needed for Lights in the Park at 8 a.m. October 29 and/or 30 to put up Christmas displays in McFerren Park. Lunch will be served. Gather at the park maintenance building.

At the library

The deadline to submit photos for Hoopeston Public Library’s virtual Pumpkin Decorating Contest has been extended to Friday, Oct. 22.

Pumpkin photos should be emailed to [info@hooplib.org](mailto:info@hooplib.org). Please make sure each photo is labeled with the name and age/category of the artist.

Winners will be announced during Halloween

Week.

Volunteer group needed

Mayor Bill Crusinberry is looking for a group to raise funds for upcoming Hoopeston fireworks displays. Anyone interested in doing so may email him at [mayorhoopeston@yahoo.com](mailto:mayorhoopeston@yahoo.com) or reach him by phone, (217) 474-6873.

Resident reminders

- The Hoopeston slab is for yard waste only - branches, leaves, grass clippings, etc. Construction and other debris is not allowed.
- Residents are asked to not use the so-called flushable wipes. Despite being labeled “flushable,” they do not break down and are clogging city sewers.
- Please do not mow grass/rake leaves into the street, as they can clog city sewers. Please place leaves at curbside but not in the gutter.

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