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## Mayor Crusinberry remembered, council approves Jeff Wise as interim mayor

Mayor Bill Crusinberry was remembered and memorialized at last week's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

In opening the meeting, Ald. Lourdine Florek, who has served as mayor pro tem since August, called for a moment of silence for the mayor, who died after a lengthy illness.

Later in the meeting, a tribute to Mayor Crusinberry from Vermilion County Board Chairman Larry Baughn was read by Joel Bird, District 1 representative and Hoopeston Fire Chief. It was also noted the Illinois Municipal League board of directors sent flowers to the city, a gesture of respect.

The late mayor announced via a sealed letter read at the December 7 meeting that he would be resigning as mayor at an unspecified date.

On December 9, Mayor Crusinberry wrote that he would step down effective December 21 after a successor had been selected from among council members. The mayor died December 17.

Jeff Wise was the only alderman to seek the interim mayor spot. His name and space for a write-in candidate comprised a ballot aldermen used to choose the new leader. Wise received seven votes and Florek one write-in nod.

Because Mayor Crusinberry was just reelected in April, Wise will serve as acting mayor until the April 2023 election, when voters will be asked to choose a new mayor.

Ascending to the mayor's chair, Wise told the council he would do his best to lead the city.

In his first official act, Wise announced that the public comment portion of the meeting - currently near the end of the agenda - will move to before reports from aldermen, to allow residents to express opinions on issues before the council takes action.

In bringing up the change, Wise cited an incident earlier this year in which the council failed to approve a request from business owner Jeremy Deck to open a gaming parlor. Because public comment was scheduled after

the action, Deck was not able to address the council before it voted on the matter. There have been other incidents of that kind, Wise said.

Also, reporting as chairman of the Street and Alley



Ald. Jeff Wise was named acting mayor at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

Committee, Wise said leaf cleanup has concluded and the department is getting equipment ready for snow removal. He reminded residents that vehicles will be towed from designated snow routes, but that efforts will be made to notify vehicle owners before towing begins.

In other business, the council, in a 7-1 vote, approved suspending construction of a new Emergency management Agency building, Ald. Bob Porth, finance committee chairman, said the issue could be looked at again in the spring when firmer numbers will be available. Ald. Joe Garrett voted against the change.

Porth also announced increases in the city's workman's comp and liability insurance. Bids for both of were unanimously approved by the council.

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## Obituaries

**GARRISON** - Naomi Kay (Hubbard) Garrison, 80, of Potomac died at 5:40 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021, at OSF Sacred Heart Medical Center, Danville. Graveside service will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Potomac Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's Association. Blurton Funeral Home, Potomac, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at [www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com).

**HOFFER** - Larry R. Hoffer, 80, of Rankin, died Monday, Dec. 20, 2021, at home. Visitation was 4-6 p.m. Sunday at Cox-Knapp Funeral Home, Rankin. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Rankin Lions Club. Condolences may be shared at [www.coxknapp.com](http://www.coxknapp.com).

**JAMES** - Betty J. (Crawford) James, 97, of Watseka, died Monday, Dec. 6, 2021 at Piper City Rehab and Living Center. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the noon memorial service Monday at Knapp Funeral Home,

Watska. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery, Watseka. Condolences may be shared at [www.knappfuneralhomes.com](http://www.knappfuneralhomes.com).

**SCHROEDER** - Rodney Blaine "Butch" Schroeder Jr., 61, of Milford, died at 2:20 a.m. Monday, Dec. 20, 2021, at home. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the noon funeral service Wednesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to the family. Condolences may be shared at [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com).

**TWEEDY** - Glen Tweedy, 89, of Hoopeston, died at 3:54 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20, 2021, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022 at Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com).

## From the Blotter

**Linsey M. Warner**, 33, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 5:58 p.m. Thursday to Tedd's Beverage Shoppe, 101 W. Main, for a woman entering the business after having been trespassed from it.

Warner was charged with criminal trespassing and was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

**Marvin N. Crawford**, 28, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 2:38 p.m. Friday for a hit-and-run accident in the 700 block of South First Ave.

Officers found a car matching the description of one that left the scene after striking three cars, causing severe front end damage.

Crawford was taken to the police station where he was arrested on preliminary charges of leaving the scene of a property damage accident, no proof of insurance and driving under the influence.

He was released after posting bond and receiving notices to appear in Vermilion County Court

**Keys found Saturday** at the corner of South Fourth St. and Elm were turned in to police Saturday.

The owner may identify and claim them at the station.

## Weather

Chance of rain, patchy fog then partly sunny today. High 58. Tonight, cloudy. Low 32. Tomorrow, rain/snow. High 46, low 32.

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## Classifieds

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Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 is accepting applications for a part time computer technician assistant. Duties include providing desktop support, assisting with infrastructure and A/V projects. <https://phl.applitrack.com/roe54/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=Technology>

NAPA Hoopeston is looking for a full time Counter/Delivery person. Successful candidate will be very knowledgeable about automotive/truck parts and computers, able to answer phones and wait on customers. Must do daily and monthly paperwork and be capable of doing all activities the store manager does in case of his absence. ASE certified counter person preferred but not required. If interested, pick up a application at NAPA 226 E Main St. Hoopeston.

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