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Wise resigns seat to be mayor, seeks Ward 2 replacement

Alderman Jeff Wise will soon officially be Mayor Jeff Wise.

When Wise was approved at the December 21 Hoopeston City Council meeting as acting mayor, he had a decision to make: he could either continue on as acting mayor and retain his seat as Ward 2 alderman or he could resign his seat to be the mayor, with all its duties and responsibilities.

At Tuesday's council meeting, Wise announced he chose the latter and had resigned his seat.

His announcement came in response to a question from Ald. Stephen Eyrich, who, prior to making a motion to approve the minutes, "questioned whether you were elected interim mayor or elected mayor in the absence of the mayor."

"It was acting mayor until I resign the Ward 2 seat," Wise responded, saying that although he was sitting in the mayor's chair, he was still an alderman.

With the question answered, minutes were approved 6-0, with Ald. Joe Garrett absent.

Later, during the "comments by the mayor" portion, he announced, "I am resigning Ward 2" and will be the mayor until the 2023 municipal election. He is seeking someone to fill the vacancy his resignation will create.

Two qualified candidates already approached him about representing the ward. Others who are interested are welcome to make their intentions known. "Email, text me, call me, it doesn't matter," Wise said.

Wise would like to get someone appointed as soon as possible. "The next meeting would be awesome," he said.

Reporting as street/alley committee chairman, Wise



WISE

again stressed the need for residents to move their vehicles from streets on Hoopeston's snow route. He said he is looking into a notification system through which residents could be notified when snow routes are activated.

In unrelated matters, Wise said Danville recently canceled its agreement to provide court services for Henning and Potomac and that representatives of both communities have inquired whether they could use Hoopeston Municipal Court to prosecute their ordinance violations.

Under their agreement with Danville, the towns kept the fine money, while court costs went to Danville. Hearing no objections, Wise said he would look further into the request.

Wise also said he had been questioned about whether the city would provide a heating center - similar to the cooling center at city hall during hot summer days - for Hoopeston's homeless population. He said he would like to see a policy with specifics, including necessary temperatures.

Brad Hardcastle, Hoopeston Emergency Management Agency director, said the group is updating its emergency response plan and will take on the task.

In other business, Ald. Lourdine Florek announced that the Environmental Protection Agency made changes to allowable levels of phosphorus in wastewater treatment discharge and that plant operators must study their systems and make plans to meet the lower levels.

Florek said she recently learned the feasibility study and plan are due in April. To meet the deadline, she said

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Sports

Boys basketball

Hoopeston Area boys basketball were on the road for the pre-Christmas Watseka Holiday Tournament.

On December 16, the Cornjerkers lost to Iroquois West, 56-47. The teams were tied at the end of the first quarter and Hoopeston Area outscored the Raiders 16-22 in the second quarter. It was in the second half that IW pulled away, adding 12 to Hoopeston's five in the third and 19 to the Cornjerkers' 12 in the fourth.

Senior Ben Brown contributed 20 of the team's total points, followed by fellow senior Nick Hofer with 13. Anthony Zamora and Owen Root completed the tall with

seven each.

Hofer and Root each had a three pointer in their totals. Brown shot 67 percent from the free throw line, making two of three attempts.

In action December 17, the Cornjerkers topped the Tri-Point Chargers, 52-49. Hoopeston Area led scoring in the first and last quarters by enough to overcome the Chargers' lead in the middle two.

Zamora, a junior, and Hofer each contributed 17 points, with Brown adding 11. Sophomore Mason Rush had three on the night and Root had four.

Brown made two of three three-point attempts while

Rush made one of three for the night.

Zamora led in free throws with five, with Brown and Hofer adding one apiece.

Hoopeston Area notched another win on December 17, beating the Cissna Park Timberwolves, 55-49.

The Cornjerkers were in front the entire game, led by Brown with 16 points, followed closely by Zamora with 14. Hofer contributed 12, going 4 of 4 from 3-point land.. Root had seven, Rush added four and sophomore Ethan Steiner added two.

Zamora was 6 of 8 from the free throw line for an impressive 75 percent. Root was at 100 percent, making

three of three. Brown was two of four from the stripe.

The wins put the Cornjerkers in position to place among the top teams but that hope was dashed when Peotone took home fifth place with a 51-41 win over HA on December 21.

Again, Hoopeston led scoring the first two quarters but lost steam as the game progressed. Brown led with 18, followed by Hofer - shooting three three-pointers. Zamora chipped in nine and Root two to round out the total.

Brown shot 100 percent from the line, going four for four while Zamora was three of four. Hofer was one for two.

Bishop McNamara took the tourney's top slot, defeating Milford, 50-40. Iroquois West finished in third after topping host Watseka, 32-26.

Court Dispositions

November 10

Amy L. Stephen, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for general nuisance; new status hearing December 8.

Marvin M. Hofer, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to battery at initial appearance, fined \$230; status hearing December 8.

Katrina Dierx, Hoopeston, appeared at trial for gen-

eral nuisance; case dismissed by hearing officer.

Melissa L. Daniels, Milford, appeared for nuisance structure; case dismissed by hearing officer.

Palen Real Estate, Forrest, failed to appear at initial appearance for general nuisance, found guilty by default, fined \$180; status hearing December 8.

Brittney D. Rutledge, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for general nuisance; case sent to state for further enforcement.

Obituaries

MICKELSON - Ronald (Ron) Erwin Mickelson, 82, of Hoopeston, formerly of Danville and Streator, died Monday, Dec. 13, 2021, in Hoopeston. The family respectfully requests any sympathies be made in the form of donations to Heritage Health in Hoopeston.

Mayor continued from other side

she would like to contract with Fehr-Graham engineers of Champaign. One of the company's engineers, Larry Johnson, was extensively involved with the city's wastewater plant in the early 2000s and worked with John McBride, owner of ERH Enterprises, on issues there. Hoopeston contracts ERH to operate the wastewater plant.

Weather

Mostly cloudy today, tonight. High 14, low 2. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 17, low 13.

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Classifieds

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Photo contributed

From on high

A reader submitted this photo of Hoopeston Fire Department fighting a shed fire in the 600 block of East Maple. Firefighters were called to the scene at 7:41 p.m. No injuries were reported.