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Council names new police commissioners, approves cleanup bid at special meeting Monday

Two familiar faces in Hoopeston city government will be joined by a new face to make up the Hoopeston Police Commission.

Former aldermen Bill Goodwine and Alex Houmes, along with Mark Wagoner, were submitted by Mayor Jeff Wise and approved by the council.

In individual votes, Goodwine and Houmes were approved 6-1, with Ald. Joe Garrett voting no, and Wagoner was approved 7-0. Ald. Carl Ankenbrand was absent.

After the meeting, Garrett explained his votes, saying, "I just think we need people with the experience or knowledge in an area we are going to ask them (to) find and hire us the best candidates."

Wise said at the March 15 meeting that new commissioners were being sought to move the commission in a new direction.

In other action the council unanimously approved a cleanup estimate of under \$10,000 for a house at 704 E. Elm that burned and was later demolished. Rubble from the structure has been an eyesore in the neighborhood for months.

Wise said the cost should be just under \$10,000 but he had not received the asbestos report as of Monday.

The council had previously voted on the matter at its

From the Blotter

John J. Murphy, 49, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 1:54 a.m. Monday to the 500 block of East Lincoln for reported problems and battery.

Police charged Murphy with domestic battery and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Thad Finnell, 28, of Hoopeston, was ticketed after police were called at 5:34 p.m. Monday for a complaint of loud noise in the 600 block of West Elm. He was charged with breach of the peace constituting disorderly conduct and released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

March 15 meeting. That vote was not allowed because the issue was not on the agenda for the meeting.

In related matters, Ald. Kellie Ferrell told the council that the taxes on the former Kelly's Pub were purchased but that the purchaser failed to properly fill out the necessary paperwork.

Next in line for the building is the Vermilion County tax trustees, she said, suggesting that due to its deteriorating condition - it was inspected in November and the second floor was falling into the first floor, she said - the city could take possession of it, do an emergency order and demolish it, along with 217, 221 and 223 E. Main, currently owned by Mike Mihalios.

At its March 15 meeting, the council approved paying Mihalios \$11,000 for those buildings.

Briefly

Free Family Movie Night

Hoopeston Community Church of the Nazarene will host a free Family Movie Night at 6 p.m. Saturday at the church, 402 E. Honeywell. "Facing the Giants" is the feature. Free refreshments will also be served.

At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include: **Stitchin' Time**, every Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.-noon. If you like to crochet, knit or do other needlework, join others who gather with their needles and yarn.

Tech Day, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. Local computer experts Jim Eyrich and Jeff Wise will be on hand to answer questions about cell phones, tablets or laptops. No appointments needed. Just stop by with your full-charged device, as well as any passwords or log-in information needed.

Alley cleanup

Hoopeston will hold alley cleanup the second or third week of April, weather permitting. This is for yard waste only. Piles with construction debris or other materials will not be picked up. Those without alleys may pile items at curbside but not in the street.

Two additional buildings south of Kelly's Pub which are owned by the Save the Lorraine Foundation, could also be included.

Ferrell further suggested the city use Central Illinois Land Bank's attorney, rather than the city attorney, because the land bank attorney deals with these situations daily, so there should be "no surprises along the way."

Asked by Ald. Lourdine Florek what the price tag would be for the demolition, Ferrell said \$350,000, not including asbestos.

Garrett asked where that money would come from, to which Wise, attending remotely, responded, "We'll find it."

Ald. Kyle Richards also attended remotely.

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Obituaries

NEWMAN - Andrew John "Andy" Newman, 59, of Hoopeston, passed away at 8:55 a.m. Friday, March 18, 2022, at his home. He was born September 19, 1962, in Danville, IL, the son of Cyril T. "Mike" and Carol M. (Curry) Newman. He married Ginger M. Doyle on April 5, 1997, in Hoopeston. She preceded him in death on April 23, 2015.

He is survived by one daughter, Morgan Newman of Dacula, GA; two sons, Michael Newman of Hoopeston, and Nathan (Jessica) Alliss of Rankin; three sisters, Chris Newman of Hoopeston, Teri (Joe) Gaffney of Hoopeston, and Marti Newman of Dacula; one brother, Greg (LuAnn) Newman of Catlin; five grandchildren, Travis Goodnight, Konner, Natalie, and Scotty Alliss, and Clayton Hawthorne; four nephews,



ANDY NEWMAN

Ryan (Kate) Newman, Carl (Allie) Newman, Eric (Patty) Gaffney and Jeff (Amanda) Gaffney; and his lifelong best friend, Eric McMillan.

In addition to his wife, Ginger, he was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents; one infant daughter; mother-in-law, Glenda Miller; brother-in-law, Scott Doyle; and two nephews, Nick and Zeb Doyle.

Andy began his work career while in middle school, doing home delivery weekdays of the Chronicle-Herald. He then worked for Tom Maire at Sav-A-Lot. He was a 1980 graduate of Hoopeston-East Lynn High School. After finishing his schooling at DACC, Andy worked for Dave Magee in trucking. He then worked as a Transportation Coordinator for over 20 years, and was currently in that position for Fresh Thyme Market in Bolingbrook.

He was a member of the Hoopeston United Methodist Church. Andy enjoyed watching NASCAR races and was an avid sports fan. His favorite teams included the St.

Court Dispositions

February 9

Joseph C. Cannon, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for unlawful acts constituting disorder; case sent to state for further enforcement.

Ardani Garcia, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for unlawful acts constituting disorder; case sent to state for further enforcement.

Jesse J. Zarate, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for restraint of dogs by owner; new status hearing March 9.

Heather N. Scott, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for theft; case sent to state for further enforcement.

Linsey M. Warner, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for trespassing; sentencing set for March 9.

March 9

Lisa M. Staley, Watseka, failed to appear at status hearing for unlawful acts constituting disorder; new status hearing April 13.

Weather

Rain likely today, chance tonight. High 61, low 40. Tomorrow, chance of rain. High 46, low 37.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

Louis Cardinals and the Chicago Bulls. He also enjoyed spending time with his family, listening to music, grilling, and trying new restaurants.

A visitation will be held 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Friday, March 25, 2022, at Anderson Funeral Home, 427 E. Main St. Hoopeston. The funeral service will follow, beginning at 12 p.m. Friday March 25, 2022, at the funeral home, with Pastor Kathy Murphy officiating. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston.

Memorial donations may be made to the OSF Bobette

Steely Hegeler Cancer Care Center, 806 N. Logan Ave. Danville, IL 61832. Donations may also be made to The Crohn's Foundation, National Headquarters, 733 Third Avenue, Ste. 510, New York, NY 10017, in memory of Andy's wife, Ginger.

Please visit www.anderson-funeral-home.com to view Andy's eternal tribute page and to send the family condolences.

Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston is handling the arrangements.

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Iroquois County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for full – and part time correctional officers, responsible for the daily supervision and care of arrestees brought to and/or detained at the Iroquois County Jail. Must be high school graduate or have GED, Iroquois County resident at time of employment (for full time) submit to criminal background check and have basic computer skills. Full time starting salary is \$39,685.65, part time wage is \$15/hr. Applications may be picked up at the Iroquois County Jail/Sheriff's Office, 550 S. Tenth, Watseka or online at iroquoiscountyl.gov/offices/sheriff. Completed applications/resumes may be mailed to the above address or emailed to cperzee@co.iroquois.il.us. EOE

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Main St.

City of Hoopeston Cemetery is seeking applicants for a seasonal position. Candidate must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Applications available at www.cityofhoopeston.com under the Services tab/Employment Opportunities or City Hall, 301 W Main St.

City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for the position of probationary police officer. Applications will be accepted until the testing date of April 2, 2022. Testing will begin at 10 a.m. April 2 at Hoopeston Area Middle School Library for the written test. The physical agility test will take place immediately after the written exam.

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City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for certified police officers/part time certification is recognized. Applications will be ongoing; no deadline applies for certified officers.

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