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Council approves UTVs, agrees to purchase downtown lot

In a 7-1 vote, Hoopeston City Council on Tuesday expanded the city's golf cart ordinance to include utility terrain vehicles (UTV). ATVs are not permitted under the new rule.

The new ordinance is patterned on the previous version, which solely approved golf carts on city streets and came about after Mayor Jeff Wise, at the March 15 meeting, related to the council that someone on a recreational vehicle drove by his house doing 60 m.p.h. Wise said he wanted the ordinance enforced as is.

Others disagreed, including Ald. Robin Lawson, and at Tuesday's meeting, Ald. Kellie Ferrell presented the proposed change.

Ald. Lourdine Florek spoke against the change, saying that many drivers already did not obey the golf

cart regulations, failing to move over for cars, not having children restrained and holding babies in their arms in a moving golf cart. When told that those concerns are an enforcement issue, Florek said with only two officers on a shift, they can't be everywhere to enforce the ordinance and that all the new law would do is create more people who don't follow it.

On a motion from Ferrell, seconded by Ald. Robin Lawson, the ordinance was approved 7-1, with Florek voting against it.

In other action, the council approved, 6-2, a motion to purchase property at 300 E. Main, where the former Radio Shack once stood, for less than \$5,000.

After an executive session to discuss land acquisition, Lawson made the motion, which was seconded

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VCHD informs on programs during National Public Health Week

Doug Toole

Vermilion County Public Health Administrator

We celebrate the 27th National Public Health Week on April 4-10, 2022. Our theme this year is, "Public Health Is Where You Are," as we reflect on how we can make our communities healthier, stronger and safer.

As we enter the third – and, hopefully, final – year of the COVID-19 pandemic, we at the Vermilion County Health Department join with the American Public Health Association in urging our community to get a flu shot and the COVID-19 vaccine if you have not already (or the COVID booster if you have already received the vaccine), to be mindful of social distancing, to wash your hands frequently, and to stay home when you are sick.

While local health departments have become more prominent in the public consciousness over the past two years due to the pandemic, public health workers have been providing services throughout Illinois for many years.

The Vermilion County Health Department was established in 1966 as an outgrowth of tuberculosis control,

and initially employed mostly home-visiting nurses. While our mission to improve the quality of life for all county residents utilizing disease prevention, health protection and health promotion programs has stayed the same, our resources and programs have evolved over the years. Our programs include:

- The Vital Records program has birth and death certificates issued in Vermilion County going back to 1983. The Vermilion County Clerk's Office has older birth and death records. People can obtain copies of their own birth certificate, or their children's birth certificates, for a fee. Death certificates are also available for a fee.

- Our Environmental Health program inspects restaurants, retail food stores and temporary food stands for food safety. The program also inspects private sewage disposal systems, private wells, and the two active landfills and one active landscape-waste composting site in the county. Staff collect and test mosquitoes each spring and summer to check for West Nile Virus. The program also provides special bottles so property owners can col-

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Programs continued from other side

lect water samples from their wells to check for coliform bacteria, E. coli bacteria and nitrates.

●Our Communicable Disease/Immunizations program contacted thousands after they were diagnosed with COVID-19. The program provides low-cost vaccinations for children and adults – more than just flu shots and back-to-school vaccinations. Staff also monitor and follow up on certain infectious diseases in the community to try to track and reduce the spread of the diseases.

Council continued from other side

by Ald. Kyle Richards. Florek and Ald. Joe Garrett voted against the action.

In unanimous votes, the council approved \$92,500 for the city’s portion of the Thompson Ave. project. The figure represents 20 percent of the total cost, said Ald. Stephen Eyrich, street/alley committee chair. In a related vote, the council approved engineering costs for the project of \$140,188.37 to Cummins Engineering of Springfield.

Eyrich also announced that last year’s motor fuel tax allotment will be completely used with the completion of the sidewalk at Russell Leigh and Associates and work on South Second Ave.

He also reported that alley cleanup is set to begin April 18, weather permitting. If Hoopeston receives 3” of rain, trucks will not be driving down the alleys, he said.

Wise also announced that Hoopeston will not be have municipal court for other communities in northern Vermilion County. “You can put a line through municipal court contract (agenda item),” he said. We took too long, they moved on. They’re having Tilton do it.”

Wise also said he met with Justin Acton last week and that Acton said he will be working on the for

●The Women, Infants and Children program provides breastfeeding support, nutrition education and supplemental food vouchers for pregnant women, and for children up to that age of five who meet eligibility requirements.

The days of paper food vouchers are over, and participants now receive EBT cards that act like debit cards. The program is adapting to improvements in technology, so that things are easier and more efficient for our partici-

Essex and Coffee Cup buildings.

In unrelated business, the council:

●Heard from Ald. Bob Porth, who said he has received some, but not all department budgets. The council will hold a budget meeting at 5 p.m. April 12.

●Ald. Carl Ankenbrand said the police committee met March 30 to discuss a new police contract. The current contract expires May 1.

The committee will meet with the police union bargaining committee at 4 p.m. April 25.

Malfunctioning siren silenced

On April 5 and 6, the outdoor emergency warning siren at the corner of South Sixth St. and Elm malfunctioned several times, sounding without being activated, according to Brad Hardcastle, Hoopeston Emergency Management Agency director.

As of 8 a.m. Wednesday, the siren was taken out of service, the power disconnected, and a contractor contacted for repairs. The temporary loss of the siren will greatly reduce the coverage area of the outdoor warning system for the southeast part of Hoopeston, Hardcastle said.

Residents are reminded that there are many ways to receive emergency alerts. People may have a NOAA weather radio. Those with smart phones should make sure emergency notifications are turned on. Several weather apps are available to alert residents to severe weather. Residents may also sign up for Nixle text message alerts from Vermilion County and City of Hoopeston.

Weather

Partly sunny, chance of showers today. High 57. Tonight, chance of rain/snow. Low 36. Tomorrow, rain/snow then showers. High 43, low 31.

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pants.

●Our Emergency Preparedness program collaborates with the community and stakeholders to prepare for and respond to public health emergencies and disasters, such as COVID-19. The program collects and analyzes public health data to identify trends and areas of concern.

●The Community Health Educator makes presentations and answers questions about health issues at local employers and at community events.

The Vermilion County Health Department strives to provide a healthier life and environment through enhanced community collaboration, cooperation and communication. We are a resource to the community. Please visit our website at www.vchd.org and follow us on Facebook to learn more, and call us at (217) 431-2662 with questions.

Working together, we can build healthier communities and, eventually, the healthiest nation. We need your help to get there. Please join us !

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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 iroquoiscountyil.gov/offices/sheriff. Applications/resumes may be mailed to the above address or emailed to cperzee@co.iroquois.il.us. EOE

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City of Hoopeston Parks Department is seeking applicants for a seasonal position. Candidate must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Applications are 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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