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**Thursday, May 5, 2022**  
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April Jones addresses Hoopeston City Council about the proposed skate park to be located in McFerren Park. The council approved helping pay for the park Tuesday evening.

**Mayor vetoes vote on property, skate park to get city funds**

For the first time in decades - if not the first time ever - a mayor vetoed action taken by Hoopeston City Council.  
 At issue was choosing a bid for empty lots at 105 and 107 E. Main. City officials approved taking down the structure at 105 after the roof collapsed in October 2017. In taking it down, structural damage to 107 was found, according to reports at that time.  
 Officials eventually took ownership of the lots and earlier this year, sought bids, which were to include the purchase price and description of how the property would be used.  
 Two bids were received, one for \$1,000 from Bill and Jennifer Lind's Smoke and Pizza Pies, LLC/Pizza King and one from Bob and Emily Brown, for \$1,051.  
 In their bid, the Browns said they recently purchased 217 Bank (formerly Craftsman Printing) to create another downtown business. The empty lots would allow them to have space to pull in trucks and trailers and they also

planned to build a small building on the space to house another building facing Main St.  
 The Linds, who, after purchasing Pizza King, bought 109 E. Main to expand the business, said their plan was to use the lot for outside dining and entertainment with the possibility of holding special events and fundraisers for organizations.  
 Ald. Joe Garrett made a motion to approve the Linds' bid. Ald. Kellie Ferrell seconded it. In the rollcall, both voted yes. Voting no were aldermen Bob Porth, Kyle Richards and Carl Ankenbrand. Members Robin Lawson and Lourdine Florek abstained and Ald. Stephen Eyrich voted present.  
 Asked how the abstentions work, Florek said they go with the majority. Asked about Eyrich's "present," Florek said she had no idea what to do it.  
 Counting the abstentions and present with the no votes, **See VETO on other side**

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 Tuesdays, 6PM-8PM  
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## Obituaries

**MARTIN** - Patricia "Patti" Martin, 69, of Hoopeston, passed away on Monday, May 2, 2022 at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana.

She was born on December 31, 1952 in Watseka, the daughter of Herman H. and Arcelia (Kaufman) Bauer. She married Randal "Randy" Martin in Cissna Park on August 31, 1975.

Surviving are her husband, Randy Martin of Hoopeston; three daughters, Christina Hall of Carmel, IN, Rebekah (fiancé Pete Vela) Martin of Indianapolis, IN, and Jessica (Matt) Hall of Clinton; one granddaughter, Evelyn Hall; one sister, Ann Hillenburg of Danville; and one brother, David Bauer of Hoopeston.

### **Veto** continued from other side

the motion was defeated 6-2.

Eyrich then asked if the other bid had to be accepted. "It has to be voted on," Florek answered.

Ankenbrand made a motion to accept Browns' bid, which was seconded by Richards. Those two, along with Porth and Eyrich, voted in favor, while Ferrell and Garrett voted no. Lawson and Florek again abstained.

The vote approved the Browns' bid but Wise immediately intervened. "I did my homework," he said. "I veto this. You guys have to come up with a super majority to override me. I'm not doing this. If anybody would like to see my documentation on how I can do that, I'm more than happy to comply.

"That went over well," he added, ending discussion on the matter.

In other action, the council approved using city funds to help pay for a proposed skate park in McFerren Park.

April Jones, who had advocated for the park, said that with the site selected and design completed, only two steps were left: groundbreaking and opening. She encouraged people to "put positive energy into this project."

Later, during Richards' parks committee report, he said American Ramp Company did the park design - normally a \$7,500 fee - for free, fitting the attraction on the site of the old tennis court. The base design came in at \$74,790.27. Additional features will add another \$30,161.96 to the cost. "I think that's more what the kids want," he said. "I think they'll like that one a little better."

The total cost of the park is \$130,000, Richards said, including \$10,000 to \$11,000 for concrete, plus additional money for lighting and cameras.

Jones and supporters of the skate park have raised

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Patti was a member of Cissna Park Apostolic Christian Church. She was a school teacher for 17 years in Hoopeston School District and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. Patti enjoyed spending time with her family and referred to her granddaughter as her 'precious angel'.

Visitation will be from 4-7 pm on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at Knapp Funeral Home in Cissna Park and one hour prior to the funeral service on Friday at church.

Funeral services will be at 10 am on Friday, May 6, 2022 at Cissna Park Apostolic Christian Church. Ministers of the church will officiate. Burial will

\$31,928 towards the project. That money will be used to start concrete work, which needs to be done before features can be installed.

Richards asked that \$50,000 of tax increment financing (TIF) be used to help fund the skate park and an additional \$30,000 from the park accrual. The request was seconded by Ferrell.

In discussion, Lawson said skateboarders in the downtown area are at risk of injury. She related a story of a child on a bicycle who pulled in front of a woman driving a car. Before dying, the child admitted pulling in front of the car, but the woman "had to live with that for the rest of her life."

"We have spent \$50,000 for less," Eyrich said, adding, "There is a prospect of improving the community with this."

Voting no were Ankenbrand, Florek and Porth.

### **Fire Calls**

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 7:50 p.m. Tuesday to Hoopeston Regional Health for fire alarms going off. No injuries were reported. Hoopeston Police also responded.

### **Briefly**

#### **Day of Prayer gathering**

A National Day Of Prayer gathering will be held at noon on Thursday, May 5 at Hoopeston City Hall. Please joining us at noon for Prayer around our flag. All pastors are invited to offer prayers. Please call Valarie Hinkle with questions, 217-274-2956.

Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce is organizing the event.

follow in Cissna Park Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Please share a memory of Patti at [www.knappfuneralhomes.com](http://www.knappfuneralhomes.com).

**GOSSETT** - Ronald "Ronnie" Gossett, 86, of Hoopeston, died at 2:45 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, at home. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

**HAYS** - James Allen Hays Sr., 85, of Rankin, died Monday, May 2, 2022, at Arcadia of Clifton. Private family services will be performed by Lux Memorial Chapel.

### **Weather**

Showers likely, then showers today, tonight and tomorrow. High today 64, low 56. Tomorrow, high 66, low 50.

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**LANGELLIER** - Gordon L. Langellier, 80, of Pensacola, Fla., formerly of Watseka, died Monday, May 2, 2022, at his daughter's home in Pensacola. Private memorial service will be held in Pensacola. Graveside service will be at a later date at Flesher Cemetery, Crescent City. Condolences may be shared at [www.knappfuneralhomes.com](http://www.knappfuneralhomes.com).

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