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Committee acts to bring back pool/garden meters in city

Hoopeston City Council will be asked to approve a garden meter ordinance after the water/sewer committee approved reinstating the measure.

Ald. Lourdine Florek, committee chair, announced the committee decision at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

The committee, comprised of Florek and council members Carl Ankenbrand and Kellie Ferrell, along with Mayor Jeff Wise, met April 27. Residents Mike Dean,

Gary Cade and Tim Watson also attended, asking that the program be returned.

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Lourdine Florek, Owner

After discussion, Ferrell made a motion, seconded by Ankenbrand, to reinstate the program. Florek voted no, but after the vote said she would start work on drafting an ordinance for it.

At Tuesday's council meeting, Wise said he contacted a company regarding the radio read meters used by a

See METERS on other side



Welcome to our new store

Debra DeLahr, of Hoopeston, waits on Kevin Henner, while in the background, store manager Robert Sloan conducts a transaction with Dave Gaddis. Both were at the new Casey's General Store at Rtes. 1 & 9 at 6:26 a.m. opening day, May 5. DeLahr, former manager of the Penn St. Casey's, along with many other familiar faces, are now at the new store, Sloan said. Grand opening specials are going on all month, including \$1 drinks, two cookies or two donuts for \$1 and \$1 slices from the warmer.

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similar program in Portland, Maine, and learned there is a six-month wait on those meters.

Before the program starts again, officials have to find meters that compatible with Hoopeston's current radio read water meter system. The ordinance will outline such things as who will be eligible for the meter program and the cost of having a meter, most of which are priced at more than \$250 each.

In her report at Tuesday's meeting, Florek also said the city needs a policy regarding new laws governing CDL driver's licenses and city employees.

Changes in the law require more classroom education and driving time. DACC offers two CDL-related classes, Class A, with 240 hours of training at a cost of \$3,520, and Class B, with 20 hours of training for \$800. Officials were not sure which of the courses would be needed to

operate city equipment and decisions need to be made whether to hire already-licensed drivers or, if not, will the city, employee or both pay towards the training.

Florek said that in the water department this week, two employees were on medical leave, leaving two to work. The newest employee could not move the jet truck because he does not have a CDL.

Florek suggested that a temporary committee of herself, Ald. Stephen Eyrich, A CDL holder and chairman of the street/alley committee, whose employees also need CDLs, and Ald. Joe Garrett, who works for the Secretary of State, work on drafting a policy.

In unrelated business, the council:

• Heard from Ankenbrand about tentative dates for police committee and union representatives to meet with a mediator regarding a new contract.

-Briefly

FFA plant sale

Hoopeston Area FFA will hold a plant sale for the public from 2-5:30 p.m. May 6 and 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. May 7 at the greenhouse behind the high school. A variety of flowers and plants will be available. Sales help support HAHS FFA.

Moms' group

A new moms' group will meet at 10 a.m. the first Friday of every month at Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. Come meet other moms and their children.

From the Blotter

Andrew McKelvey, 34, of Paxton, was arrested after an accident at 2:27 a.m. Wednesday at the intersection of Rtes. 1 and 9.

McKelvey, in a 2014 Ford Escape, struck a 2003 Buick, driven by Elyscha C. Wells, 24, of Rossville, then left the scene, according to the police report, which also stated a Hoopeston Police officer was in the CVS lot at the time and witnessed the accident.

The officer reported the accident and immediately rendered aid to Wells.

McKelvey was located a short time later and taken into custody on preliminary charges of failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, no proof of insurance and leaving the scene of an accident. He was released with notices to appear in Vermilion County Court.

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Dumping of electronics, appliances, paint, liquids, tires, batteries, yard waste, construction/demolition material or anything that fits in the provided blue totes is not allowed. Items from apartments with a dumpster will not be allowed and items from businesses and contractors will not be permitted.

At the Library

Coming events at Hoopeston Public Library are:

City Chat, a monthly opportunity for residents to discuss city issues with Mayor Jeff Wise, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 7.

Addiction recovery group

Addiction recovery group for men. 6 p.m. Sundays in Rossville. Call or text 217-304-4211 or 217-260-1361 for details.

Weather

Showers today, tonight. High 62, low 49. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 66, low 49. Sunday, partly sunny. High 71, low 58.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/ weather/. • Approved a change in MFT work on South First Ave. and Lincoln, adding \$16,628.40 to the bill to pour eight inches of concrete from the road to the driveway at Teasdale Foods. The original plan called for concrete to stop at the curb, Eyrich said.

Garrett asked whether the council should have approved the change. Wise responded, "Probably yes, but sometimes, when you're pouring the concrete, you just keep going."

- Heard from Ald. Bob Porth, who called for a finance committee meeting at 4 p.m. Thursday.
- Heard from Wise about an updated video gaming ordinance that would implement a city fee of \$250 per machine, to be divided between the terminal operator and the licensed establishment. The proposed ordinance would also set the number of gaming licenses at 10, the same as the number of Class A licenses the city has.

The council is expected to vote on the ordinance at its

May 17 meeting.

• Approved a request from Carolyn Eyrich-Mastin to sell poppies from 8 a.m.-noon on May 21. The collection will be on Rtes. 1 and 9. North Market and Penn and Main.

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