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Unresponsive attorney slows progress on city issues: mayor

A lack of response from Hoopeston's city attorney has brought some council decisions to a standstill.

"I'm on day 27 of not hearing from our attorney (David Wesner)," said Mayor Jeff Wise at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

His comment was made regarding questions officials have about a proposed ordinance that would impose a \$250 fee on video gaming machines in the city.

Illinois officials approve the fee for non-home rule communities that allow gaming. Half the fee is to be paid by the establishment owner and the other half by the terminal operator.

Ald. Kellie Ferrell is also having difficulty getting a response from Wesner on questions on a new food truck ordinance. That item has been on several recent agendas with no action possible because of unanswered questions.

Wesner, of the Champaign-based law firm Evans, Froehlich, Beth & Chamley, has been Hoopeston's attorney since 2020.

Over the years, Hoopeston has paid a retainer to which-


ever law firm handled the city's general legal affairs. In return, an attorney would attend each council meeting and special meetings, as requested.

In recent years, however, officials decided an attorney is not needed at most meetings, and that taxpayer dollars used for legal matters would be better spent towards answering officials' questions, doing research and other legal duties.

In other business, Narendra Patel, engineer with Fehr Graham Engineering and Environmental, gave a presentation to the council regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) push to lower phosphorus levels in

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Lockhart Angus to hold first Summer Smoke Show Tuesday

Area residents are invited to the Lockhart Angus Farm for the first annual Summer Smoke Show from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday.

The show, a brisket-smoking competition, will feature four smokers: Jimmy "3 Smokers" Pajor, Brian "Bourbon Smoke" Williams, Tony "Barks BBQ" Barker and DJ "Oinks Smokehouse" McCalla.

A three-member panel judges will be onsite and those who attend will vote on a People's Choice winner, said Bruce Lockhart.

Free brisket sandwiches will be provided, one per person, while supplies last.

The farm is located at 212 N 2500 East Rd., Wellington. Attendees are asked to bring their own drink and lawn chair.

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water discharged from wastewater treatment plants.

The issue was discussed at the June 21 meeting, but was erroneously referred to as a water treatment plant problem.

Patel told aldermen that the mandate came from the federal EPA, and that Illinois “is behind some other states in implementing it.” He reiterated much of the information shared at the previous meeting, where Wise said a final phosphate level has not been decided and that Fehr Graham put the cost of adding phosphorus-removing capabilities to the sewer plant at \$24 million.

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Regarding the price tag, Patel told the council that that the project could be fine-tuned, resulting in a lesser cost. Also, he said, based on Hoopeston’s demographics, it qualifies for \$5 million in principle forgiveness and could get as much as \$10 million off if the project is divided into sections.

In unrelated business, the council:

- Heard from Ald. Kyle Richards, parks committee chairman, that golf carts are not to be driven on the grass in city parks. Those found doing so may be ticketed.

Briefly

No paper Monday

Just the Facts will not be printed Monday, July 11. Publication will resume Tuesday.

Electronics recycling

An electronics recycling event will be held from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, July 9, at the McFerren Park Annex. All electronics will be accepted, with no charge for most items. However, there will be a \$25 fee for each tube and projection TV, \$30 for each TV with wood or broken screen and \$5 for each flat screen TV.

Residents recycling those items must pay cash with exact change only.

Please use Ninth Ave. to get to the annex.

Fireworks

Hoopeston Fireworks will be held at dusk (about 9:15 p.m.) Saturday at the soccer fields on South Sixth Ave. With the uncertainty of the availability of fireworks and the delay in fundraising, the usual July 3 date couldn’t be secured.

Before the fireworks show, stop by the Lorraine Theatre, 324 E. Main, for drive-thru popcorn, starting at 6 p.m. Salt-free will be the first batch popped. Concessions and fountain drinks will also be available.

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 likely today. High 81. Tonight, chance of thunderstorms, then chance of showers. Low 63. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 80, low 57. Sunday, sunny. High 80, low 58.

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

- Heard from Ald. Carl Ankenbrand, police committee chairman, that two new police officers have been scheduled to attend the Police Training Institute in Champaign. He also announced a new squad car has been purchased to replace the one that recently caught on fire.
- Unanimously approved regular business in 6-0 votes

Vermilion Advantage to hold after hours at Bricks/Ivy event center

Vermilion Advantage will hold a Business After Hours in Hoopeston next week.

The event will be held from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at Bricks & Ivy Sports Event Center, 207 E. Main. Bricks and Ivy Sports, at 201 E. Main, will also be open for people to browse.

Cost of the after hours is \$10 at the door for networking, food, dessert, coffee/tea, beer and wine from 112 Wine & Coffee Shoppe.

RSVP to Nichole Van Hyfte at nvanhyfte@vermilionadvantage.com.

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