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## No decision made on police chief, property bid accepted

An offer made to a chief candidate was rejected, leaving officials still searching for a permanent chief for Hoopeston Police Department.

The naming of a chief was listed on the agenda for Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting, but, "You can go ahead and scratch that," Mayor Jeff Wise said at the start of the meeting.

Three HPD officers attended the meeting and left when Wise said no announcement would be made.

Asked what the holdup has been in naming a chief, Wise said, "We chose not to pursue a chief until contract negotiations were completed. We want to make the best decision for Hoopeston, so we aren't rushing it."

A three-year contract between Hoopeston and patrolmen represented by the Fraternal Order of Police was approved earlier this month.

On March 3, Jim DeWitt, former chief, retired and Darin Tate, HPD investigator and the department's longest-serving officer, was named interim chief. Officials began a search, advertising in area media for candidates with 10 or more years experience, with a starting salary range of \$65,000 to \$75,000.

Of the applications received, four candidates were interviewed by the council's police committee and the city's police commission in July, including a retired Danville officer who received and rejected the offer; Darin Tate, HPD Sgt. Quentin Morgan, and another area law enforcement officer.

In unrelated business, in a 6-0 vote, aldermen approved a \$1,003.50 bid from Steve Bane for the lots at 105 and 107 E. Main. Council members Joe Garrett and Robin Lawson were absent at Tuesday's meeting.

Bane, father of Jennifer Lind, who, with her husband, Bill, own Pizza King, bought the lots for them, Wise said after the meeting.

This was the second bidding for the properties. The council first voted on bids submitted by the Linds and Bob and Emily Brown at the May 3 meeting. A motion to award the bid to Linds received two yes votes, three no votes and three abstentions.

A motion to accept the Browns' vote received four yes votes, two no votes and two abstentions. Wise announced he was vetoing the acceptance. The Browns then withdrew their bid, and new bids were solicited.

In other business:

● Ald. Carl Ankenbrand, police committee chairman, said officer candidates Brodee Herman and Brant Ramos passed the POWER test, prequalifying for that at the Police Training Institute.

Those classes will begin September 12 and end in mid-December, said Interim Chief Darin Tate.

See DECISION on other side

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**Briefly**

**Hydrant flushing**  
Hoopeston is flushing hydrants on Fridays during the summer months to improve the overall quality of water by cleaning the mains of rust and corrosion and to ensure that fire hydrants are in working order. Residents are urged, if possible, to refrain from doing laundry on Fridays. The water is safe to drink but residents are encouraged to let faucets run for a short period of time if they notice any discoloration.

**Bulk garbage day**  
Bulk garbage day, for Hoopeston residents only, will be held from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at Hoopeston City Hall parking lot.  
Residents are limited to one load per bulk day and must unload their own load or bring some-one to help.  
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**  
Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:

**Treeclimbers** genealogy group, 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Open to new and experienced genealogists.

**Stitchin' Time**, 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays. Crochet, knit, sew or other needlecraft, bring your project and coffee and enjoy a morning of fun and conversation!  
For more information on library programs, call (217) 283-6711 or visit 110 N. Fourth St.

**Vendors wanted**  
Hoopeston Area Women Making A Difference club is seeking craft and product vendors for their upcoming vendor fair on September 24. For more information email [hoopestonwmd@yahoo.com](mailto:hoopestonwmd@yahoo.com).

**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.

**P.E.P. Party**  
Hoopeston United Methodist Church will hold its monthly People Enjoying People potluck party at 5 p.m.

**Decision** continued from other side

- Ald. Bob Porth presented the annual appropriations ordinance, which is the budget with a five percent contingency. It passed, 6-0.
  - Ald. Kyle Richards said a waterfall is being donated to be placed at McFerren Park.
  - Heard from Wise that Kathy Murphy and Ron Ponto volunteered for the Citizens Advisory Committee, filling the 19-member requirement. Both were unanimously approved.
- After the meeting, Wise said two other showed interest in being on the committee, but all openings are filled.
- Wise nominated Loni Gress for an opening on the city's planning/zoning board. She was also approved 6-0.
  - After saying at the August 2 meeting, that new city attorney Steve Miller would be attending council meeting, Wise said Miller has been working with former attorney Dave Wesner and would begin attending meetings in September.

**Weather**

Mostly sunny today. High 83. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 62. Tomorrow, chance of showers, then showers likely. High 82, low 63. Sunday, showers likely, then partly cloudy. High 78, low 61.  
For real time Hoopeston weather, visit [justthefacts.net/weather/](http://justthefacts.net/weather/).

Monday at the church, 403 E. Main St. Main dish, drinks and table service provided. Those who want to bring a side dish or dessert to share are welcome to do so.  
There is no cost for the dinner. All are welcome to come.

**Meetings**  
Hoopeston City Council, committee of the whole, 6 p.m. Monday, city hall, to discuss Central Illinois Land Bank home repair grants. Zoom link is at [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com).

**Clothing Caravan coming to Hoopeston**  
Need clothes for back-to-school? Come join the Clothing Caravan from Fair Hope Children's Ministry. The caravan will be at the Girl Scout House in McFerren Park from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24.  
Clothing sizes range from infant to teenager and will be available free to anyone.

**Classifieds**

**HELP WANTED**

Silver Brothers is looking for an experienced carpenter. Must have at least 5 years experience and provide references. Pay will be \$25+, depending on experience. Please pick up an application at the office, 105 E. Washington, Hoopeston.

Fall help wanted at United Prairie, 18979 E 2850 N Rd., Hoopeston. Call Jordan Reese, (217) 888-0164 (office) or (217) 918-2876 (cell).

Fast Lanes is looking for experienced cooks for some breakfasts, days and evenings. If interested come to Fast Lanes, 719 W. Elm. NO PHONE CALLS.

Full-Fill Industries in Henning is **HIRING**, starting pay \$18/hour. Apply at [www.full-fill.com](http://www.full-fill.com) or applications available on-site. EOE

Premier Cooperative is looking to fill fall seasonal (operational & scale) positions at Rossville, Ellis, Collison, Reilly, Dillsburg, and Royal. Call 217-599-0310.

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