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Old City Hall to be on auction block Saturday afternoon

A big part of Hoopeston's history is expected to be auctioned off Saturday afternoon.

A live auction will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Old City Hall, 229 S. Market. Jon Witvoet is handling the sale.

For many years, the building was a hub of activity in the city, housing Hoopeston Police Department in the basement, council chambers and administration offices on the first floor. The second floor had offices and the top floor boasted a ballroom, which provided entertainment in the city's heyday.

When officials moved city hall to its current location, Old City Hall sat empty until it was purchased at a tax sale in 2012 by an absentee owner. In 2016, it was handed over to tax trustees. In 2018, it went from the trustees to the county land bank, then to the Lorraine Foundation.

In September 2020, the foundation turned the building over to Joel Marshall, who ran Old City Hall Antiques & Bric-A-Brac until earlier this year, when store items and artifacts in the building were part of an online auction.

The building is being sold as-is. Financing, if needed, must be arranged prior to Auction. Announcements made immediately prior to the Auction take precedence over any and all other information from any source. Sellers reserve the right to reject any and all



Hoopeston's former city hall, at 229 S. Market, will be on the auction block Saturday.

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bids. Call 217-304-0442 for appointment to inspect building.

City asked to consider paying for frontage road at new NAPA

Roger Dittrich, owner of Hoopeston's NAPA store, has asked officials to consider putting in a frontage road at the site of the new store, being built near Heritage Health on Rt. 1.

Mayor Jeff Wise said Dittrich, who attended Tuesday's council meeting, made the request to him. No action

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