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Council member praises fire, police department for efforts

Hoopeston first responders got a pat on the back during Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

Ald. Robin Lawson praised Hoopeston Fire Department for its work in 2022, which included significantly more fires than previous years, especially the number of structure fires.

She specifically mentioned the department fighting two simultaneous house fires - one in the 800 block of South Fifth St. and one in the 600 block of East Young - on December 22, when a winter storm brought below zero temperatures and winds gusting to 50 m.p.h., resulting in extremely low wind chill factors.

In addition, Lawson praised police officers, who not only face new state-mandated changes in law enforce-

ment, but who have been working shorthanded, and dispatchers, for all their efforts for the city.

New officers were recently hired, which will provide much-needed manpower, she added.

In a related matter, Mayor Jeff Wise, reporting for street/alley committee chairman Ald. Jesse Gonzalez, said although Hoopeston did not receive much snow in the pre-Christmas storm, freezing rain necessitated salting some city intersections.

Snow routes were activated on December 22 in preparation for the storm. Forecasters were sure about bitterly cold temperatures and high winds but less sure about snowfall.

Also reporting for Gonzalez, Wise asked for approval of an MFT Expenditure Request-Adjusting expenditure. The adjustment is "\$179,999 and change," Wise said, and covers construction and engineering. Asked what the project is, Wise apologized for not having that information at the meeting. The council approved the request, 7-0.

In unrelated business, the council:

- Heard from newly-appointed Ward 2 Ald. Rachelle Miller, fire committee chairman, who asked for approval of a resolution for an intergovernmental agreement for participation in a mutual aid alarm system. Her request was approved, 7-0.

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City committees shuffled, commission gets new members

The addition of new aldermen has resulted in a shuffling of committees of the Hoopeston City Council.

Rachelle Miller, appointed last month to replace Carl Ankenbrand, who moved from the city, was named chairman of the ambulance/fire committee. Committee members are Bob Porth and former committee chair Robin Lawson.

Lawson now chairs the police committee. Ald. Joe Garrett, who chaired the committee before Carl Ankenbrand was appointed to the board in February, is now a committee member, along with Jesse Gonzalez.

Other committees and members are:

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Briefly
At the library
 Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:
Builders Club, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday. Like Legos? For kids of all ages! Free building, challenges, buddy

Committees continued from other side

- Civic, chaired by Kellie Ferrell, with Kyle Richards and Gonzalez as members.
- Cemetery, chaired by Garrett, with members Ferrell and Stephen Eyrich
- Finance, with Bob Porth as chair and Lawson and Eyrich as members.
- Parks, chaired by Richards with Garrett and Miller.
- Street/Alley, with Gonzalez as chair, with members Miller and Richards
- Water/Sewer, chaired by Eyrich, with Porth and Ferrell as members.

Changes were also made to the planning commission/zoning board. Longtime chairman Jim Richards resigned last year. Cody Moore was named as the new chairman. Members Shawn Swartzentruber and Charlene Ervin have been joined by Eric Zorns, Chris Newman and Lealoni Gress

builds and more
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.

Birthday open house
 An open House to celebrate Irene Mauls' 90th birth-

Council continued from other side

- Heard from Ald. Kyle Richards, parks committee chairman, who first reported he had nothing to report. "Yes you do," Wise said. "A ton of kids are using the skate park."

Richards then discussed how many youngsters have used the skate park, even when it was cold.

- Ald. Bob Porth, finance committee chairman, said now that Christmas was over, it was time to get back to business and asked departments to start working on numbers for the new fiscal year, which starts May 1, which, he said, is "going to be a challenge."

Wise concurred, saying it will be a year when departments will be asked what they can cut from their budgets.

- Heard from Ald. Kelly Ferrell, civic committee chairman, about the Main St. Parlor, a new candy and soda shop at 218 E. Main, that is set to open January 21.
- Tabled an item under Wise's comments about the NAPA frontage road because the parties had not been able to meet to discuss specifics.

The council on December 6 voted down paying for the road but at the December 20 meeting, NAPA owner Roger Dittrich and Dave McFadden, president of Hoopeston Retirement Village Foundation, asked the council to reconsider.

Weather
 Chance of drizzle, patchy fog today. High 51. tonight, chance of rain, fog. Low 44. Tomorrow, chance of rain. High 49, low 35.
 For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

day will be held from 2-5 p.m. January 14 at Chestnut Street Church of Christ, 709 E. Chestnut, Hoopeston. Please come and help Irene celebrate her 90th birthday.

From the Blotter
 Shawn A. Williams, 46, of Danville, was arrested after a traffic stop at Olympic Hardware, 516 N. Dixie Hwy. Wanted on an Illinois Department of Corrections warrant, he was taken processed at the police station, then taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

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