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City nearing end of one building problem, moving on another

Hoopeston officials are hoping to wind down one situation with a downtown building, while ramping up action on another.

At Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting, attorney Steve Miller reported talking to the attorney Edwin Barney, representing Bzzz Bar owner Brian Swinford. From that conversation, "I can say the check is almost in the mail," Miller said.

Money from the insurance company will be used to tear down the building, at 306 E. Main, which was extensively damaged in an early-morning fire on March 24, 2019.

As that building situation is remedied, officials have filed suit on another building, the former Lester's Drug Store, at 220 E. Main.

In February, Miller told the council that a 15-day notice was sent to Coss about the building.

On February 28, the city filed, in Vermilion County Circuit Court, a "petition for leave to demolish, repair, enclose or remediate building." On the same date, the city paid to the court a \$317 demolition fee.

Coss, who lives in the former store, and the city have tangled over the building for several years. In August 2018, the city approved an \$18,000 bid to demolish the building and in September, issued a 10-day notice to Coss to begin remediation. In early October, Coss attend-

ed a council meeting to report workers went into the building during the 10-day period and began removing items from it.

More recently, in 2020, officials approved an ordinance banning the burning of solid fuel and outdoor fires in the downtown fire limits and, in 2021, an ordinance barring people from living on the first floor of buildings in the fire limits, based on reports of activity at the building.

In other business, the council:
 • Approved, 5-0, a bid for a heat pump at the cemetery. Aldermen Jesse Gonzalez, Joe Garrett and Kyle Richards were absent.

See BUILDING on other side

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Briefly

Grave clean-up
It is time to get Floral Hill Cemetery ready for Spring. All winter grave decorations must be removed by Wednesday, March 22, 2023. Decorations that are not removed by the deadline will be removed by cemetery staff.

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.

Resident reminder
Are you looking for something to do Friday evening March 10th at 5:30pm? Join us for some free food made with love for people looking for an open door!! Ours is open and waiting for you! First Church of God 1004 E Orange. Hoopeston. Van pick up available contact the church at 217-283-6301.

Grief Share group
Hoopeston United Methodist Church will host Grief Share meetings beginning at 3 p.m. March 19. There is no cost to participate in the 13 week sessions. Pre-registration is requested to ensure enough workbooks for people participating. To pre-register, call 217-283-6738

Mon-Thurs., 8 a.m. to noon. For more information, call Pastor Kathy Murphy at 217-369-7813.

From the Blotter

A tire with rim was located Wednesday in the 600 block of East Penn. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Obituaries

MURPHY - Robert Ward Murphy, 72, of Danville, died at 9:55 a.m. Sunday, March 5, 2023, at home. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the 12 p.m. funeral Saturday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange St., Hoopeston, IL 60942. Condolences may be shared at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

THORNBROUGH - David Thornsbrough, 92, of Alvin, died at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at Accolade Healthcare, Danville. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Saturday at Alvin Church of Christ. Burial will be in Gundy Cemetery, Bismarck, with military honors by American Legion Post 210. Memorials are suggested to the church. Online condolences may be shared at www.rortvedtfuneralservices.com.

Building continued from other side

- Heard from Ald. Bob Porth that Good Energy is requesting an increase in the city's residential electric rate. The council is expected to act on the request at its March 21 meeting.
- Heard from Ald. Stephen Eyrich, water/sewer committee chairman, that Supt. Steve Baker returned to work this week and "is looking great."

Baker took medical leave in early December to receive treatment at the University of Chicago Medical Center for prolymphocytic leukemia. The treatment chemotherapy followed by stem cell therapy.

Weather

Mostly cloudy today, tonight. High 39, low 26. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy, of rain/snow likely late. High 41, low 30. Sunday, chance of rain/snow, then mostly cloudy. High 39, low 26.

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

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

City of Hoopeston Parks Department is accepting applications for dependable seasonal employees. Candidates must have a valid Driver's License and the ability to operate a lawn mower and other lawn equipment. You may apply for the position at cityofhoopeston.com/employment/ or at the City Hall Administration Office, 301 W Main St. Questions, please call 217-283-5833.

Needed CDL drivers and general labor for spring help at United Prairie-Hoopeston. Please call Jordan Reese/Manager 217/918-2876 or office 217/888-1064

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NOTICES

The City of Hoopeston Water Department is accepting sealed bids for a 2003 Chevrolet 4 Wheel Drive Pickup Truck. The truck can be viewed in the alley by the water treatment plant, 420 W Penn St., near the water tower. Bid specs are available at City Hall, 301 W Main St. Sealed bids are due at City Hall on Friday, March 31, 2023 by 10:00 AM and will be opened at 10:00 AM on Friday, March 31, 2023 at City Hall. You may contact City Hall at 217-283-5833 with any questions. The City of Hoopeston reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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