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City of Metropolis Alderman Bill Carrell, on right, was named the official Lighthouse Keeper of the Metropolis Hope Light in a ceremony on Dec. 8.

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Carrell named 'Lighthouse Keeper'

• Foundation receives \$10,000 donation

Staff Report

In a special ceremony commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Hope Light Foundation, City of Metropolis alderman Bill Carrell was named the official lighthouse keeper of the Metropolis Hope Light, located at Dorothy Miller Park. Awarding the designation on Dec. 8 was foundation co-founder Rudy Bess.

"If we need anything done to the lighthouse, we always call Bill," Bess said. Bess recounted the history of the lighthouse project and thanked Carrell for his service and support to the construction of the lighthouse. "He's done so much," he said.

In 2005, Bess contacted Metropolis Mayor Billy McDaniel with his idea for the lighthouse. The idea was approved by the city council and a resolution was signed. Carrell was brought on board to help with its organization, acting as the liaison between

the city and Bess. Since that beginning, Carrell has been chairman of the Metropolis Hope Light Project (MHLP) committee, the local arm for the Hope Light Foundation.

The lighthouse was erected on June 4, 2014 with the official dedication and lighting ceremony held Nov. 5, 2014.

In receiving his special designation, Carrell commented on the reason for the start of the foundation. "We will pray that this light will lead us on a course for a cure for cancer someday. Thank you," he said. It is Bess' dream to eventually install lighthouses all along the Ohio River.

"The first thing people think of when they think about Metropolis is Superman," said Bess. "We want people to immediately think of this light-house. This is the only one (lighthouse) in the world designed and constructed as a dedicated fight against cancer."

Bess noted that the



Rudy Bess, co-founder, of the Hope Light Foundation, was presented a check for \$10,000 from the George A. Bates Foundation. Presenting the donation was Mike Murray. The check presentation brings the total from the Bates Foundation to \$80,000 over the past eight years.

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first defense in that fight is education. Hope Light supplies that information in two ways: the foundation's website — hope-lightproject.com; and the Cancer Corners established at 14 libraries in Il-

linois, Indiana, Kentucky and Missouri, the first being at the Metropolis Public Library.

On hand during the ceremony and also receiv-

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Manhole project will aid with future sewer separation work

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Since work first began in the spring of 2013 to separate the City of Metropolis' remaining combined sewer lines, those involved have looked at various avenues available to ease the inflow and infiltration of those sewer lines to the city's wastewater treatment facilities.

One of those projects is called interceptor manhole rehabilitation.

At Monday's Metropolis City Council meeting, aldermen approved a quote of \$7594 to purchase items for the project.

Part of the city's Long Term Control Plan to reduce discharges of wastewater to the river, the interceptor manhole rehabilitation project was origi-

ter treatment facilities by forcing us to treat increased volumes of water, often beyond the permitted capacity of the plant," explained city attorney Rick Abell. "Reducing or eliminating inflow and infiltration saves on wear and tear at the treatment plant."

In other business, the council:

- After suspending the rules, adopted an ordinance approving the collective bargaining agreement between Metropolis Professional Firefighters Association IAFF Local 3367 and City of Metropolis.

- Adopted an ordinance enacting and adopting a supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Metropolis and Declaring an Emergency.

- Approved the recommendation by HMG En-

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ing special recognition for their support for the project were McDaniel, City of Metropolis Chief Financial Officer Tricia Suttles and Mike Murray from the George A. Bates Memorial Foundation. Suttles is also the treasurer for the foundation. Also recognized was Terra Temple, a reporter for the Metropolis Planet, for her support and media coverage of the Hope Light project since its inception.

Murray presented Bess with a \$10,000 donation to the Hope Light Foundation. This marks the eighth year for the donation, bringing the grand total from the Bates Foundation to \$80,000. The money will be used to fund education efforts and work toward helping individuals with cancer through treat-

ment funding.

The Metropolis Hope Light lighthouse was recently named an official attraction with the State of Illinois. It is also an official participating location in the United States Lighthouse Society's Passport Program with stamping available at the Metropolis Chamber of Commerce.

Hope Light Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit public charity. Personalized bricks at the Metropolis Hope Light are still available. They can be ordered at Metropolis Chamber of Commerce, Metropolis City Hall, Metropolis Public Library or City National Bank; or through www.hopelightproject.com or facebook.com/MetropolisHopeLight. Donations to the MHLP are also accepted.

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