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Hoopeston aldermen consider local sales tax to boost budget

Hoopeston residents may pay more at the checkout counter to balance the city budget.

The Hoopeston City Council on Tuesday discussed implementing a one quarter to one half percent sales tax to balance a proposed budget deficit of \$133,000.

The proposed budget has approximately 96 percent of last year's income—\$2,135,000—with a six percent increase in normal expenses totaling \$2,268,000, said Alderman Bill Goodwine, finance committee chairman.

The planned budget includes \$99,000 more for police to pay for officers originally hired under federal grants; a three percent increase in employee wages; \$41,000 in one-time expenses; and \$169,000 in accrual funds for such things as new fire trucks and police cars.

Goodwine said at a budget hearing Saturday, the council agreed on a need for a balanced budget and also that city cannot afford to cut any services, leaving increasing income as the only solution.

Whether the council can legally impose a sales tax is unclear. Newly-elected Mayor Chalmers Flint said he will check with William Nelson, newly-appointed city attorney, to determine if the tax can be added. Other sources of revenue, such as grants, should also be sought for such things as fire trucks, he said.

Alderman John Haughee said he would reluctantly

support a sales tax under the condition that if other sources of revenue are found, the tax would be reduced or eliminated. He suggested dipping into city reserves but Goodwine said he would favor that only if the shortfall were a one-time problem. "If it was a one-hurdle race, I would tend to agree with you," he said. "We're on the third hurdle and we've got 20 to go."

The sales tax issue will be decided before June 15. when the new budget will be implemented.

In unrelated action:

- · elected officials were sworn in by Judge Gordon Stipp, including aldermen Kevin Davis, Rod Kaag, Mike Eckersley and Goodwine; treasurer Edyth Bookwalter; city clerk Gail Lane and Mayor Flint.
- the council approved Ed Lotz as Ward 1 alderman, replacing Dave Borders and approved Ward 3 Alderwoman Sue Comstock's resignation.
- approved a \$27,000 revolving loan for Accent Healthcare to cover part of its \$134,000 expansion project. First National Bank of Danville financed the remainder. Company owner Julie Mullen will pay 71/4 percent interest on the loan.
- the council presented outgoing Mayor Bob Ault with a plaque commemorating his 12 years in office. Borders received a similar symbol of appreciation.

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Prom rovalty

Racheal Martin and Drew German were crowned queen and king at Hoopeston Area's prom Saturday night.

Members of their court included Heather Coon, Michelle Edwards, Abby Kuntz, Liz Newman, Tim Benjamin, Anthony Linares, Zach Roberts and Dustin Smith.

Tiny Tots

"Things that go" is the theme of Tiny Tots story program this week at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. The program begins at 10:30 a.m.

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Bowling Scores

Thursday Afternoon Ladies League Standings 4/26/01

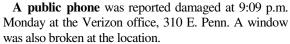
1 Pla-Mor Lanes	58	32
2. Crunch's	561/2	331/2
3. Rex's	511/2	381/2
4. 4 MRS	501/2	391/2
5. Gress I	49	41
6. Knuth's	42	48
7. H&R Block	391/2	501/2
8. Bye	13	77
High Team Game: Crunch's 8	347: High Tear	m Series

High Team Game: Crunch's 847; **High Team Series**: Pla-Mor 2,362; **High Individual Game**: Glenda Reed 224; **High Individual Series**: Glenda Reed 552.

Hoopeston Women's Bowling League Standings 4/23/01

54	36
52	38
491/2	401/2
48	42
471/2	421/2
46	44
43	47
42	48
40	50
40	50
40	50
38	52
	52 49½ 48 47½ 46 43 42 40 40

Police News



Two people were arrested at 10:16 p.m. Monday at the Downtown Motel, 200 E. Main.

Juan Torres Jr., 26, of Ambia, Ind., and Dennis M. Venecia, 20, of 813 E. McNeil, were charged with disorderly conduct after a disturbance at the motel.

Each was released on a notice to appear.

Police are investigating an apparent suicide in the 400 block of East Main.

Officers were called at 8:14 p.m. to a report of a gun fired. They found a 19-year-old deceased woman at the home.

Police said an investigation is ongoing but that the incident is being handled as a suicide.

New Books at the Library



Fiction:

Krondor, Tear of the Gods by Raymond E. Feist (science fiction)

The Parables of Joshua by Joseph F. Girzone (inspirational)

Dreamcatcher by Stephen King

Storm Track by Margaret Maron (mystery)

Faithless by Joyce Carol Oates (story collection)

Potshot by Robert B. Parker

Icy Sparks by Gwyn Hyman Rubio (Oprah's Book Club)

The Gadget by Paul Zindel (youth)

Non-fiction:

Joslin Diabetes Manual

Smart Guide to Healing Back Pain by Carole Bodger Great International Diabetic Desserts by Karin Cadwell Cliques: 8 Steps to Help Your Child Survive the Social Jungle by Charlene C. Giannetti

Classic Fishing Lures and Tackle by Eric L. Sorenson

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital April 30

Admitted: Miguel Zamarripa, Hoopeston. **Discharged**: none.

Weather



Partly sunny, windy today. High 83. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 58. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 83, low 59.

For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston** Weather Line at (217) 283-6221.

High Team Game: R&R Body Shop 1,104, B.J.'s Pump 1,046, Family Affair 1,028; **High Team Series**: R&R Body Shop 3,041, Rethelford Carpeting 3,012, Kankakee Federal 2,998.

High Individual Game: Glenda Reed 253, Nikki Davis 228, Helen Taflinger 226; **High Individual Series**: Glenda Reed 623, Helen Taflinger 603, Candis Clayborn 602.

Games over 200: Karen Porth 220, Helen Taflinger 226, Nikki Davis 228, Candis Clayborn 201, 203, Barb Rethelford 202, Glenda Reed 253.

Series over 500: Karen Porth 567, Helen Taflinger 603, Candis Clayborn 602, Barb Rethelford 504, Suzanne Lawson 529, Glenda Reed 623, Mona Birch 520.

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