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## Hoopeston council amends ordinance for New Year's Eve

Partygoers will have an extra hour to ring in the new year at local watering holes.

The Hoopeston City Council on Tuesday approved a one-time change in the city's liquor ordinance allowing bars to be open until 1 a.m. New Year's Day.

The ordinance calls for all bars to close at midnight on weekdays.

Alderman Ed Lotz, chairman of the city's civic improvement committee, recommended the change, which will be effective for this year only.

Future New Year's Eve guidelines will be spelled out when the committee makes a recommendation to the full council on other alcohol-related matters, such as Sunday sales in Hoopeston.

Lotz told the council the committee is not yet ready to make a recommendation on Sunday sales, nor on a requested ordinance on fences in the city. At least one more committee meeting is needed before the committee will make suggestions to the council, Lotz

said.

In unrelated business, Alderman Kevin Davis said the new aeration system is up and running at the lagoons. The power was turned on last week and reverse flow is set to begin Thursday.

The aeration system is expected to cut down on the odor emanating from the lagoons which are used to treat waste from Hoopeston Foods. The system is also expected to be more cost effective, using fewer chemicals for treatment.

In other action, the council:

- approved a contract with Grant Township for rural fire protection. The township will pay the city \$13,000 for 2003. The contract is the same as it has been for two years with the exception of the final payment date which will be in March, not January.
- learned the city will host the Central Illinois Municipal Officers Association dinner on Jan. 16. Approximately 85 people are expected to attend.

## Briefly

### Winners

December winners in the Women Making a Difference drawing are: Don Sherrill, \$25; Louise Reece, \$15; and the Don Dixon family, \$10.

### Concert winner

Annette Gaddis was the \$100 concert winner in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing Tuesday.

### Paper closed

Just the Facts will not be printed Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 24 and 25. Publication will resume Dec. 26.

### Food for Fines

The Hoopeston Public Library will accept food for

fines on overdue library items during December. All donations will be given to the Grant Township Food Cupboard.

Each food item will count towards \$1 of the fine. This is for overdue items only. Lost items will still require full payment for replacement.

For more information, call (217) 283-6711.

### Coat drive

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