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Hoopeston City Council eliminates Main St. parking space

Handicapped parking on the north side of Main Street is a thing of the past—at least temporarily.

At Tuesday night's regular Hoopeston City Council meeting, the board narrowly approved doing away with the special parking space with the understanding that another alternative be found.

Alderman Jerry Yonkers, who has addressed the issue for the past few meetings, led discussion on the matter by saying he did not feel he could recommend removing the parking space.

Alderman Carl Ankenbrand said he spoke with a representative of the Illinois Attorney General's office who told him she believed there were no state laws about on-street handicapped parking. Ankenbrand continued with a recommendation that the parking space be eliminated and the council look towards a vacant lot between Rentway and the Lorraine Theatre II as a place to create handicapped parking. Alderman Brandon Hamilton said the property owner, Paul Drullinger, is willing to sell the property and Yonkers added Drullinger's selling price is reasonable.

The final vote was 5-3 in favor of eliminating the space, with members Gail Lane, Yonkers and Bill Goodwine voting against it.

The issue was originally raised by Tom Sheridan, owner of Sheridan's Appliances, who requested something be done to allow him to load and unload merchandise close to his store. Sheridan said he sometimes used the parking space but hesitated to do so after fines for handicapped parking violations were raised Jan. 1.

In unrelated business, Grant Township Road Commissioner Gary Weinard addressed the council, asking for a waiver of building permit fees for the new township garage currently under construction and requesting city water and sewer lines be run to the new building.

The council unanimously approved waiving the \$375 fee and Alderman Bill Crusinberry said the water committee will review a cost estimate from engineers Dailey & Associates. Crusinberry did not release figures in the estimate saying after the meeting that amounts will be reviewed, then discussed with Weinard and the township board.

In other business, the council:

- Heard a request from Scott Hudson of Monical's that at the next meeting, the council discuss the possibility of allowing the eatery to serve bottled beer.
- Learned a Hoopeston beautification meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at city hall.

Valentine Gift Suggestions

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 the Junior Women's Club.**
 Winners in our drawing were:
 Snowblower: *Lawrence Ault*
 Chamber Bucks: *Tom Spear*
Community Bank
Kathy Butterworth
Paul Kelnhofer

— **Briefly** —

Tiny Tots
 “Something Sweet” is the theme of this week’s Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library children’s room. Tiny Tots meets 10:30 a.m. Fridays and 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays for children ages 1-4.

Financial aid night
 Hoopeston Area High School and Danville Area Community college will host a College Financial Aid

Obituaries

ALT—Russell E. Alt, 87, of rural East Lynn died at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006 at his son’s home in rural East Lynn. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at East Lynn United Methodist Church. Burial will be in East Lynn Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Thursday at Brown Alkire Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Carle Hospice.


POTTER—Elizabeth Potter, 84, of rural Rossville died at 11:50 a.m. Monday, Feb. 6, 2006 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Wolfe Funeral Home, Rossville. Burial will be in Rossville Cemetery. Visitation will be 3-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Regional Hospital Hospice Unit.



Photo contributed

Strutting their stuff
 Hoopeston Area wrestlers show off for the camera in preparation for Friday’s sectional competition. Pictured are, from left, Kasey Carl, Wes Leemon, TJ Warner, Zac Crabtree, Patrick Sheppard and Cody Leemon

night from 6-8 p.m. Thursday in the high school computer lab. HAHS guidance counselor Kay Brown and DACC staff will be available to help with FAFSA forms and answering questions.

Weather 

Increasing clouds today. High 36. Tonight ,chance of snow. Low 22. Tomorrow, chance of flurries. High 33, low 18.
 For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service (217) 283-6221.

 **Sweetheart Dance**
Saturday, Feb. 11
 DJ 8:45 p.m.-1 a.m.
 Valentine door prizes
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