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City council approves liquor license for Mexican restaurant

If you'd like a margarita with your burrito, Miguel and Felipe Rebollo will be able to do that.

The men, along with Mikki Rebollo, attended Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting to request a Class AAA liquor license for the restaurant, to be located in the former CVS Building in Hoopeston Plaza.

The Rebollos will lease the entire building, at first using only part of it for the restaurant, but leaving room for expansion, said contractor Roger Jackson, who has been working with the men on plans to revamp the building.

In a letter to the council requesting the liquor license,

the Rebollos said Miguel Rebollo, with 12 years in the restaurant business, manages El Vaquero in Mattoon, while Felipe Rebollo, with five years in the business, manages Los Zarapes in Mahomet.

The council voted 6-1 to approve a new Class AAA license. Alderwoman Nancy Stipp voted against the measure.

Two such licenses exist and are held by Pizza Hut and Monical's. The AAA license limits alcohol sales to diners only during hours food is served. No package sales are allowed.

See COUNCIL on other side

Friends plan benefit for 12-year-old Bismarck boy

BISMARCK—Friends and family of a Bismarck boy are gathering to raise money for his family.

Ashton Norwell was born with a heart condition. He had his first open heart surgery when he was three weeks old and another when he was six.

Now 12, he is recovering from his third surgery after his heart stopped while he was at school on March 25. School nurse Josie Siddens, used the AED defibrillator three times to revive him before Ashton was taken to St. Francis Hospital in Peoria. While undergoing a heart catheterization, Ashton's heart stopped



ASHTON NORWELL

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again and was shocked back to life.

Ashton's dad, Justin, is dealing not only with the emotions stemming from his son's illness, but also with family finances. A single father, Mr. Norwell holds a seasonal job. He had been back at work for three days when Ashton's heart stopped and he was recently denied unemployment benefits because he is not actively looking for a job.

To help the family, a benefit will be held Saturday at Bismarck High School's new cafeteria. A chili dinner will begin at 4 p.m., lasting until 8 p.m. or until the chili is gone. Cost is \$5 per person. A silent auction will be

Council continued from other side

While the council sets the number of licenses in each category, the sitting mayor approves who receives each license. Mayor Bill Crusinberry expressed enthusiasm for the project, saying the new restaurant would provide "no direct competition" to existing restaurants.

In unrelated business, the council approved amending the redevelopment agreement for Tax Increment Financing district 2, which includes the new CVS and will include the new McDonald's.

Under the new agreement, which governs how eligible redevelopment costs are repaid to the developer, development company First Equity Group will receive the lesser of TIF eligible costs or \$1.285 million. For Phase 2, the amount is the lesser of TIF eligible costs or \$509,000.

Money will come from increased taxes on the property. The difference between the existing taxes and those on the development will go into the city's TIF fund and will be split between the city and the developer. For

held from 4-7 p.m., along with a raffle and 50/50 drawing.

Monetary donations are also being accepted at Landmark Credit Union, 506 West Fairchild Street, Danville. Earmark donations to "Ashton Norwell Fund."

Those who would like to donate to the chili supper or silent auction may contact Tim Hillard, (217) 759-3501, jmbcg@gmail.com or Chris Landis, (217) 274-2635, wald1274@aol.com.

While grownups worry about money, Ashton is concerned about getting back to his life goal, becoming a taekwondo instructor. Despite his heart issues, Ashton is

Phase 1, the developer will receive 70 percent of the increase, with the city getting 30 percent but in Phase 2, both will split the increase 50-50.

In unrelated business, the council:

- Approved the final plat for Prairie Meadows housing development but took no action on a needed Certificate of Occupancy for the project.

- Narrowly approved funding a motel feasibility study for property at Routes 1 and 9. The study, which could cost as much as \$6,000 plus \$1,000 for out-of-pocket expenses, was approved by council members Carl Ankenbrand, Sue Comstock, Bill Goodwine and Jeff Johnson, while Ed Lotz, Bill McElhaney and Nancy Stipp voted against it.

- Approved purchasing an updated phone system for \$6,800 from Digital Communications.

- Approved a \$5,486 bid from Farming with Flowers for perpetual urns.

- Approved Motor Fuel Tax resolutions to cover North Market Street work. The project will use all the city's allotment of MFT funds for the year, said Alderman Jeff Johnson, street/alley committee chairman. New MFT funds will not be available until February 2011.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 68. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 48. Tomorrow, thunderstorms likely. High 66, low 55.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

currently holds a black belt in the martial art.

Information and updates on Ashton's condition are available on "Nationwide Prayer Group for Ashton Norwell" on Facebook.com.

Classifieds

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