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Council committee still struggling with city liquor issues

Hoopeston aldermen are having a difficult time reaching consensus on what to do about a request from owners of a convenience store to sell hard liquor.

Sunny Singh, manager of Hoopeston Marathon, had requested a change in categories, from a beer and wine license, which the store has, to one that would allow hard liquor sales.

Following a meeting in August, the civic improvement committee recommended increasing the number of some licenses and adding a BB classification, for restaurants wanting to serve beer and wine. While the new class was approved, the increase in numbers was not.

The committee met again Wednesday night to discuss Singh's request, along with one from Doug Wagoner about video gaming hours, which are tied to hours that alcohol is allowed to be served in the city.

The committee will bring the gaming issue to the full council at its meeting Tuesday to discuss whether alcohol sales hours will be extended, allowing Wagoner and other liquor establishments to have longer hours for patrons to play the state-approved poker machines.

Committee chairman Larry Baughn said he will also bring up Singh's request, in the event that a council

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Lunch Menus

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A **key ring** with about a dozen keys was found Wednesday laying near the street at McNeil and Fourth St. The owner may identify and claim them at the police station.

April D. Hulett, 35, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 12:30 a.m. Thursday in the 400 block of East Chest-

nut. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear, she was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of bond.

Gail D. “Cotton” Savage, 54, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 7:40 a.m. Thursday in the 500 block of North Tenth Ave. Wanted on a Vermilion County

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WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, celery sticks, bread & butter, pears, milk

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FRIDAY: Hamburger/bun tator tots, cucumber slices, mixed fruit, milk

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THURSDAY: Mini cornndog or cheeseburger, baked beans, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pizza or fish sandwich, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

Liquor continued from other side

member will make a motion to approve it.

At the September 3 meeting, no council member made a motion to approve the request.

The issue was brought up again on September 16, but was not acted on after Alderman Carl Ankenbrand said he thought it, along with Wagoner’s request, would be discussed in committee and brought to the council together.

“I don’t see what the issue is here,” Mayor Bill Crusinberry said at Wednesday’s meeting, adding there had already been discussion and lack of action on the request. “I don’t know where we’re going with this.”

Sony Singh, an owner of Hoopeston Marathon, said

owners have plans to increase signage on Rtes. 1 and 9 to direct traffic to the store, which would result in increased sales and more tax revenue for the city.

Mike Morris, owner of Ted’s Home Beverage, said Hoopeston had 7,000 residents and now has 5,400, yet still has the same number of liquor licenses, while Andy Braden, owner of BJ’s Pump, said a price war is underway.

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