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Council evenly split on increasing number of liquor licenses

A request from Sunny Singh to have a hard liquor license at Hoopeston Marathon was defeated after the city council split on whether to increase the number of liquor licenses available in the city.

Voting in favor of the increase were aldermen Joe Fell, Carl Ankenbrand, Randy Carter and Bill McElhaney. On the flip side were council members Brandon Hamilton, Bill Goodwine, Nancy Stipp and Larry Baughn.

Mayor Bill Crusinberry declined to break the tie. "I will not vote," he said. "that's like rewriting the ordinance."

The measure sought to increase the number of Class A package liquor licenses from two to five; Class B - for packaged beer and wine sales - from two to three and would have allowed three of the newly-created BB licenses, which allow beer and wine to be served at restaurants during hours that food is available.

In other business, the council approved a request from Scott Hudson and Darrin Brewster of the Hoopeston



JR Cummings, of Washington, IL. Reads the final report of the Community Development Assistance Grant Hoopeston received to pay part of the cost of a new water main to Heritage Manor Nursing Home. A public hearing Tuesday was part of closing out the project.

Jaycees, to use the Willdon Building as a haunted house. Hudson said the haunted house will be open the weekends of October 11-13, 18-20, 25-27, during the annual Spooktacular downtown on October 29 and Halloween, October 31.



The Jaycees plan to use the first two floors of the building, with visitors going in the front door, up the front stairs, through the second floor, down the back stairway and back to the front door. The elevator and upper floors will not be used for the project.

The haunted house will be open from 7-11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 7-10 p.m. Sundays. Funds from the project will be used for the Jaycees' Christmas pro-

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Justin Plecker, 30, of Hoopeston, was arrested on a complaint from a 22-year-old Hoopeston man who alleged at 12:14 a.m. Tuesday that Plecker stole a Kindle from his residence in the 700 block of North Eighth Ave.

Plecker was taken to the Public Safety Building in lieu of bond.

Donald E. Underwood Jr., 26, of Hoopeston, was

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arrested after an incident at 11:40 a.m. Tuesday in the 100 block of West Main. He was charged with battery on a complaint from a 17-year-old Hoopeston woman who alleged Underwood struck her.

He was released on a notice to appear.

Barry E. Moore, 47, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 4:10 p.m. Tuesday to Centennial Manor. Moore, who was barred from the property, was

charged with criminal trespass to state-supported property and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

A **light blue** Kent Rock Candy bicycle was found Tuesday. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

The **driver** of a red truck with a load of tires in the bed failed to pay for \$40 in fuel at 3:54 p.m. Tuesday at Casey's General Store, 115 E. Orange.



Court Dispositions



August 1, 2013

Bryce Dyszkewicz, Hoopeston, fined \$280 for unlawful assembly; status update September 5.

Heather Cibirka, Hoopeston, fined \$280 for general nuisance; status update October 3.

Bradley Thompson, Hoopeston, fined \$280 for assault; status update October 3.

Kenneth Irwin, Crete, failed to appear for general nuisance, found guilty by default; sentencing September

5.

Aaron Linares, Hoopeston, battery charge dismissed.

Donald Underwood Jr., Hoopeston, two assault cases dismissed.

Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday to Country Terrace, 705 E. Orange, for an active fire alarm that was found to be a false alarm.

Council continued from other side

jects.

In his role as chairman of the Chamber of Commerce's Spooktacular, Hudson asked to have Main Street closed from Bank to Third during that event, to be held from 5:30- 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 29.

In unrelated business, the council:

- Heard from JR Cummings, of Washington, IL, consultant on the city's Community Development Assistance Program grant for a water main from the Main Street water building to the new Heritage Manor nursing home.

- Heard from Ankenbrand that the city will move forward on a splash pad to replace the kiddy pool at McFerren Park.

Ankenbrand also talked about shelters at the park that need or have been repaired.

- Heard from McElhaney that his statement at the last meeting about water filtration systems was a suggestion, not a requirement, to those who experience rust in their water. He requested residents not call the women in the water department office about the matter. "Please don't call the girls because it really does frustrate them," he

said.

McElhaney expects work on the ground and aerial storage tanks to increase the amount of rust in the water but said actual work on the tanks is not expected to begin until spring.

- Approved the final draft of an agreement between Hoopeston and Arrow Ambulance for management of the city ambulance service.

- Heard from resident Karon Gibson about drivers who pass stopped school buses. Gibson, who drives a bus, said many people are going around buses even though the stop arm is out. "it's dangerous for those babies," she said.

Hamilton said he will speak with Police Chief Mark Drollinger and Mark Eighner, Hoopeston Area transportation director.

Weather



Showers likely today. High 80. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 65. Tomorrow, sunny, chance of storms late. High 86, low 67.

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