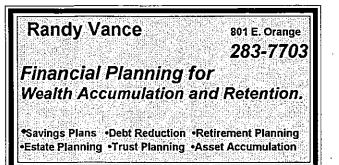
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Planning commission nixes zoning request

Casey's General Stores may not be coming to Hoopeston, at least not if the city council follows the Hoopeston planning commission's recommendation.

The commission voted 4-2 not to recommend rezoning a one-acre portion of land along Route 9 for Casev's.

Casey's and the Hoopeston Industrial Corporation, property owners, requested a change from I2, industrial, to B1 commercial, to allow Casey's to build along Route 9 south of Market Street.

However, three residents spoke against rezoning.

Ora J. Baer, a 22-year former HIC member and past president, praised the corporation's 63-acre tract, saying it's location and the availability of water, sewer, gas and electricity made it an ideal site for industry. Baer also criticized the HIC board saying "I frankly don't think we've been working for industry. I don't think we've been doing anything."

Baer said that although the property has not sold in the 40 years since the HIC incorporated.

proper marketing, targeting the Chicago area, could change that. "You're going to see a big increase in small manufacturing," he said. "It doesn't take any more time to talk to an industry...than it does to talk to a filling station, a restaurant. You just talk to different people."

Jean Minnick, an HIC shareholder, also argued against rezoning. "Our dirty laundry with the Hoopeston Industrial Corporation should have been aired at a shareholder's meeting," she said, adding that while notices were sent to shareholders, mailing them Saturday was "sort of backhanded, the way it's being handled." Minnick accused the HIC board of "taking (shareholders) down the pea patch without us having a voice."

And resident Kim Burch called industry "the breath of Hoopeston. Growth is possible," she said. "Industries are coming out of the big city."

HIC secretary Bill Orr responded that since the decision to sell land to Casev's was announced in December, only three shareholders complained about the potential sale and three others called for See "Zoning" on other side

Ag department rules frustrate C&S producers

Local farmers, unhappy with C&S Grain owner Steve Syfrett, are equally unhappy with Department of Agriculture regulations.

More than 150 farmers attended a C&S creditor information meeting at Rossville-Alvin High School Monday afternoon to air their concerns to ag department personnel.

C&S voluntarily surrendered its grain license

Dec. 13. The license was suspended by the Dept. of Agriculture Dec. 3.

Payments and fairness topped the list of producer concerns.

Producers who had grain stored at C&S facilities, but who have not been paid, must wait for

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Grain continued from other side

their money, while farmers who had contracts with the company but stored their grain privately are free to dispose of the grain, said Judy Lozier, Dept. of Agriculture attorney.

Russell Leigh argued the point with Lozier, saying Illinois law states assets of the grain dealer will be seized. "That's not their assets, those are my assets," he said.

However, Lozier said that all grain stored at the facility had to be seized and eventually sold. "The statute is very narrow about what the department can and cannot do," she said.

Jackie Redman of Danville spoke for many in the room when she said "farmers don't want anyone else to sell their grain." Redman urged State Sen. Harry "Babe" Woodyard and State Rep. Bill Black, who spoke about pending changes in the Illinois Grain Code, to "give the power back to the farmers," by changing the law to let farmers retrieve grain from failed elevators.

Farmers are not the only ones hurt by C&S. Lori Smith, a company employee, questioned Lozier about her wages. "Who are we working for," she asked.

Lozier apologized, but said the department "cannot pay the overdue bills of C&S Grain, nor can we meet their payroll."

Hearings claims will be Feb. 9-10. Claims will be based on Dec. 13 prices: \$2.91 for white corn; \$6.65 for beans; and \$2.76 for yellow corn.

Zoning continued from other side information.

Bill Barret, in charge of Casey's stores in Illinois, said adding a Casey's often brings other other commercial ventures into a town.

Planning commission members Fred Zemke, Peter Chorney, Jeff Maire and Dick Smith voted against rezoning, while Bill Decker and Lloyd Blackwell voted in favor.

HIC members were surprised by the planning commission decision. "We're disappointed," said Dick Read.

Orr called the hearing "fair," saying "all things were heard - sort of."

The Hoopeston city council is expected to vote on the issue Jan. 18.

In the hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital Jan. 6, 1994

Admitted: John Klaber and Edward Briggs, both of Hoopeston.

Discharged: Hazel Long, Hoopeston.

Jan. 7, 1994

Admitted: Sarah Osborne, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

Jan. 8, 1994

Admitted: Crystal Yazzie, Hoopeston. Discharged: John Klaber, Hoopeston.

Jan. 9, 1994

Admitted: Fred Obenland and Wade Swartz, both of Hoopeston; Carl Nelson, Rosssville.

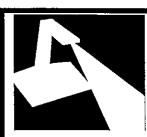
Discharged: Clarence Hufford, Hoopeston.

Obituaries

OSBORN, Sarah M., 67, of Hoopeston, died at 3:52 a.m. Monday, Jan. 10, 1994 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Graveside services will be 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Floral Hill Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Weather

Cloudy this morning, then partial clearning. High in the low to mid 30s. Tonight, partial cloudiness. Low in the low to mid 30s. Tomorrow, variable cloudiness. High near 42, low around 28.



Spotlight on... Warf's on 2nd Warf's Marathon

There's only one place in town where Hoopeston residents can fill their cars up with gas and find the latest in sports equipment.

That's at the corner of Second Avenue between Main and Penn, home of Warf's Marathon and Warf's on Second.

Owned by Gary and Teri Warf, Warf's on Second offers collegiate and sports hats, jerseys, shirts and sweats; golf equipment and exercise equipment, including mats and hand weights, and unique Zingerback products.

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