



No action taken on Casey's request for liquor license

A request for an additional liquor license in Hoopeston will not be decided until January.

The Hoopeston city council took no action on a request from Casev's General Stores for a class B liquor license at its new facility, to be built on Route 1

Mayor Bob Ault brought the request to the council although Casey's representatives did not attend Tuesday's meeting. Ault said company officials called Friday afternoon, saving they would be unable to attend.

While no action was taken, aldermen briefly discussed the request.

"Wasn't it about a year ago that a local man wanted a license for a package store," asked alderman Dave Borders.

National rating firm gives **Community Bank high marks**

Bauer Financial Reports, Inc., of Coral Gables, Fla., a bank research and rating firm, announced that Community Bank of Hoopeston received its five-star rating for the 25th consecutive quarter.

The rating, based on analysis of June 30 financial information, ranks Community Bank as superior for safety, strenghth and performance. The rating indicates Community Bank's tangible capital exceeds nine percent of tangible assets; its risk-based capital ration exceeds 9.85 percent; and delinquencies and repossessed assets are manageable.

Bauer Financial Reports Inc. analyzes, compiles data on and rates all U.S. banks, thrifts and credit unions.

That man, Alan Reece, requested, but was not granted, a license for a package liquor store almost two years ago.

Alderman Mark Drollinger said a new license would "jeopardize the man next door who put his life savings into an addition."

Sam Browne, owner of BJ's Pump, added a package store to his existing bar earlier this year.

Alderman Mike Eckersley said creating one license would result in the need to create others. "Once you open the flood gates, the water keeps coming," he said.

Casey's officials are expected to present their case. next month. The company already has one class B liquor license for its store on Route 9. A second class See LICENSE on other side

Briefly

Winter's here

It may not be winter officially, but a look outside says otherwise.

Despite deep drifts, Hoopeston received only two inches of snow Monday night and early Tuesday, said weather watcher John Mushrush. "It blew around so much, it's hard to measure," he said,

Yard decorating contest

Friday is the last day for entries in the Christmas vard decorating contest sponsored by the Hoopeston Jaycees and Just the Facts. Winners in traditional, religious and most original categories will receive \$20 prizes. Send nominations to: Just the Facts, P.O. Box 441, Hoopeston, IL, 60942,

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