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City hears requests for more youth services, warehousing

Aldermen heard from residents about the need for more youth services and a request to stop a warehousing operation in greater Hoopeston.

Nineteen-year-old Tony Jenkins appealed to the council at its meeting Monday night to provide more youth programs and involve more than just high school youth in the process.

Jenkins suggested the former Schumacher Electric building on Rt. 9 be donated for use as a teen dance club run by and for teens, with proceeds used for other teen programs.

"I am a bit disheartened and discouraged when I look at the lives of young people," Jenkins told the council, adding many youngsters are involved in "promiscuous sex, drug abuse and alcohol abuse."

Claiming credit for the idea of a youth council, Jenkins said programs are needed for more than just high school students. "What about the 12-, 13-, 14-year olds and even 19-year-olds like me who are involved with drugs," he said.

Mayor Bill DeWitt said the Schumacher building is private property and Alderman Carl Ankenbrand said he is still working on creating a skate park in Hoopeston although youth enthusiasm for the project seems to have waned. As for drug and alcohol use among youngsters, "it seems to be accepted in town," he said.

Aldermen suggested Jenkins work with a group currently meeting at the Nazarene church that is working to fund a youth center or through the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, which also meets in Hoopeston.

"I have no personal objection to working with religious or non-religious groups," Jenkins said.

Max Page of Price-Less Foods said the store has a grill that holds "at least 100 hamburgers" and that the store has offered store discounts for groups that want to use it as a fundraiser but that no one has agreed. "So many people are afraid of work," he said.

Jenkins said he used to be that way, too, but that he has changed. He added that youth need leadership not from adults but from within their own ranks.

In other resident discussion, Robert Mayberry asked for an update on what had been done concerning a warehouse on North Tenth Ave.

Mayberry originally complained about the issue at the Sept. 19 meeting, saying a trucker loads a truck from the building early in the morning and has backed in on Mayberry's property.

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At that meeting, aldermen Ed Lotz and Jerry Yonkers, neither of whom were at Tuesday's meeting, said they would look into the problem.

Tuesday night, Mayberry said he was not opposed to the building but "I want somebody to show me where that's zoned for business."

DeWitt responded that it must be determined if it is, in fact, a business.

City attorney Brian Manion compared the situation to someone parking a police car at a residence. "That doesn't make it a police station," he said, referring Mayberry to zoning administrator John Holt.

That answer satisfied neither Mayberry nor his wife, Dee. "I knew they wouldn't do anything," Mrs. Mayberry said.

"I knew I was up a creek before I came up here," he said.

Another issue for Mayberry is weeds and other nuisances at Vermilion Iron, which he first raised at the Sept. 19 meeting. Tuesday night, he showed pictures of the plant, referring to it as "Hollywood."

In unrelated business, the council:

•Heard from DeWitt about the need for rummage sale signs to be removed from poles in the city. Failure to do so will soon result in tickets being written, he said.

•Approved bids to sell an ambulance and rescue truck but rejected a bid on an aerial truck.

Lee Cox of Hoopeston Memorials was the winning bidder for the rescue truck with a bid of \$8,569. Other bids received were for \$7,501 from Danner Construction, Rossville; \$6,027.50 from Tim Graves; \$3,175 from Rolland King and \$2,555 from Mark Hathaway. Hathaway was the winning bidder for the ambulance with a \$755 bid. His \$750 bid for the ladder truck was rejected. Alderman Brandon Hamilton, fire committee chairman, said the department had invested too much in money and time to accept the bid. The city will pursue other options for the truck.

Police News

An employee of Casey's General Store, 1022 W. Penn, reported at 4:13 p.m. Tuesday that someone left without paying for \$32.99 in gas. At 8:56 p.m., the manager reported the gas had been paid for.

Obituaries

YOUNG—Cahley R. Young, 21 months, of Normal died at 2:26 a.m. Monday, Oct. 2, 2006 at Bromenn Regional Medical Center, Normal. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Cissna Park. Burial will be in Sugar Creek Cemetery, Stockland. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park and will be one hour before service Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the family or charity of the donor's choice.

Weather

Partly cloudy today. High 65. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 41. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 69, low 45.

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•Approved a resolution backing up a contract with ERH Enterprises, the company that performs the city's sanitary sewer operations. The council voted in July 2005 to approve a five-year contract extension but did not then approve a resolution.



Pee Wee Bowling

This is the last week to sign up for Pee Wee bowling for children ages 3-7. Cost is \$40 for the entire year. To sign up, call Pla-Mor Lanes, (217) 283-5195.

Neighborhood Watch

Frank Young, Vermilion County State's Attorney and candidate for judge, will be the featured speaker at the Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting at 6p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10 at Country Terrace.

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