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City business owners address council about liquor licenses

Frank Smith, owner of Sav-U-Mor Food Store, wants to make sure that if a "big box" store comes to Hoopeston, it won't be put higher on the list of businesses requesting a liquor license than his is.

Smith, along with owners of Hoopeston Convenience Store and Hoop Shell, spoke at Tuesday night's Hoopeston City Council meeting about liquor licenses for their businesses.

Smith said having a liquor license might improve his business and that the city would also benefit by increased sales tax revenue. "The city could help us grow in the community," he said.

Smith said Walmart is his biggest competitor. "They buy liquor licenses just like that," he said, snapping his fingers. Walmart is building smaller stores in smaller communities, he said, seeking assurance that such a store would not be granted a license before his store would be.

Kenneth Gomes, owner of the Shell station, said most of his customers come off of Rtes. 1 and 9. Gomes said the inability to sell liquor means he is losing inside sales, as customers who would buy chips and other snacks, fail to do so when they cannot also buy alcohol.

Gomes said that about two weeks ago, a woman wanted to purchase alcohol but since he has not available, "I had to guide her to the next business in town," he said. "People want to do all their business in one place and will go to the store that carries (everything)."

Convenience has a beer and wine license but owner Rocky Palak said he would also like to sell hard liquor.

"There is not strong sentiment on the council to change the number of liquor licenses," Alderman Bill Crusinberry told the men.

Crusinberry said the council examined the ordinance which lists the numbers and types of each classification of liquor license. Changing the number of licenses

would require changing the ordinance, but, he said, the number should be increased only if the community feels more are needed, not because business owners want licenses. "There's a lot of businesses selling liquor in town," he added.

In unrelated discussion, Crusinberry said the water department is experiencing problems with the electronic starter on one of its four pumps.

Also, Hoopeston is taking part in a water consumption survey being conducted by an east central Illinois regional planning group. The survey, which is expected to take about a year, is being done in Chicago and the collar counties and some communities on the Mahomet aquifer, including Hoopeston and Watseka. The survey is in response to Chicago officials who wanted to implement water-related rules that would have cost people in downstate Illinois, he said.

In other business, the council:

Heard from economic developer Shannon Ruh about a town meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday at St. Anthony parish hall to review the work of recent mapping sessions. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

Heard from Alderman Carl Ankenbrand that part of the fence on the north side of McFerren Park will be replaced by Alvin Fence Company. Next year's budget is expected to include funds to replace the rest of the fence.

Discussed the hanging of banners and Christmas decorations. Mayor Bill DeWitt asked for and was given permission to find people willing to do the work.

Unanimously approved Barbara "Bobbie" Redden as a new auxiliary police officer.

Heard a letter from Jeanne Lotz about conditions at the civic center, including wiring issues and problems in the

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Police News



No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 10:52 a.m. Monday at 706 S. Market. Police said Andrew J. Cornelius, in a 1996 Honda and Jeramy R. Dobkins, in a 1989 Jeep, backed from driveways across the street from each other and collided.

Justin G. Dale, 29, of 203 Donovan, Wellington, was arrested at 11:15 p.m. Tuesday in the parking lot of Second Chance Saloon, 102 N. Market.

While answering another call, officers saw what appeared to be a disturbance in the parking lot. Police said Dale refused to identify himself or cooperate with police. Dale then allegedly kicked an officer in the shin.

He was charged with resisting/obstructing a peace officer and aggravated battery of a peace officer and was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville.

Hoopeston to be site of first DACC *Coffee and Conversation*

DANVILLE—Danville Area Community College invites the public to become a part of its planning process through a series of “listening” sessions intended to gain input from citizens in the district. President Alice Marie Jacobs will host the first *Coffee and Conversation with the President* at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 4 in the community room at MainSource Bank, 323 Main Street.

Coffee and Conversation with the President is in-

tended to gain the public’s view of programs and services offered at DACC. Dr. Jacobs, along with college and board officials, is traveling to communities in the college district to gather input for the future direction of the college.

Coffee and Conversation with the President is free and open to the public. For information, call the DACC Marketing Department at 217-443-8768 or 217-443-8798.

Briefly

Dismissal error

Hoopeston Area’s September calendar contained an error on dismissal times for Sept. 26. Grade school students will be dismissed at 12:05 and middle/high school students will be dismissed at 12:20.

Cheer cards

Bette Schmid is recovering from knee surgery and would appreciate receiving cards and letters from friends. Greetings may be mailed to her at 1852 E 400 North Rd., Milford IL 60953.

Alley cleanup

City of Hoopeston alley cleanup will begin Oct. 15, weather permitting. It is for yard waste only.

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Prairie Green Church of Christ

invites you to hear
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Doug will share information on Old Testament Feasts

Sunday, September 23 6:30 p.m.
Prairie Green Church of Christ
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Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 87. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 62. Tomorrow, sunny. High 89, low 61.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

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Rossville: 1 bdr Riverview Apartments. Completely refurbished, on-site washers & dryers. \$320/mo., \$320 deposit. Call (217) 840-3672.

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RUMMAGE SALES

728 E. Washington, Hoopeston. Fri. & Sat., 8-? Multi family sale. Boys & girls clothes, knickknacks and more!

8.25 mi. west of Hoopeston and 2.25 mi. east of Rankin on Rt. 9. Sat. & Sun., 8-3. Household/Estate sale. Accumulation of many years!

620 E. Maple, Hoopeston. Fri. & Sat., 8-? Large yard sale. Lots of knickknacks-some collectibles. Nice clean clothing, all seasons. Baby girl & small boys along with adult clothing. Sears washing machine & Whirlpool dryer (call anytime about these-283-5979) Lots to see! Don't Miss It!

St. Anthony Catholic Church parking lot sale. Saturday, 7-noon. Furniture, exercise equipment, ping pong table, tools, toys, dishes. All proceeds to St. Vincent DePaul organization to assist families in need.

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