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Friday  
5:30-8 p.m.  
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### Hoopeston council hears report of potential cable buyer

If city attorney Paul Manion were a movie reviewer,

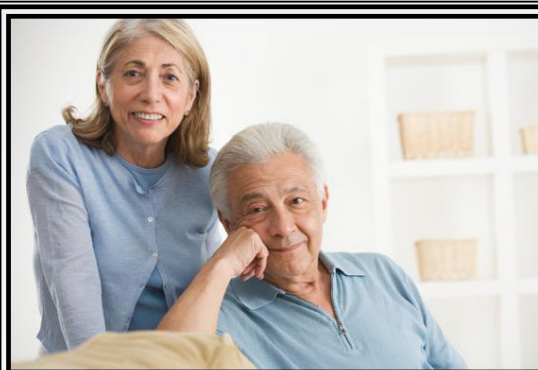
he would not give thumbs up to a start-up company that plans to purchase Charter Cable.

At Tuesday night's Hoopeston City Council meeting, Manion said he talked with a representative of Avenue Broadband Communications, which plans to purchase Charter properties. He called the conversation "not terribly acrimonious, but not exactly friendly either."

Avenue, he said, is a shell corporation and he was not told the name of the parent corporation but that that company is comprised of a group of independent investors with \$16-\$18 million to invest in Avenue. Company officials declined to release financial information, other than issuing a pro forma statement, and wondered why Hoopeston requested so much information when other communities in the Charter group had not.

Manion told the council he had reservations about documentation Avenue wants city officials to sign because tenets of a 2002 contract between Hoopeston and Charter were not included and because Avenue documents did not include a limit on what customers could be charged, although the company representative later agreed to abide by the 2002 document.

While advising caution, Manion said that according to  
**See CABLE on other side**



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Thursday: Bartenders Choice  
Friday: Owners Choice  
  
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**FREE FOOD ON SUNDAYS**

**Cable** continued from other side

the 2002 agreement with Charter, any successor must be approved by the council unless there is a “reasonable” reason not to. Failure to provide financial information may be reasonable, he said, but not approving the sale might cause unnecessary hard feelings, he said.  
According to Manion, Avenue said that within 12 months of closing, it will provide high speed internet access, high definition TV and local and long distance phone capability.  
Under the proposed contract, there is little penalty if Avenue fails to meet its end of the deal. The city could revoke the deal but that would leave cable customers searching for another provider of television service.  
The council anticipates that an Avenue representative will attend at its Oct. 16 meeting to answer questions.  
In unrelated action, Alderman Jerry Yonkers failed to get a second on his motion to purchase a new street sweeper.  
Yonkers said the current 12-year-old model has had nearly \$37,000 in repairs since last October and needs another \$5,000 to \$10,000 to fix two leaking pumps, including one for hydraulic fluid.  
Key Equipment & Supply, the company that repairs the city sweeper, said it could take six weeks for repairs, essentially ending street sweeping season in Hoopeston.  
Key agreed to sell a demonstration model Elgin Street Sweeper for \$123,495, including \$16,500 trade-in on the

**Obituaries**

**REEVES**—Maynard L. “Corky” Reeves, 82, of Milford died at 9:03 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, 2007 at home. Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford, with graveside rites by Watseka American Legion post. Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Milford War Memorial or a charity of the donor’s choice.

**Weather**

Sunny today. High 83. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 63. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 86, low 66.  
For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

current model. Most of the money is in the street and alley department accrual fund, but Yonkers said he would have to have an inter-city loan to cover about \$23,000.  
Alderman Bill Goodwine said it would be better financially to continue to pay to have the existing one fixed. “The companies I’ve worked for always demanded a four-year payback, sometimes three,” he said. “It wouldn’t bother me a bit to spend \$5,000-\$10,000 a year, even \$20,000-\$25,000.”  
Yonkers reiterated that money would come from the accrual fund, “and that’s what accrual is for,” but Goodwine responded that using the fund would leave no money available for emergencies.  
Even pleas that not sweeping the streets would harm the sewer system did not help. Goodwine suggested Yonkers rent or borrow one from Key while the city machine is being fixed and Alderman Brandon Hamilton suggested contacting a Danville company that works on hydraulics.  
In other business, the civic committee will be looking at ordinances pertaining to rummage sales and trying to strengthen them.  
Alderman Nancy Stipp said she planned to collect a stack of sale signs from utility poles in the city and dump them on the council floor but when she went around Hoopeston, only found one outdated sign. “Somebody must have beaten me to it,” she said.  
Rummage sale signs may be no bigger than four square feet and may only be posted for five days.  
The council also:  
Heard from Alderman Carl Ankenbrand to repair areas of the civic center, including wiring and the kitchen

Benefit for  
**Jackie Wallace**  
Starts at Noon Saturday!  
FoodBandsDJ Auction  
**BJ's Pump**  
Bar & Package Liquor Store  
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(217) 283-5700

An community group may be willing to help and the city has also applied for a couple grants.  
Heard from Alderman Bill Crusinberry of the need to tear down the house on the city-owned lot east of the ground storage tank. He would like the work to be done down this fall if possible.

**Classifieds**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
Countryside will be open every Thursday, Friday & Saturday all of October. Offering lay-away with deposit for Christmas items. Many closeouts in crafts; lace 5¢/yard & up, thread 4/\$1, cards 50¢ each. Check out our wallpaper department! Countryside accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover  
**APARTMENTS FOR RENT**  
HOOPESTON - COZY 2-Bedroom 1-Bath Unit. Full basement. Only lived in 3 mos. Walk to shopping, quiet area. NO PETS. \$475 + deposit. 620 S 8th. (217) 260-2546. Available now.  
**CARDS OF THANKS**  
The family of Paula Hiser wish to express our sincere thanks for all the food, flowers & cards. Also for keeping her in your thoughts and prayers.  

Gary  
Jeremy, Cindy, Maci  
Josh & Kelly  
Mom  
Brothers & Sisters  
Nieces & Nephews

Thank you to all of whom donated to the Hoopeston Migrant Head Start for parent fair. All donations were greatly appreciated. Thank you!  
Hoopeston Migrant Head Start  
**MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE**  
Dresser w/mirror, \$55; computer desk, \$40; bookcase, \$15. Call (217) 283-9302; leave message  
**RUMMAGE SALES**  
727 W Main, Hoopeston Oct. 6 & 7 8am-1pm. Baby girl and toddler girl name brand clothing size nb-4T all seasons. Baby items. Adult name brand clothing and household items. A. Simpson & R. Norman.  
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