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Council considers request from potential Avenue buyer

Hoopeston City Council has been asked to sign off on the sale of Avenue Broadband.

Jim Gleason, president of New Wave Communications, was at Tuesday's council meeting to discuss his company's planned purchase of Avenue, which has provided cable service in Hoopeston since 2007.

The city's contract with Avenue stipulates that the council must approve a sale of the company.

Gleason said New Wave is based in Sikeston, Mo., and operates cable companies in Missouri, as well as Illinois, Kentucky and Arkansas. The company also provide internet and phone communications to about

120,000 customers, compared with Avenue's approximate 35,000 users, he said.

Expanded basic cable prices are in the \$50 per month range, Gleason said. Phone, internet and cable combined cost about \$99 per month.


Gleason said New Wave will take the "latest and greatest" network installed by Avenue, improve what feeds into it and "leverage a better product" than what is currently available.

He also touted new internet technology the company hopes to role out that will increase download speeds to
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New Wave will be involved in the community but did not specify how, saying it will depend on the community. In other municipalities, the company is involved with chambers of commerce, Rotary clubs and other activities. "We kind of like to find our niche in some way that helps out," he said.

Company officials are willing to look at opening a local office. "We will absolutely take a look at that," Gleason said.

Currently, the central Illinois office is located in Taylorville and if the sale is approved, the office in Westville is expected to remain open.

Gleason said his father started a cable company in the early 1960s and that he and other founders have been together more than 20 years.

The council is expected to vote on the sale at the April 4 meeting.

In unrelated business, the council:

- Approved zoning variances for Anderson Funeral Home to accommodate renovations to the business. Variances were approved by the plan commission at a March 14 meeting and include variances to ordinances covering yard requirements-side yard; building coverage; height regulations; and projections into required yards.

Police News



A small child's black and yellow bike was found at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday at McFerren Park. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

A 46-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday that someone keyed his vehicle.

Briefly

Great American Cleanup Day

There will be an organizational meeting for the Great American Cleanup Day at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 21, at Fast Lanes. Volunteers are needed and a fun day is planned. For more information, call Brenda Crusinberry, (217) 474-9834.

Weather



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