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## Convenience owner seeks special license for wine tasting

The owner of Hoopeston Convenience asked for a special event liquor license to hold a wine tasting at the store.

Raja Tenaja has a Class B license for the store, which covers packaged beer and wine sales but prohibits consumption on the premises.

At Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting, Mayor Bill Crusinberry, who is the city liquor commissioner, said he is hesitant to grant the special event license because it contradicts the provision on no on-site consumption stipulated in the store's existing license.

Tenaja had previously expressed interest in a wine-

tasting license when Francis Burke, owner of The Taste of Home Gift Shop, requested the city add that as a category of liquor license. Burke has since withdrawn her request, so the council took no action on adding such a license, Crusinberry said after the meeting.

Several years ago, Tenaja had also requested the city increase the number of Class AA licenses - allowing sales of hard liquor with no on-site consumption - but the council did not see a need for more licenses, Crusinberry said.

City attorney Scott Perkins said aside from the prohibition of Convenience's existing license, there is also inadequate seating in the store and also, it is open to the general public.

Tenaja said he would restrict minors to the store during a tasting, if he is allowed to have one. "I need to do something to increase business," he told the council.

In other business, Alderman Brandon Hamilton said the city is still researching whether seat belts will continue to be mandated in Hoopeston's golf cart ordinance. Some insurance companies will not cover carts with seatbelts if they do not also have rollover bars. Officials will check with other communities and the Illinois Municipal League before making a decision.

   
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**Police News**

**Moises Torres**, 29, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 12:11 a.m. Tuesday in the 300 block of East Honeywell. Wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of bond.

A **29-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 7:20 a.m. Tuesday that someone damaged a tire on her vehicle parked in the 700 block of South Market.

A **30-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 8:16 a.m. Tuesday that someone damaged a tire on her vehicle parked in the 400 block of Front.

**Angel K. Bane**, 32, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the 300 block of South Third Ave. She was located and charged with domestic battery on a complaint from a 36-year-old Hoopeston

**Weather**



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