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Council asked to set uniform liquor hours for video gaming

Hoopeston City Council is considering a request to set uniform hours for serving alcohol that would increase available hours for video gaming.

Doug Wagoner, owner of Fast Lanes, suggested at Tuesday night's Hoopeston City Council meeting that hours be the same each day.

Currently, alcohol may be served from 6 a.m. to midnight Monday-Thursday, 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays and noon to 10 p.m. Sundays.

Alcohol-serving establishments that also have video poker machines may only operate the machines during the hours the city allows alcohol to be served. Wagoner said if an event goes past the 10 p.m. limit on Sunday, those who might play the machines cannot because they are shut off by the state.

Alderman Randy Carter said Hoopeston American Legion faced a similar situation during the recent Texas Hold 'Em tournament, held on Sundays. Because the Legion's liquor license doesn't list Sunday sales, its poker machines were not turned on by the state so those at the tournament could not play.

If the city changed the hours, the Legion would probably apply for Sunday hours, he added.

See GAMING on other side

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Gaming continued from other side

Wagoner said business owners he's talked to don't want to be open the extra hours, except for special occasions.

Currently, those who have state-approved video gaming machines may be open other hours only if given approval by the city's liquor commissioner, Mayor Bill Crusinberry, and if the state is given ample notice.

Police seek owners of bicycles

Hoopeston police have several bicycles at the station, waiting retrieval by their owners, including:

- A red and blue Fat Boy bike
- A pink Next bike
- A purple Pacific bike
- A blue and white Magna bike
- A purple Next bike
- A red Flat Spin Next bike
- A pink Power Climber Next bike
- A red and black Huffy bike

If any of these might be yours, please come to city hall to claim them.

That won't help Wagoner with an October 27 bowling tournament. Fast Lanes was originally set to host its portion of the tournament in November, but he traded with another bowling alley due to unforeseen circumstances.

Alderman Bill Goodwine said "I struggle with it either way," adding he wished gaming was not tied to liquor ordinances.

In other business, the council:

• Heard from Alderman Brandon Hamilton that Hoopeston Veterinary Service closed Friday. Someone is

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 5:43 p.m. Tuesday to an activated carbon monoxide detector in the 300 block of Front. The detector was malfunctioning.

Weather

Chance of showers today. High 62. Tonight, cloudy. Low 40. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 63, low 42

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interested in the building, Hamilton said, but that person is not a vet.

• Heard from Alderwoman Nancy Stipp that bids are being accepted for perpetual care grave blankets. Bid specs are available at city hall. Bids must include a sample blanket and will be opened at 10 a.m. November 4.

