

City Council extends tavern's hours

Buddies gets approval to stay open until 4 a.m.

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With no discussion, the City Council voted unanimously Tuesday to expand the liquor license for Buddies to 4 a.m.

The business, 807 SW Adams St., sought the extension, which will keep the tavern open for two extra hours, as a way to help bring in more revenue. The city's liquor commission recommended the City Council approve the license at its meeting earlier this month.

An expansion of the 4 a.m. liquor district last year allowed Buddies to get the new license. The expansion also includes the South Peoria taverns Club Apollo and Excalibur.

Also Tuesday, council members deferred entering into a central Illinois retail study targeting specific retail companies to the Tri-County Area for a month.

The study will cost the city \$51,855, with only \$11,600 expected to be funded by taxpayers. The balance, \$40,255, is to be paid by several local businesses with an interest in attracting retailers.

The study will include information regarding retail potential for each targeted area - Downtown to the riverfront, Illinois Route 6, Westlake Shopping Center, and University Street and Sheridan Road between Glen and Forrest Hill avenues - in addition to customer profiles and will recommend specific retailers that meet local customers' demand.

Other communities participating in the study are East Peoria, Morton, Pekin and Washington.

In other action, the council deferred for two weeks applying for economic stimulus incentives through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for projects related to the city's mandated combined sewer overflow long-term control plan. Grant applications and planning are expected to cost \$42,481 and would be applied toward the Glen Oak and Western avenues' combined sewer separation and Spring Street supplemental sewer projects.

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