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Loud music complaints in Silvis may lead to more paperwork

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Silvis aldermen, sitting as the committee of the whole Tuesday, advanced a proposal requiring businesses wanting to host live outdoor music events to file an application with the city one week prior to the events.

The full council will vote on the requirement Nov. 2.

Municipal Services Committee Chairman Ald. Tom Conrad, 4th Ward, said his committee is not seeking a specific outdoor-music ordinance. He said the application would be "mainly a heads up for our police department so that they would know what's going on so they could respond if necessary."

"We didn't want to have anything really formal. We wanted to be business friendly," Ald. Conrad said .

Because businesses hosting these events don't use city property or services, the application carries no fee.

Alderman Conrad said complaints of loud music at a local bar generated the discussion that eventually led to the development of the application.

In other business:

-- Mayor Bill Fox said trick-or-treating hours will be 5-7p.m. on Oct. 31. The Silvis Optimist Club will host a hot-dog roast at Schadt Park during those hours.

-- Aldermen authorized city clerk Jim Nelson to hire a new billing clerk. Mr. Nelson said he plans to advertise the position this weekend and next, and applications will be due by 4 p.m. Nov.10.

-- Mayor Fox swore in Robert Liebovitz as the commissioner of the Board of Local Improvement. Mr. Liebovitz will determine the special assessment for the Fair Acres sewer project.

-- Bid opening for two firetrucks was set for Nov. 22 at Fire Chief Dave Liebovitz said he expects bids from a minimum of three companies.