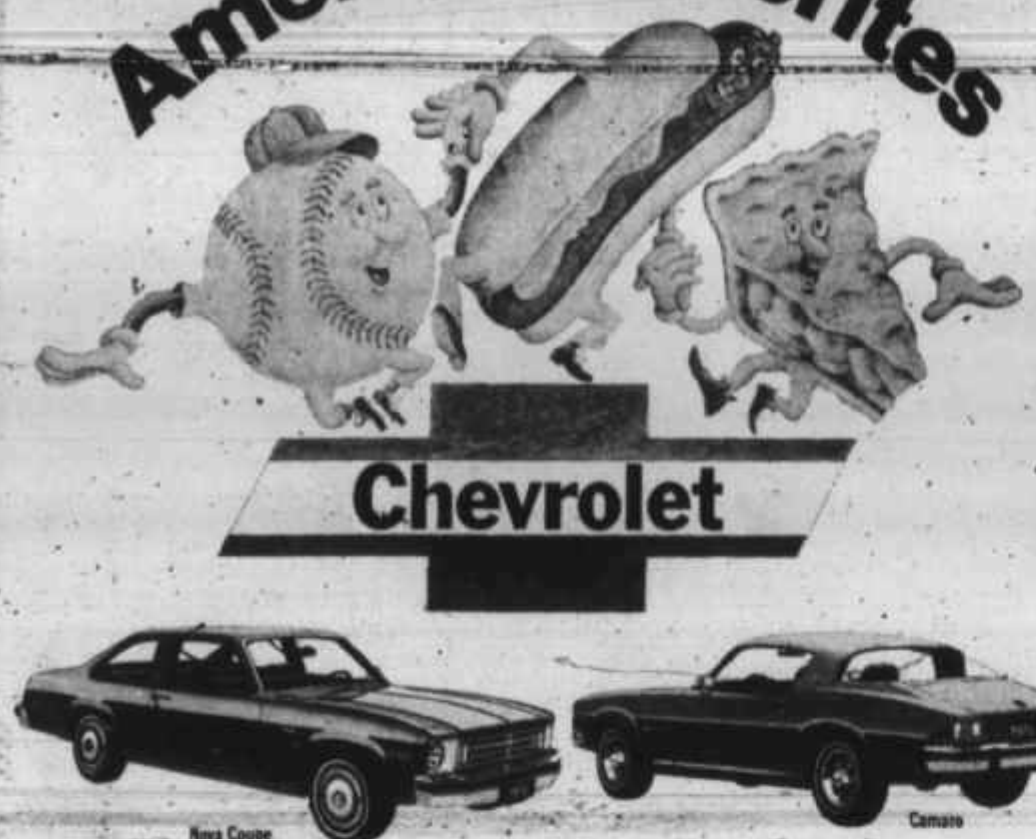


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City Gets OK

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Urban Development (HUD) advising that "after careful review of your pre-application against the competition generated by other qualified applicants, we see little funding opportunity for your project." The letter was signed by the Area Director Manuel Sanchez, and also advised "accordingly, we suggest that you should NOT file a full application for a Community Development Discretionary Block Grant so as to avoid further expense to your community."

The City of Eagle Lake had filed application with HUD for assistance in extending sewer lines to the only portion of the city not so serviced, bounded by Hubbard-Ferry Road, Austin Road and West Main Street. A Citizens Advisory Committee in a public hearing held here in February approved the project. Engineers estimated cost of the project at \$85,000 to \$87,000 and if the grant had been approved the federal government would have provided 75% of the cost and the city 25% of the cost.

Funds are not available in the budget for the program without federal assistance, city officials point out, hence Mayor Elmer Struss forwarded the following letter to HUD officials and congressmen and senators in hopes of getting some reconsideration on the matter:

MAYOR'S LETTER

"In behalf of our small city, I would like to ask your reconsideration of our recent request for a Community Development Discretionary Block Grant. This request was sincere and honest and seemed to meet almost in entirety the spirit and intent of the program. To be ruled ineligible so quickly, and apparently so definitely, might indicate a lack of interest in small cities such as ours.

"Our Citizens Committee unanimously listed this project as first on their community action list. As I understand this program and its intent, we met all the requirements. The majority of the area affected is low-income, substandard housing, minority populated, and very much in need of sewerage service for

growth in that direction definitely exists.

"I feel that our problem is just as eligible, and even possibly more deserving, as many of the metropolitan grants given throughout the country."

Edmond Smith of the engineering firm of Bernard-Johnson Inc., met with the council last Tuesday night to discuss the application to the Texas Water Quality Board for federal assistance in the modification of the existing city sewage disposal plant in the southwestern edge of the city.

Mr. Smith told the council that the application would have to be made in three steps, the first to study the problem as it exists and he said that this could take from May 31, 1975 to mid August. Step Two would include an infiltration study and survey and this should be completed by Mar. 31, 1976. The final step three would be the actual preparation of blueprints and drawings, the letting of bids and 240 days for construction. He estimated that construction could begin by Aug. 31, 1976 and 240 days allowed after that for construction.

If the project is approved the federal assistance will be for 75% of the costs and the city would be required to pay 25%. He estimated that the total cost of project should be around \$493,000 so the city would be obligated for some \$123,000 of the total costs.

Council members expressed concern that there is a possibility that the program be started through steps one and two at considerable cost to the city and then the project be abandoned. Mr. Smith assured the council that once the project is approved by the Water Quality Board and Environmental Protective Agency, that the funds would be available for carrying the project to completion. He assured the council that if the plan is not approved in entirety that the city would not be obligated to pay any funds to the engineering firm.

The project would include modification of the existing sewer treatment plant to meet the Water Quality Board standards. The city has been advised that it must initiate plans in the immediate future to improve the purity of water coming out of the sewer plant.

The council has made no commitment on expenditure of some \$41,000 in revenue sharing funds expected for 1975-76 with the possibility that these funds might be used in

ELECTION

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Jerri 10 and Jimmy 8. She has been very active in the community and in the Presbyterian Church. She is a past president of Alpha Delta Phi sorority, a member of the Study Club and served as association chairman for five years and leader for five years in the local Girl Scout Neighborhood.

Mr. Pirtle holds bachelor's and graduate degrees from the University of Texas and has had extensive experience on such boards as Child Welfare Board, Family Services Board and the Brazoria County Drug Abuse Council. He has been active in promoting many activities in the Rice District, including the Rice band, FFA and athletic endeavors. He is a member of the Eagle Lake Evening Lions Club.

He is a Medical Physicist working with nuclear medicine and X-ray Services locally and over the state. He is also owner of the Lakewood Laboratory, manufacturer of fertilizers and chemicals. He and Mrs. Pirtle, the former June Adkins of this community, are parents of two sons, Wayne, 17, and Sam, 12. They are members of the Lake United Methodist Church.

Darius Brisco, a native of this community, is associated with Eagle Tractor, Inc. He attended Eagle Lake High School and John Foster Dulles. He and his wife, Doris, are members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Mr. Brisco is also active in the Knights of Columbus Council and in youth work in the church and in the community.

GARWOOD CANDIDATES

There are two candidates for Garwood Position No. 6, Anthony V. Kallina, the incumbent who is seeking his second full three year term on the board, and Sidney Perry.

Mr. Kallina is seeking his second full three year term on the Rice board. He was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Judge Lester Crane.

He and his wife Bernice are parents of three children, Janice and Brenda in Rice High School and Thomas a student in St. Mary's at

Church and Mr. Kallina is active in the Knights of Columbus, Nada council.

Mr. Perry is seeking election to a school board position for the first time. He has been active in youth baseball activities and in the Rice Raider Boosters organization. He is employed with the Lakewood Irrigation Co. He and his wife, Marlene, are the parents of four children, Donnie and Jimmy, students at Rice High School, and Kathy and Patty, students at Garwood elementary. They are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Terms of five board members carry over this year including Dr. Raymond Thomas, Arthur Anderson of Eagle Lake; Lavo Brisco and Jose Garcia of Sheridan; and Dale Hunt of Garwood.

City Budget

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council for its support. The budget adopted by the council included a total of \$369,840 in receipts but only \$328,840 in disbursements. A \$41,000 allocation expected from revenue sharing was not

budgeted in disbursements as the council hopes to use these funds in the project for modification of the city's sewer plant facilities.

Other revenue included \$29,000 from the tax fund, \$208,000 from general fund, \$11,000 from water and sewer funds, \$1,940 from contingencies and \$41,000 from revenue sharing less \$21,000 in inter-fund transfers.

Disbursements include: \$29,000 to the interest and sinking fund for tax bonded indebtedness, \$35,000 to interest and sinking on revenue bonds, \$1,840 to contingencies, \$185,200 to general fund operating, \$55,000 to water and sewer fund operating and \$22,800 to capital outlay.

At the same time the budget was approved the council set the tax rate at the \$1.50 per \$100 as in the past and approved distribution of the \$1.50 rate, 33% or 49.5c to the sinking fund, 2% or 3c to contingency fund, and 65% or 97.5c to the general fund.

Capital outlay allocations included \$6000 for a future fire truck purchase and \$800 for new hose; \$6000 for future garbage truck purchase, and \$10,000 to the streets and drainage dept. for widening of the concrete bridge on West Main in order to relieve anticipated congestion and increase safety once the new

hospital opens.

City manager T. J. Smith pointed out that the water revenue includes \$67,000 and is based on a rate set in 1969 while \$44,000 in sewer revenue is expected, based on the same rate of \$1.00 set some 25 years ago. He indicated that these will have to be adjusted in the future to meet increasing costs and to take care of some anticipated projects and extensions.

The budget sets out a total of \$28,554.41 in principal and interest payments in the 1951 street improvements, 1957 city hall, and 1960 street improvements bond issues; and \$37,700 in principal and interest payments in the 1955 water and sewer refunding, 1958 water and sewer refunding and 1964 water and sewer refunding bond issues.

INSURANCE UPPED

In other action the council approved the inclusion of accidental coverage in the policy approved with the Time Insurance Co. for city employees and officials.

The inclusion of the accidental injury coverage will increase the cost per employee by 25c from \$17.89 to \$18.20 and the employees can pay for this additional service for their families for 80c per family, from \$25.73 to \$26.53.

Your Vote Saturday

For

Anthony V. Kallina

for Garwood Position No. 6

on the Rice Consolidated Ind. School Board of Education

will be appreciated.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Garwood, Eagle Lake and Sheridan communities for allowing me the privilege of serving on the Rice Consolidated Independent School District Board of Education for the past three and one-half years. This has been a rewarding undertaking and I have come to appreciate more and more the amount of effort and planning that goes into providing the best education possible for each student from the most efficient use of all available resources.

This is the challenge, and as your representative, I can call upon my past experience, as a board member and as one who has lived and worked in this community all his life to evaluate each decision that must be



I am asking for your continued support and greatly appreciate your vote for Anthony V. Kallina, Position 6, Rice Consolidated Independent School District Board of Education, on Saturday, April 5th.

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