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Council declines to hire secretary

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

After interviewing four finalists for the vacant city secretary's position Tuesday night, the Brackettville City Council could only agree on one thing — not to hire anyone.

Council members Camilo Cruz Jr., Mary Flores, Francisca "Chica" Garza, Tomas Gomez Jr. and Johnny Samaniego voted to table filling the position.

"We have a split council," Garza said after the vote.

The position has been vacant since former city secretary David Luna was fired in June. Garza, the mayor pro-tem, has been running the daily operations of the city since Mayor Carmen Berlanga was hospitalized last month after suffering a stroke.

The four finalists — Wes Robison, Neil Simmons, Leigh Volcko and Bonnie Wardlaw — all interviewed Tuesday night.

In the first round of interviews last week, 10 applicants met with the council.

"All of the council members got hundreds of phone calls from citizens telling us who to vote for," Flores said. "They were even telling us reasons not to hire some of the applicants. There was a lot of harrassment. We've all been under a lot of stress."

Garza said the city is still considering the four finalists, but will also continue to accept applications.

"It possibly won't be until January when we make a decision," she added.

"We're not really rushing," Flores said. "We want to make sure we hire the right person. We have a lot of good applicants."

The city received 13 applicants for the position, but only 10 attended the first interview session. Of the 13 applicants, three were from out of town.



Photo by J.J. Guidry

Looking for answers

Brackettville citizens ask questions Tuesday night after the City Council interviewed four finalists and opted not to hire a new city secretary.

Health Fair is Wednesday

The annual Kinney County Health Fair sponsored by the Brackettville Lions Club will be held Wednesday from noon to 6 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Getting the flu shot in October will give individuals more than sufficient time to gain immunity from the flu, according to Texas Department of Health officials.

Last year, approximately 500 citizens of Kinney County received their flu shots at the Kinney County Health Fair.

Influenza (the flu) causes an average of 36,000 deaths each year in the U.S., mostly among the elderly.

An annual flu shot is recommended for people over 50 years of age, residents of long-term care facilities, people with long-term health problems, people with weekend immune systems, people 6 months to 18 years of age on long-term aspirin treatment, pregnant women, physicians, nurses, family members or anyone else coming in close contact with people at risk of serious influenza.

Water board extends deadlines, considers rule changes

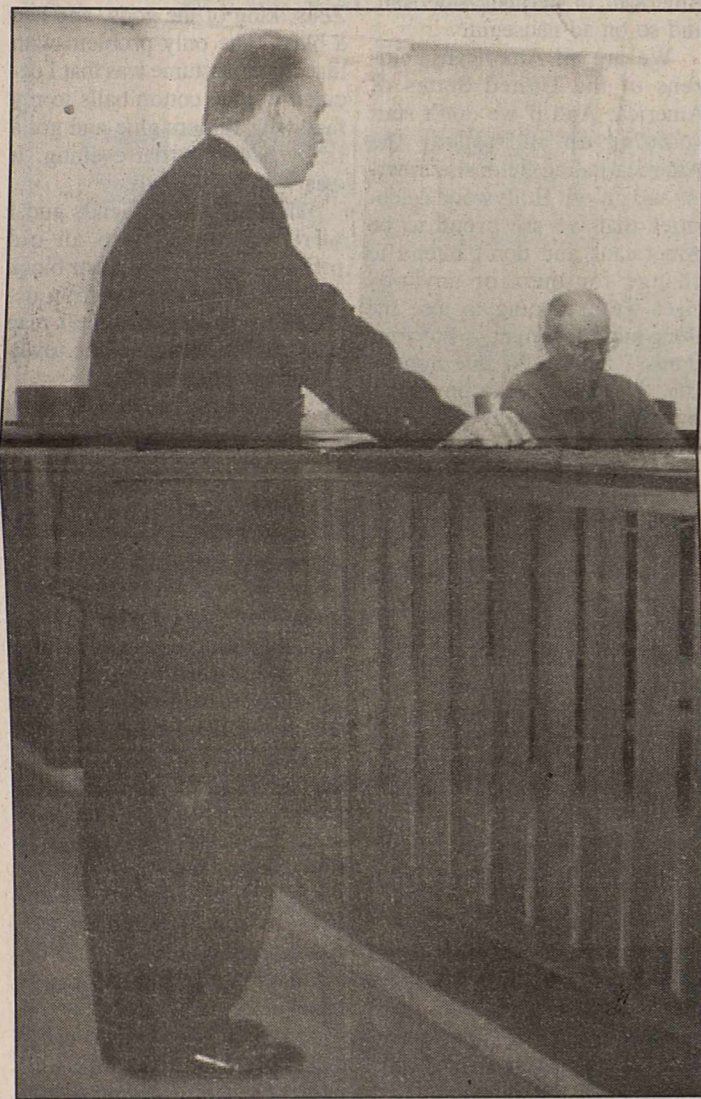


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Changing the rules

Austin attorney Paul Terrill (left), representing local landowners, address's the water board as director Don Hood looks on during a hearing Monday night.

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The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District moved its extension of the application filing deadline of Oct. 1 to Dec. 1.

Board members Chuck Hall, Don Hood, Chris Ring, Darlene Shahan, Cecil Smith, Hadley Wardlaw and Bob Young all voted to move the deadline Monday evening during a rehearing on the district's rules.

Several other rule changes proposed by Paul Terrill, an Austin attorney representing local landowners, are being considered. The rehearing will resume next Monday.

"We want to let everybody take some time to let it soak in," Brian Sledge, the district's attorney, said of the additional proposals. "We can leave the record open and get some more written comments."

Citizens asked for an extended filing deadline after the revised application forms became available late last week.

"I only found out about these new application forms last Friday, and I haven't gotten a copy of it yet," local businessman Wes Robinson said. "I think it would only be fair that someone have more than three or four days to fill that out."

"It's been difficult trying to get together these applications on such short notice," Terrill added.

One area of concern for Terrill

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KCGCD attorney Brian Sledge

is the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), where landowners receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on farmland. Two of his clients participate in the federal program.

"The way your rules are set up right now, they will have to pay users fees for water that they have a permit for, but for which they are contractually barred from using for irrigation for approximately eight years.

"I would ask the board to suspend those fees or in some way address that specific situation for land that is in CRP.

"I think it's only fair that you don't pay user fees for water that you're not using. In addition to that, I think it has the added benefit of promoting conservation in the district. If somebody is not having to pay fees on water that they can't use, it's going to encourage people to not use that water," he added.

Smith asked if CRP participants could use their water for uses other than agriculture.

"I'm not aware of that," Terrill responded. "I'm not aware of anybody having used water from CRP land for some use

other than that. If that's a serious concern, I think that's something that you can address with your rules."

Terrill also objected to the district rule which mandates that production fees be paid up front for all users.

"The way your fee system is set up right now, everybody has to pay their fees based on the claimed amount that they are seeking in their application," he said. "The problem with that is we don't know what adjudicated right they're going to get, and we can only know that at the end of the process."

"For people that have over-claims, there is some chance, depending on how you adjudicate those claims, that the permit amount might be significantly reduced. They might even lose it all together. But what your system does is it discourages people from coming in and bringing their full claim, and letting it work itself through the administrative process."

"In fact, there is some concern that the reason for doing this was to discourage people from filing those full claims in the first place. "I think it also is additionally a potential consti-

tutional violation of the open-courts provision if the purpose of it is to keep people from filing full claims. Because their application fee will be so high, then that essentially keeps them out of the administrative process."

"I don't think Chapter 36 of the water code allows this district to impose those type of production fees up front," he added.

Terrill also questioned the two-tiered system involving existing and historic users, as well as citizens' inability to claim historic use prior to 1972.

"If someone can prove up historic use, I think they should get it," he said. "Somebody that has water use from the '40s or the '50s or the '60s may indeed have a harder time proving it up. They're not going to have the same sort of aerial photographs. People that were farming at the time may be dead. They're going to have proof problems."

"From a legal standpoint, under the water code, if somebody can prove up historic use, there ought not be any difference between somebody who has use in 1973 versus somebody who has use in 1963 or 1953."

"If somebody has an old claim, let them come in and prove it up. Y'all will be ultimate arbitrators of whether they have sufficient proof to prove up their claim. But they shouldn't be arbitrarily kept out of the opportunity to prove up their claim by an arbitrary endpoint, which right now is 1972," he added.

Old Quarry Society opens new season next month

Season tickets for the 2003-2004 season of the Old Quarry Society for the Performing Arts are now on sale.

"This season will be an exciting one," said Lynn McNew. Opening the year will be a repeat performance of the popular play "The Cemetery Club" with Jewel Robinson, Barbara Hunter and Rosie Mattingly returning as the determined, effervescent widows.

"The Cemetery Club" will be presented Nov. 7 and Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Post Theatre.

The nuns are back! Following a highly successful fundraiser to bury their four dead sisters, the sisters of Mount St. Helen's are back to tape a made-for-television Christmas show. Confusion and fun are sure to be the order of the evening. Robinson will star as Reverend Mother, with Ida Holley, Tami McNew, Mary Petrosky and Charlene Simmons as the nuns, Wesley Wilson as Father Virgil and Heather Baggett, Katie Braesicke, Cody Clark and Jared Harris as the school children.

"Nuncrackers" will be presented Dec. 12 and Dec. 13 at

7:30 p.m. at Post Theatre.

The annual Dinner Theater is scheduled for Jan. 30 and Jan. 31. As yet, the play has not been chosen.

In conjunction with Fort Clark Festival, the melodrama will be presented on March 13. The variety show will be March 27, as a closing entertainment for the Fort Clark Springs annual meeting.

Season tickets are \$30 each. You can attend a performance of each play, including the dinner theater. Individual play tickets are \$5 and dinner theater tickets are \$20, so buying a season ticket saves \$10.

Old Quarry Society also has a program for those people who want to give a special gift, maybe in honor or memory of a specific person. The categories of giving are the Wainwright Club, \$100 or more; the Mackenzie Club \$50; and the Bliss Club, \$25.

Previous season ticket holders will be receiving renewal letters in the mail shortly and other interested parties can call 563-2296, 563-3070 or 563-9229 for more information.



Photo by Danielle Moore

Running for cover

Brackett High School junior Stephanie Bonner finds a dry spot under the bleachers during Friday night's football game at Tiger Stadium. Heavy rains poured down early in the first quarter. See related story, Page 6.

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Shanae Simmons

It feels quite pleasant when you know you have done well in all of your classes, and there are no more big tests to study for.

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Steven LaMascus

Hey, you're dumber than a stump! Did you know that? Yeah, and so am I, and every other American who is proud of his American heritage.

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Nathan Lafrenz

We as parents are rightfully concerned about the influences of culture upon our children. We fret about the undue influence of peers.

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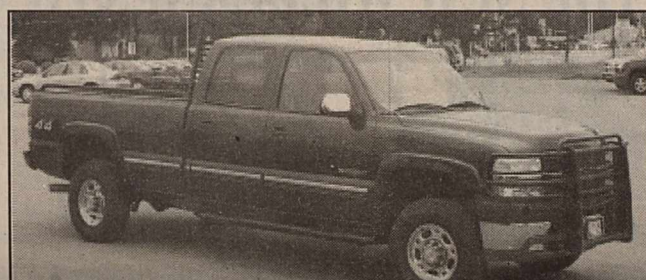
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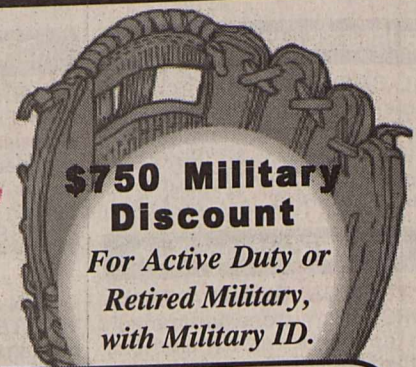
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