

City Council Place 3

Jim Crowley

Jim Crowley, 19, 443 Dunn St., a sophomore journalism major at Texas A&M. Member of University Traffic Panel, president A&M Young Democrats.



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Do you have any specific programs planned as a council member?
I plan to hold regularly scheduled meetings alternating between the Memorial Student Center City Hall in which citizens can come and talk about anything they wish to express their opinion on. Making available agendas before council meetings each week so citizens can express their opinion on upcoming business. These meetings open up city government so the citizen can become more involved. Citizen involvement presently is the meeting.
Are you in favor of extending hours to 2 a.m. on weekends?
Yes. It can be proven not to increase crime, and it can be statistical. Then additional business and revenues can be generated. A liquor permit must be purchased from the state, and the city gets half. Also, there is a one per cent tax per drink levied by the city. This relieves the taxpayers' burden by paying the entire tax base.
Are you in favor of construction of Millican Dam after the lignite coal is mined from the area?
I will have to be proven that the Millican Lake project is environmentally safe as far as the community is concerned. If mining the lignite is the most economical means of avoiding the site then I'm in favor. It will cost College Station more money we will have to improve the water treatment plant because the water will be dispersed into the lake. Should College Station purchase

tain neighborhoods have problems that differ from other neighborhoods. The council membership is concentrated in the southside of town and there are specialized problems in the Northgate area, the eastside, the rural area and also in the student apartment area which differ from those of the residential areas.
How do you think the ambulance service should be handled in Bryan-College Station?
I think the cities of College Station and Bryan in the future will have to have their own ambulance services. At the present they cannot because the budgets have already been accepted and there is not enough revenue to support them.
The system now is inadequate. I've worked with emergency systems in Dallas as a technician and we need a better operation than Sherrill, the present service, has.
Are you satisfied with the enforcement of existing ordinances? Do you have any plans for new developmental controls?
Zoning ordinances are changing constantly to keep a dynamic development for College Station. Some of the zoning changes have been bad. Some have been good for College Station's development. There is really no line of enforcement for zoning ordinances, it's more a plan of general development. I recommend the development of a plan that is feasible and workable that would be strictly followed.
Building codes should be strengthened along with enforcement. There are slip-shod apartments. College Station is becoming rampant with poor quality housing. Students are mainly being cheated because of poor housing.
There should be a sign ordinance mainly for traffic and safety reasons. Texas Avenue is dangerous for night driving.

Murl Bailey

Murl Bailey Jr., 1807 Sabine Ct., an associate professor of veterinary physiology and pharmacology at Texas A&M. Member of city's Recreation Council.



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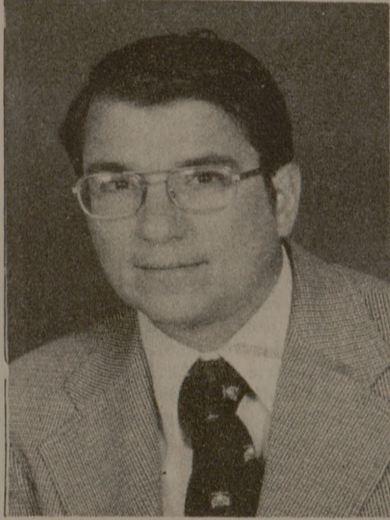
Do you have any specific programs planned as a council member?
For a program per se, no. There are some existing programs I'd like to see updated. I'd like to see our development plan which we paid about \$30,000 for and that has never been accepted. I don't know whether updating that plan will be adequate or whether we'll have to go out and spend more money for a new one. But I would like to see a plan. A plan is only good if it can be changed to meet the growing needs of the community. Other than that I think with planning as our long-range problem, utilities happens to be one of our immediate concerns.
Are you in favor of extending liquor hours to 2 a.m. on weekends?
No, I'm not. Being a former Aggie myself if you can't get enough to drink by one o'clock, an extra hour isn't going to help you that much. I haven't talked to any owners of facilities that sell liquor but I haven't heard any of them clamoring to extend the hour and that's just an extra hour they'd have to work. They might break even on their profit and loss but until they come up with a request to back the request of the people then I don't think we need it.
Are you in favor of the construction of Millican Dam after the lignite coal is mined in the area?
I've never been a full supporter of the Millican Dam. If it's going to be built and if we do have the coal that they say we have down there they certainly should mine it. But being a veterinarian, being somewhat of an agriculturist, I sure hate to see a great deal of land turned under water. So I'd rather see it stay as land.

going to have to be a tax-supported situation. Private enterprises, I don't think, will be responsive. At least from reading all the accounts in the newspapers, people have been dissatisfied with some of the support of private enterprises. I personally see nothing wrong with the fire department handling it.
Are you satisfied with the enforcement of existing ordinances? Do you have any plans for new developmental controls?
No I'm not satisfied. More than 50 per cent of the signs in College Station are illegal. We are going to have

to have people enforce it. We don't have enough people in the tax office to keep our tax rolls up to date. We have a significant number of people whose property is not on the tax rolls because the deed has never been transferred from the court house.
Another ordinance which is not enforced to its absolute is the animal control ordinance. Avid control is necessary from a health standpoint and for protection of the animals. We are no longer a free-ranging society and these ordinances must be enforced for the welfare of the people.

Larry Ringer

Larry Ringer, 38, 702 Thomas, statistics professor and researcher at Texas A&M. President of the city's recreation council, member of College Station Board of Adjustment.



Larry Ringer

Do you have any specific programs planned as a council member?
I don't have any specific programs; I got some interests such as the problems facing the community. The present situation for one, traffic and parking for another. I'd like to see the effort made to alleviate the parking problem at the North Gate area and around campus. A big interest is to have some development plans. We have a development plan, we need to follow it or modify it if it need be.
Areas are rezoned for a purpose are ought to be some control that is actually what is used. I think sometimes areas are rezoned so individual can turn the property profit easier.
Are you in favor of extending hours to 2 a.m. on weekends?
I hadn't really thought about it. I guess I'll have to give you a typical politician's answer to that. I'll have to think it into.
Are you in favor of the construction of Millican Dam after the lignite coal is mined in the area?
From what I know about the area I say no. If there were a lake there would be an extremely shallow lake. It would consequently be a problem as the water level shifted up and down, there would be mudflats, being shallow, it would be quite mud-choked. I'd love to see a lake beside my backyard, so to speak, that was usable for fishing, water-skiing and so forth, but I'm not convinced that the lake would be it.
Should College Station purchase utilities from a source other than Bryan?
I think we ought to look at other

sources, yes. I think College Station should investigate other sources and get the best utility service that they can for the money. I don't think at the present time that that's what we're doing with Bryan.
Why are you running?
For years I have told my wife and other people about things I've felt the city needed and wished they'd do. Some said "Why don't you run for city council and do the things you think need to be done" and so I said I guess I'll try it.
I hope I have some things to offer the community. I have interest in the development of recreational facilities in the community, and I'm interested in seeing the community stay an attractive area in which to live and raise a family, and for the college students to live.
Would you like to see College Station change to a ward system of election as proposed in the referendum on the April 3 ballot?
No, I think College Station is too small for a ward system — at least six wards. I think a compromise would be three wards and three at large seats. We had the ward system less than ten years ago and we voted it out.
One argument for the ward system is to keep the students from being in the majority. I think if the student body gets organized enough they ought to have people on the city council. The students could elect a councilman now if they got behind one.
My major concern is that the wards would be small areas and we would develop small special interest groups and we might have competition as to what ward gets the best services. I don't think that would be good for the community.
How do you think the ambulance service should be handled in Bryan-College Station?
I haven't had any experience with ambulance service. I guess there have been complaints. Seems to me one solution for emergency ambu-

lance service would be to have some service such as the fire department, with trained personnel in that, to answer emergency calls. The problem with that is who decides which call is an emergency call.
Are you satisfied with the enforcement of existing ordinances? Do you have any plans for new developmental controls?
I'm not completely satisfied. The ordinances on such things as billboards, signs and buildings are examples. I think we need to look at the city staff and if they are understaffed and don't have the people to man these ordinances then we ought to expand the city staff so they can. If we are going to have the ordinance let's use it, if we're not going to use it let's take it off the books.
Should College Station purchase its utilities from a source other than Bryan?
If Bryan does not give us a reasonable rate we should seek other sources. By reasonable rate I don't mean they should give us such a good deal that it will cost them money.
For one Bryan subsidizes the school system in Bryan with utility profits and I don't think we should subsidize their school system. Two, they are apparently very inefficient producers of electricity. Three, when they laid plans for their (new) power plant they effectively ruled out coal, which is a cheaper source of power... They want us to help them pay for their mistake.
A municipal utility situation (like Bryan's) does not come under the state utility regulation so we have no protection. If we went to a private enterprise concern they would fall under the state regulatory power. I don't think Bryan will give us a reasonable rate.
Why are you running?
I feel the council needs strong leadership, called for by the growth problem we're going to have to be facing. I feel I can exert that strong leadership and help give guidance to the growth of our city.

Would you like to see College Station change to a ward system of election as proposed in the referendum on the April 3 ballot?
No. Having lived in an area where a ward system worked, ward connotes somewhat dirty politics or ward politics. I don't feel here in College Station we need a ward system. A three and three system where we got some council members at-large and some from wards. But having the entire city as six districts is not reasonable.
We have several different interest groups that have brought up wards, the students are one. Personally if the students wanted somebody on the city council they could put someone in. Historically the students have not participated in city government, which is unfortunate. The other group is afraid of the student vote, they say students can hold the whole council if they so desire, and this is true. I'm not afraid of the students taking over the city council. They are citizens here and most of the students live off campus.
How do you think the ambulance service should be handled in Bryan-College Station?
Never having had to use it I am not too familiar with it but I'd rather see a city or regional council handling the ambulance system. I think it's



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