

Elections set for April 7

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The Bryan City Council accepted a petition Monday calling for consideration of the Firemen's and Policemen's Civil Service Act in the election on April 7.

Fifty police and firemen accompanied by their families attended the Bryan city council meeting Monday night to show support for the petition.

The Civil Service Act would provide policemen and firemen with more job security by shifting the hiring, firing and promoting guidelines from city to state control.

City Secretary Joe Evans said enough names had been submitted to the petition to the council for the issue to be added to the ballot. The number of names had to equal at least 10 percent of the qualified voters in Bryan.

Gary Wentreck, president of the Policemen's Association, later said that 85 to 90 percent of the police department supported the act. He said he thought the majority of the public was in favor of the act, too.

In other action, the council adopted a resolution calling for the regular municipal election in which the mayor and three city councilmen would be elected. Places one, two, three, and five of the city council are

open. These positions are currently held by Joe Hanover, Peyton Waller and Wayne Gibson, respectively.

The council also passed a resolution for a joint election with the Bryan Independent School District. The resolution combines the election of the mayor and councilmen and the election of the board of trustees for the school.

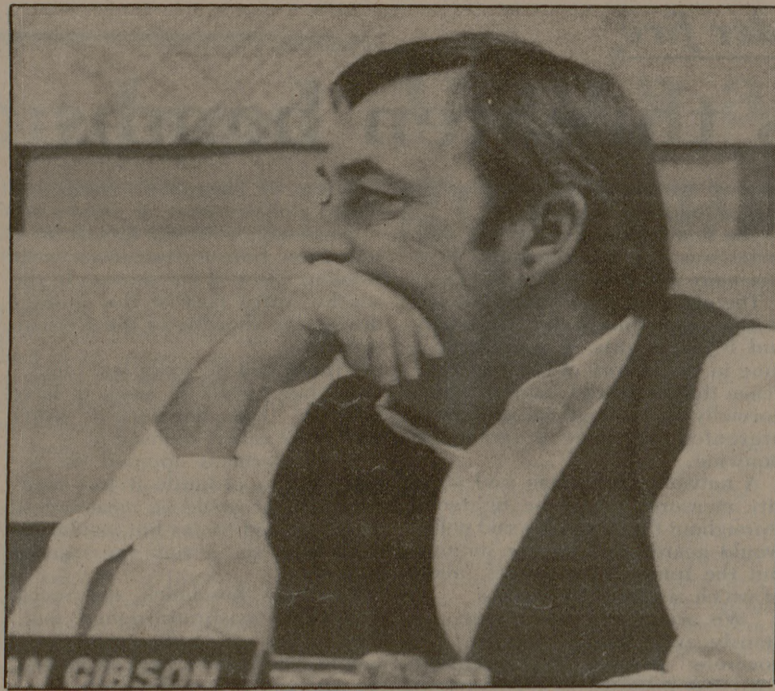
The council also approved a public hearing set for Feb. 12 on a proposed annexation. The annexation was requested by property owners in an area west of the city. The area encompasses 71.38 acres between the Thomas Heights subdivision and the F.M. 2815 West Bypass.

The council also passed a resolution calling for new aerial maps of the City of Bryan. Estimated cost for the new maps is \$58,000. The existing maps have not been updated since 1971.

The council discussed making an agreement with College Station for the exchange of water during emergencies. Under this agreement, either city could purchase water from the other at a prearranged rate for emergency use in their area. The agreement would not commit either city to purchase water except under emergency situations.

The council awarded a contract for sewer improvements to Brazos Valley Utilities. The company gave the council the low bid of \$120,014.33.

The council approved payment invoices and estimates totalling \$144,583.63. The payments were for construction contracts and related services and materials.



Councilman Wayne Gibson is one of three councilmen whose term expires April 7.

The council passed an ordinance granting a franchise to Loner Star Gas Company to furnish and supply gas to the general public in Bryan.

The council tabled approval of the utility report and load projection. The document is intended to aid planning of the 1979-80 operating budget.

"They take away jobs from American citizens," Bonilla said. "When you create a Bracero program you create another class of citizens and a lower class at that."

District Judge Joe Cisneros of Edinburg said there were decreasing numbers of drug cases on court dockets along the border and urged Clements to commend Mexican officials for cooperating in efforts to stem illegal narcotics traffic. Cisneros said there has been an increase in burglaries involving aliens, however, and suggested officials consider prosecuting more of those cases instead of simply deporting accused criminals who are aliens.

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MEXICO CITY — They take traffic violations seriously in Mexico. When a car carrying agents of the Mexico City attorney general's office recently turned the wrong way down a one-way street, several auxiliary policemen stopped it.

The occupants of the car got out and started beating the policemen, who called in hundreds of reinforcements armed with machine guns, and took part in a half-hour brawl.

Five officers were seriously wounded and many others suffered severe bruises, authorities said.

Mexico City Police Chief Arturo Durazo Moreno said those found guilty would be "severely punished."

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Clements Mexico trip rapped

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AUSTIN — Mexican American legislators complained Monday that the selection of Bill Clements as adviser for his trip to Mexico questioned the authority of the state's chief executive to deal directly with the president of a foreign country.

But La Raza Unida spokesman Mario Compean of San Antonio and the mayors of Laredo, McAllen and San Antonio praised the governor on a report calling the unusual conference Monday to get input before he indicated leaves for Mexico Tuesday.

Compean, whose third party bid also for governor helped Clements become Texas' first GOP governor in a century, and the mayors were among more than 20 Mexican Americans and representatives of 10 Texas cities invited to meet with the governor.

"Who did the inviting?" Rep. Arnold Gonzales asked Clements' administrative assistant, G. G. Garcia. Gonzales complained that no representatives of the American GI Forum or Mexican American Legal Defense Fund were present and questioned the authority of Reuben Bonilla of Corpus Christi to represent the League of United Latin American Citizens.

"If you really wanted to get input from the community you need to have these people," said Gonzales, vice chairman of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus.

Sen. Raul Longoria, D-Edinburg, questioned Clements' authority to make any agreements with Mexican officials during his trip and the wisdom of Texas' governor huddling with President Jose Lopez Portillo before President Carter's visit to Mexico.

"This leaves something to be desired," Longoria said. "The president of the United States is going to Mexico within a month."

Clements' assistants said he was not going as a representative of the United States but simply to confer on mutual economic, energy and drug problems.

San Antonio Mayor Lila Cockrell and municipal officials urged Briscoe to tell Portillo their city is ready to proceed on an agreement to swap electricity for natural gas.

Ray Rodriguez of Houston said Tennesco and other Texas oil companies are ready to make an agreement to purchase natural gas from Mexico if the Carter administration would not interfere.

Compean noted Clements' repeated suggestions for a reinstatement of some type of Bracero program and urged the governor to look into the wages, living conditions and legal rights to be afforded alien workers coming to the United States.

Bonilla said LULAC opposes any resumption of a Bracero-type program to allow Mexican nationals to come to the United States to work.

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