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CS City Council approves back-up water well

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Plans for a third water well to service College Station and an estimated \$67,000 in street improvements were approved Thursday by the College Station City Council.

Mayor Gary Halter said the third well is primarily to serve as a back-up.

The well will provide the city with some back-up so that it doesn't have problems in the summer, he said.

"We still have some reserve capacity with the University well. The additional well will provide

Work on \$67,000 in street improvements to begin in December

further assurance and will also be cheaper to have it built now than sometime in the future," Halter said.

The well could also provide back-up for other governmental entities in the area that may have problems with water supply this next summer, he said.

"This would be the case where

everybody would be able to help everybody else out," Halter said.

The third well, expected to be in service by May, will give the city an excess capacity of about 3 million gallons over the estimated peak in the summer, the mayor said.

Under the terms of the contract, the city assumes no risk in the making of the well and the

Whalen Corporation must provide 1.1 billion gallons of water a year.

The city will pay 17 cents for every 1,000 gallons for the next 12 years with a total cost to the city of more than \$2.2 million.

The council approved the estimated \$67,000 street improvements for parts of Poplar Street between Eisenhower and Turner

streets and MacArthur Street between Cooner Street and East University Drive.

Elrey Ash, director of capital improvements, said the owners of the property adjacent to the street improvements will pay two-thirds of the cost of the paving and curb construction.

The owners are responsible to pay their portion of the cost when the improvements are completed and approved by the city.

The city will pay the remaining improvement costs, he said. There is a 10 percent annual interest on the amount owed, starting when the work is completed. The interest is due annually.

The improvements were put on

an emergency status by the council so that bids for the work can be advertised and construction begun as soon as possible.

The bids for the improvements are expected to be in by November and work could start in December, he said.

RHA survey opposes Greek recognition

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A survey that stated opposition to University recognition of fraternities and sororities was presented to Residence Hall Association members in their meeting Thursday night.

RHA surveyed hall leaders on the Greek recognition proposal and will vote on sending the results to Student Government at their next meeting.

Stacy Graf, director of RHA external affairs, said 135 surveys were given to the dorms on campus and 115 were returned. 72 percent of those surveyed were against any recognition of the Greek system, according to the report.

Throughout the survey, hall leaders were more against indi-

vidual sorority/fraternity recognition than recognition of Inter-Fraternity-Council/Panhellenic, the Greek coordinating organizations. 80 percent felt the recognition of the IFC and Panhellenic would negatively affect the atmosphere of Texas A&M University, the survey said.

New business before RHA, such as a proposal regarding a new drinking policy and one in support of a campus-wide quiz file, is being held until the next meeting because there was no quorum, which it must have to vote on issues. According to the by-laws, there must be 43 voting members present, out of the total 65 members, to debate issues. Thirty-six members attended Thursday night.

Today's almanac

Today is Friday, October 23rd, the 296th day of 1981 with 69 to follow.

The moon is moving toward its new phase.

The morning stars are Mercury, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. The evening star is Venus.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Scorpio. French actress Sara Bernhardt and American talk show host Johnny Carson were born on October 23rd — she in 1845 and he in 1925.

On this date in history: In 1915, an estimated 25 hundred women marched in New York City demanding the right to

vote throughout the United States.

In 1942, the British Eighth Army launched an offensive at El Alamein, Egypt, starting a campaign that eventually swept the Axis forces out of North Africa.

In 1955, Ngo Dinh Diem was chosen to take over the South Vietnamese government in the country's first free election. He later was assassinated.

In 1977, Panamanians approved new Panama Canal treaties with the United States in a direct vote.

A thought for the day: American writer Carl Sandburg said: "Time is a sandpile we run our fingers through."

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