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Aid proposal approved, shelter support continued

by Wanda Winkler
Battalion Reporter
After lengthy discussion Wednesday evening, the College Station City Council approved a proposal to maintain payroll transactions for the Brazos Animal Shelter.

In January, the council had agreed to financially support the animal shelter until it was self-supportive. Previously, the council had approved \$16,000 for the animal shelter payroll, which totaled about \$4,000 a month.

Mayor Gary Halter said he

wanted the councilmen to know that the shelter was operated jointly by College Station, Bryan, and Brazos County.

Halter said College Station was funding the animal shelter because in January, Bryan and Brazos County said they could not provide financial aid. The animal shelter will reimburse the council when it can afford to pay its five employees.

City Manager North Bardell said the Brazos Animal Shelter is serving five surrounding counties.

"We didn't mean for it to be-

come a regional shelter," he said.

Councilman Lynn Nemecek said funding should not be "open-ended." The council approved her proposal, which called for a quarterly review of the animal shelter payroll.

In other business, the council swore in its new members. Winners in the council race on Saturday were Alvin Prause, Vicky Reinke and Gary Anderson. Reinke and Anderson will be serving a first term on the council, and Prause will be serving a second term.

At the meeting, the mayor

signed a proclamation that declared April 3-9 as the "Week of the Young Child" in Brazos County. This week is a state-wide celebration designed to focus on the needs and accomplishments of children. After signing the proclamation, Halter had his picture taken with the children from Humpty Dumpty School in Bryan.

Council business also included the approval of a resolution that reported the number of ballots used Saturday by each precinct in the city council election.

CS zoning hearings set tonight

The College Station Planning and Zoning Commission will hold public hearings today on rezoning the south side area of University Drive near the East Bypass and several lots in the Prairie View Heights subdivision.

The commission will meet at

7 p.m. in the city council chambers.

Final zoning approval will be sought for the Emerald Forest recreational facility in the Emerald Forest subdivision off the Bypass and for the Villa on the Rio Grande subdivision at the corner of Rio Grande and Balcones Drive.

Bureau supplies speakers

Students talk at musters

by Christine Mallon
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Muster — one of Texas A&M's most revered traditions — is April 21, and several students from here will travel across the state to speak at muster ceremonies.

The students are members of the Texas A&M Speaker's Bureau, an organization headed by Carolyn Adair, director of student activities.

Adair teaches a seminar that prepares students for the speaker's bureau.

Hoby Reed, a bureau member, said the class prepares students to speak on any topic that concerns the University.

"It's a one-hour credit course

conducted just like a speech course, except all of our work focuses on Texas A&M," Reed said.

Reed, the Corps of Cadets' public relations officer, has represented the Corps and the University at many out-of-town functions, including high school college nights, A&M Mothers Club meetings and a muster ceremony last year in Seguin.

Adair said students can enroll in the seminar by applying during the fall semester of their junior year and, if accepted, can join the class in the spring.

The class now has 27 students, most of whom will speak at a muster ceremony some-

where in Texas on April 21.

Some of the students won't be able to go because of other engagements, Adair said, so other qualified students have been selected to speak.

Robert Crouch, a junior from Poteet, is not in the seminar but has been selected along with two other students to represent the University at a muster in Rosenberg.

Crouch said he probably was chosen because of his "love for Aggieland." He also is a sub-chairman for Fish Camp '83, a recruiter for the Corps of Cadets, president of the Physical Education Club and a member of the Corps' Company D-1.

Adair said six cities have requested speakers from the bureau, and three students have been chosen to attend each of the ceremonies.

The three representatives usually include a male and female civilian student and a junior or senior cadet, she said. This assignment procedure gives people a chance to hear about all aspects of Aggie life, she added.

Students already have been selected to attend musters in Denton, Giddings, Rockdale, Rosenberg, Waller and Wharton. Adair said by next week speakers will be assigned to about three more cities.

Northgate issues identified

by Kathy Wiesepape
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Open discussions between merchants, landowners and Northgate area residents in a Northgate committee workshop Wednesday found no specific solutions to the area's problems.

Dan McGilvray, head of the volunteer committee investigating renovation possibilities for the Northgate area, said there are four major problem areas: parking, traffic, maintenance and zoning restrictions.

The merchants agreed that the area's major problem is parking. Many students who are unable to find parking spaces on campus during the day park along the streets or in spaces re-

served for customers.

As a result, the vacant lots and streets in the area are jammed with cars. Drivers have trouble seeing around the cars, creating hazards for pedestrians. The merchants said this situation discourages customers from doing business in Northgate.

Al Gutierrez, owner of Alfredo's Tacos al Carbon, said he doubts that anything can be done about the parking problem until the city has the cooperation of the University.

McGilvray agreed. He said students will continue to park in the area as long as it is more convenient than parking on campus. Cracking down on the

students by ticketing and towing cars, he said, is no solution — the problem would just shift to other areas.

"If students have to pay \$50 for a 'hunting license' to look for a place on campus, and they can park over here for free, of course they'll park here," he said.

Pedestrian safety is a primary consideration for the area, McGilvray said. He proposed installing a traffic light that would work on a "scrambler" system. Under this system, the lights in all directions would be red at the same time to enable pedestrians to cross in all directions while traffic is stopped.

The merchants said mainte-

nance problems could be solved by enforcing the zoning restrictions.

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