

# Council's handling of paving plan knocked

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A plan to finance major street repairs in Chatham Hills, including a \$3,100 special assessment for each property owner, was approved unanimously by the city council Monday.

Many residents voiced concern with future property values, how the assessment would affect the sale of their homes and how future road repairs would be handled.

In attendance, Monday's hearing was scheduled to discuss the tax roll, which would require the more than 270 property owners to pay \$340,500 of the project. The balance, about 33 percent, will be paid from city coffers.

dividual streets for at least that long. Work is expected to begin in June or July of this year, city manager Robert Deadman said.

plained that "the special assessment route is the only route we have to go. There was never any intent for this city to draw taxes from its residents to replace the roads."

Court raised the issue of council responsibility. Goyette had asked the council to take a hand count at the Feb. 23 meeting to show either approval or disapproval with the plan. This was not done, although comments from many people were recorded.

THE CITY council voted in favor of the \$1.2 million project Feb. 23 after a public hearing with about 100

# Warehouse in city ordered vacated

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A 45-year-old Farmington warehouse building — the subject of recent city scrutiny because of structural problems — was deemed dangerous by the city council Monday and ordered vacated.

Miller was not at Monday's meeting, although he had been notified about council consideration of the building issue. He could not be reached for comment.

work has been completed, city officials said. Director of public services Earl Billing and city manager Robert Deadman recommended the building be vacated.

Councilwoman Shirley Richardson said the city has waited long enough for Miller to make his repairs.

"I don't give a rat's nickel if we weren't all here (at the meeting)," he said. "You should have asked the question. You talk about irresponsibility."

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