

Garbage hearing Aug. 12

FARMINGTON HILLS — A public hearing on city-financed garbage collection has been scheduled Aug. 12, at 8 p.m. in the Farmington Hills city hall.

The Hills council set the hearing after receiving bids as low as \$2.56 per household monthly on the weekly service for the entire city.

"I don't think we can beat that," Stuart Wallhead, president of the Lincolnshire East Subdivision Assn. said when he urged the

council to hold a hearing on the issue.

Low bidder for the service was GCW Disposal Service of Birmingham, currently the Birmingham city contractor, according to City Manager George Majoros.

The low bid was \$2.46 per unit for the entire city. Also bid was a \$507 monthly charge for separate collection of newspapers.

The newspaper collection would hopefully become self supporting,

or even revenue producing if enough residents participate, according to Majoros.

"Perhaps this could be brought out at a hearing," Wallhead said.

Plans are to finance the service as a regular budget item, with no anticipated tax increase, according to Majoros.

He indicated the bids were higher than expected, but did not say what effect this would have on the budget.

Prisk says schools have no surplus, calls for support of new millage

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that the district can always find the funds to carry on he said, "this is not so."

Prisk told the board that the district had faced a problem in 1971 similar to the one it faces now where voters were asked to support the millage twice and twice they defeated it.

"We had to make severe reductions as a result of that defeat," he said. "The certified teaching staff was cut by over fifty people. The uncertified staff was cut by 46.

Eighty seven thousand dollars were cut from the money used for supplies and textbooks.

"All this at a time when we had 427 more students in the district than we had had the previous year."

He said that the school district ended the year with a balance of \$915,000. A balance which prompted many people to say that the cuts were not necessary and the district did not need the money.

However Prisk said the district

was left with that balance as a result of very restrictive spending and as a result of some unexpected revenues.

"Had we not adopted this restrictive attitude toward spending the district would have been \$500-600,000 in debt," he said.

"In 1971 we ended up with that balance because we made more on our investments because of higher interest rates. We can't always do that, it just won't happen again."

During the course of the board meeting Lichtman also indicated that the board members were manning two booths during the Founders Festival in an effort to meet the public and answer questions about the millage.

Hills resolution urges millage vote

FARMINGTON — A watershed resolution urging Farmington Hills voters to "study and vote" on the school referendum coming up July 30 was adopted by the Hills council Monday.

The original wording of the resolution called for voter support of the millage requested by the Farmington school board.

The ordinance was introduced following a meeting between the Hills council and the Farmington school board by Mayor Frederick Lichtman, who indicated consideration of such a resolution was promised at that meeting.

Lichtman pointed out the council had adopted resolutions on variable millage and busing in the past, when several council members said they felt support of school millage was not within the jurisdiction of the city council.

"I object to the council being asked to vote on this," Mrs. Joan Dudley said.

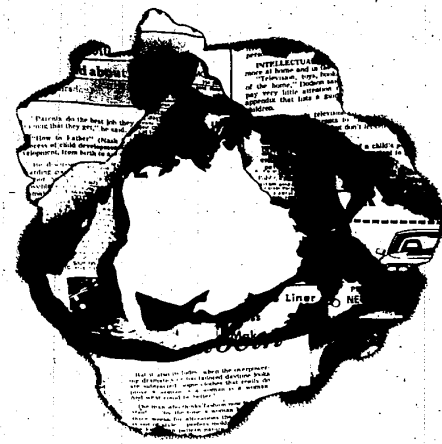
Councilman Mrs. Margaret Schaeffer also said while she personally supported the millage, it was not a proper concern of the council.

When the resolution wording was changed by Councilman Earl Oppertausser from support to urging a vote on the matter, Mrs. Schaeffer said, "This almost seems like a slap in the face with a wet fish."

Oppertausser said in past cases, the council felt the issues were supported by the vast majority of the residents, and the school issue differed because it had been defeated once before.

The final vote was six in favor, with Councilman William Ortmann abstaining.

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