

Council rejects buying school for police station

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budget does not provide any "new money" for a police building but after dipping into reserves to balance the budget, the city still will have about \$1.3 million in surplus that could be used in part to begin paying for a station, Costick said.

Although some council members hesitated setting aside the option on the 34-year-old school building, both Costick and City Manager Lawrence Savage urged officials to make a decision because school officials have been waiting for an answer.

"They would like to put it on the market if we are not interested in it," Costick said.

Unsure whether city officials "should completely discard" the school as a possibility for a police station, Mayor Fred Hughes said he would like to see if school officials can first sell the building for another use before the city seriously considers it.

"If it turns out to be a white elephant, I might want to reconsider cost options to avoid an empty school on a

major thoroughfare," Hughes said, contrasting Middlebelt Elementary with Bond Elementary which has been empty for several years.

"I'm not sure that is our responsibility even though we are a part of the community," responded councilwoman Jody Soreen. "Our obligation is to build the best building at the best cost."

BUT COUNCILMAN Charles Williams took issue with the architects' estimated costs for a new building, figuring it at about \$22 a square foot, excluding a proposed pistol range.

"Why is this going to cost us almost \$100 a square foot?" he asked.

Architect Robert Ziegelman, however, corrected Williams, responding that estimated costs boil down to about \$91 a square foot for a new police station.

"We think we are in line with the national average," he said, indicating his architectural firm's cost estimates were based on costs gathered from other recently built police departments throughout the country.

Ziegelman admitted that city officials could decrease costs if they de-

side exactly what type of building is needed and in which areas cuts could be made.

"One thing that's going to be very important is to bring this thing in under \$25 million," Williams said, indicating that when the architects were hired in March to consider four city-suggested options for a police station,

city officials expected a "\$2 million or so project" instead of one projected at more than \$3 million.

Even though renovating the school is cheaper, location and energy savings appeared to point in favor of building a new police building.

Ziegelman indicated that changing the school into a police department,

particularly because of its hollow square shape, would be difficult.

"Basically what you do on the school is far more expensive than on a new building," Ziegelman said.

POLICE CHIEF John Nichols later admitted that the school would have been "very difficult" to change into a police department because of law en-

forcement's specific building needs. For example, he said, the police need a building which is accessible for the public, yet not so accessible that a prisoner could escape the holding cells.

Because the school is square-shaped with a center courtyard, Nichols said, placing specific units and departments where they would be best situated would be difficult.

Federal money used for drainage

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tion of providing employment for the jobless, initiating construction or providing assistance to the poor.

Although the seven projects listed by city officials total \$214,000, officials are hoping that they will get lower than used bid prices.

The top priority project is repairing and replacing a 50-year-old storm drain system on Collingham and Oxford, between Grand River and Shiawassee roads, for an estimated \$125,000.

"We do not feel it is adequate for the area," said City Engineer David Call.

OTHER PROJECTS listed in priority include:

- Replacement of an existing culvert on Grayfield, east of Middlebelt, for an estimated \$20,000. The proposed improvement will in turn widen the road to two lanes.

- Completion of a 1,555-foot sidewalk on the north side of Shiawassee, just east of Middlebelt, to provide improved pedestrian safety by the William Grace Elementary School. Side-

walk construction will cost about \$22,000.

- Placing pipes and ditching on Averhill, just south of Nine Mile, to eliminate standing water and to improve the road. These improvements will tie into the Hamilton Road storm drainage project scheduled for this year. The Averhill storm drainage improvements will cost an estimated \$10,000.

- Ditching and drainage improvements along Sunnydale and Ruth streets for about \$12,000 to improve the road base and drainage from the residences.

- Cleaning out ditches and replacing the existing enclosures in the Grayling and Waldron drain for an estimated \$10,000.

- Removing debris and cleaning the lines in the Rouge River area near the Waldron drain. City officials are concerned about debris restricting the natural flow of storm water. The project is expected to cost \$15,000.

City officials expect their list of projects to be approved by HUD, Costick said. The projects are expected to be completed during this construction season.

Living in America

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then her age. Carrie even outruns boys her age."

Carrie proved her athletic prowess when she was chosen for the Bonanza League Soccer Team. Only select players are chosen for this all-star team.

Carrie also will attend the Michigan Soccer School for a week in August.

Her worst course in school is social studies, she said, her favorite food is pizza. This summer she's looking forward to going to camp.

Though she never attended school in Colombia, this fall she will enter the seventh grade at East Middle School,

where her brother Ted attends school.

Carrie said she wants to be a professional soccer player, and if she can't do that she wants to coach soccer.

Between practicing her soccer jugs and working out to keep in shape for the real games Carrie found time to plant a garden for the first time this year. But her efforts were nixed by a local rabbit who made his daily diet a salad of lettuce, spinach, carrots and radishes compliments of Carrie.

During the short time she's lived with the Malers, Carrie has gone on many trips. Guatemala, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas and Venezuela are just a few of the locations she's visited.

Bartenders will compete for racing honors

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racing and tug of war. Each bar or res-

taurant will represent a team, Smotherman said. For example, the table setting contest requires two men

and three women as a team who will run with a table, set it down, put on a tablecloth and then set it in as few minutes as possible. The tray relay calls for a bartender and four waiters or waitresses who will race other teams carrying glasses filled with water.

THE TUG OF WAR will be fought over a mud pit, the pie contest will feature cream pies and there will "be a lot of horseplay and a lot of fun," Smotherman said.

But the Festival '83 Drink Contest is expected to be the highlight of the Battle of the Bars. Each participating bar, which will pay a \$5 entry fee for this contest, is expected to enter either an alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverage to be judged on its appearance and taste, Smotherman said.

"We're going to try to get celebrity judges like radio and TV personalities,"

he said, indicating a plaque will be awarded in each category.

When all the points in each category are totaled, Smotherman said, an overall trophy will be awarded to the bar or restaurant with the greatest number of points. The winner will be entitled to display the trophy in the owner's bar or restaurant throughout the year.

But the fun doesn't stop there. At next year's festival, the 1983 winner will be expected to defend the trophy or lose it to a new contender.

Although the Battle of the Bars applications were only recently mailed to bars and restaurants in both Farmington and Farmington Hills, Smotherman says he has had about 10 owners and their staffs who are interested in participating. Smotherman is hoping at least 16 bars or restaurants turn out for the contests.

Internship served with health agency

Kim Zisholz of Farmington Hills has been selected for a summer internship program sponsored by the Office of Human Development Services (OHDS).

Zisholz is one of 20 college students, from among 700 applicants, to be selected for the program by Health and Human Services' (HHS) Assistant Secretary Dorcas R. Hardy. The program lasts through Saturday, Aug. 13.

Zisholz, a premed senior at the University of Michigan, will work as a volunteer on the OHDS Presidential Committee on Mental Retardation summarizing Federal policy regulations and reports.

She also will take part in planned visits to Capitol Hill, the Library of Congress, and the Supreme Court and participate in a series of seminars scheduled for the interns.

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