## Resident opinion sought on spending

The additional millage would be broken down to three-tenits of a mill to pay for a new police building estimated at \$2.5 million, as well as a quarterment on the Caddell Drain for which the city already is obligated. The remaining seven-tenits mill would be used for drainage improvements and other unspecified projects.

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FUTURE BOND issues for other drainage improvements would be presented to voters when council members believed the projects would be needed, Savage said.
"This would include the complete financing of the police building in 15 years of flanning of the Caddell Drain," Savage said in a report to the council.

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'This would not be a full implementation of the CIP (capital improvements plan) as presented by the planning commission.

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"It is felt that this alternative does
provide a politically viable amount
(1.25 mills) over an acceptable period
of time," Savage continued.

Under the staff's recommended plan,
a homeowner with a home assessed at
\$40,000 would pay an additional \$50 a
year in tares. But that total would
change as the homeowner's assessment
changed.

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mills (inleuding 4064 mill for debt re-tirement). According to the city char-ter, the council has the authority to levy up to 10 mills.

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LAST YEAR, when council members, under public pressure, defeated a proposed 1.26 mill tax increase, they automatically excluded a proposed 1.26 mill tax increase, they automatically excluded a proposed one-mill levy for projects listed in the 1983 capital improvement program. Council members maintained the previous year's 7.2855 mill tax rate.

The council, in turn, decided to finance capital improvements for fis-cal 1083-84 out of the then existing \$1.5 million improvement fund.

But now city administrators are telling council members that with only approximately \$187,000 left in the capital improvement fund, mosey for projects, with as the police building, Caddell Drain and other drainage projects, will have to come from somewhere else. And that is through levying tax milage.

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But the council has the option of put-ting the question of levying additional millage for capital improvements on the ballot in either the August primary election or the November presidential

WHILE COUNCIL members appeared to lean in favor of taking the improvement program, or only certain projects such as the police building, to the public for a vote, they expressed the need for caution in how to approach the public.

"I feel this capital improvement plan is so vital . . . I don't want us to take

Dudley said.

But Savage cautioned council members from placing just an advisory question before voters because it doesn't allow the city to do anything that it aiready legally can do.

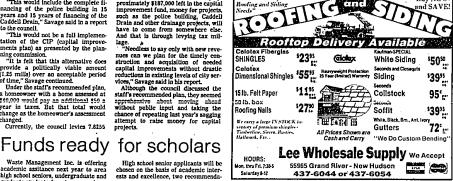
An advisory question would be nullified if the proposed Voters Choice Amendment receives voter approval, Savage said.

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The amendment would include a rollback of the millage rate to the 1981 level. If the city required more revenue (beyond the 1981 level of 8.5 mills) a vote of the people would be required, Savage said.





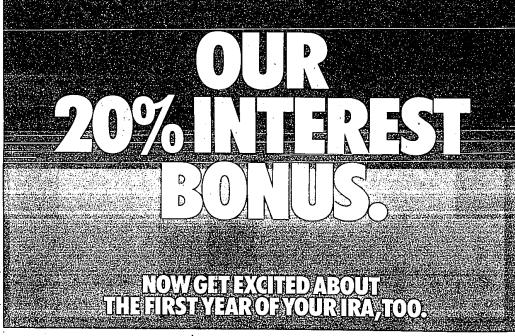
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