# Council's handling of paving plan knocked

By Casey Hans
staff writer

A plan to finance major street repairs in Chatham Hills, including a first porty owner, was approved unamously by the city council Monday. The council has represented from the Farmington substance from the Farmington street from the Farmington from the Farmington street from the Farmington from the Farmington street from the Farmington of the \$1,100 because the bulk of the work was not believed for discuss the tax roll, which would require the more than dear two for the people variety of the project from the Total Mandel of

in attendance. Monday's hearing was scheduled to discuss the tax roll, which would require the more than 270 property owners to pay 340,300 of the project. The balance, about 33 procent, will be paid form city to the project. The balance, about 33 procent, will be paid form city to the project. The balance, about 33 procent, will be paid form city to the project of the project of the project of the project. The assessment roll will provide the project of the project

said.
Routine future street maintenance would be handled as part of the regular maintenance fund, officials said. But if major rebuilding again became necessary, a similar assessment approach might be taken.
Councilman Richard Tupper ex-

MAYOR WILLIAM Hartsock called the plan "fair and equitable," adding, "it sincerely is our intent to better our community. We can all disagree with how we do it and pay for it."

Several residents volced disap-proval not only with the financing plan, but with the handling of the is-sue by the council.

Renald Goyette of Brittany Hill

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.

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

Hartsock replied, "It would be in responsible for us not to act on tha (the street repairs). It's a question of who's paying for it."

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Warehouse in city ordered vacated By Casey Hans staff writer

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 weated.

The unanimous council action puts
additional pressure on owner Roy
Miller of Birmingham to repair the
building at 33300 Thomas by June 1,
or face possible demolition action by
the city.

Miller operates a small soap business from the building, in downtown
Farmington, north of Grand River,
cast of Farmington Road. The order
will not allow the business to operate
in the building until proper repairs
are made.

THE BUILDING must be com-pletely vacated within seven days of notice to the owner, according to the council motion.

Miller was not at Monday's meet-ing, although he had been notified about council consideration of the tabled issue. He could not be reached

vember when Miller was given 30 days to clean up 54 violations, including structural, mechanical, plumbing, electrical and fire safety violations.

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"Based on the continuing saga..." If feel we should follow the recommendation that this building be varieties, "electriciman Arnold Campbell said. "Based on what I have seen, vacting the building would be in the interest of the whole community." If personally believe ... we've got to take a strong action. He hand lived up to his promises."

"We've certainly given him time to respond to our concerns," Mayor William Hartsock added.

THE ISSUE of the Thomas Street building was made public last No-

work has been completed, city officials said.

Director of public services Earl Billing and city manager Robert Deadman recommended the building for Miller to make his repairs. Billing and city manager Robert Deadman recommended the building for Miller to make his repairs. The entire building is unsafe,"

Billing told the council. "The roof can be seen to building demolished," she said, and months and months, we can idle floor think it as a building official can look at one portion of a building."

IN A report to the council, Deadman said: "The cowner has caused himself undue delays in correcting defects found in the structure."

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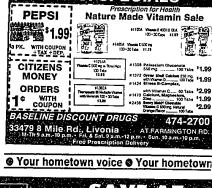
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