

3-for-5 Farmington race seen as close call

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William Hartsock
Hartsock, 41, came to the council as a political novice 18 years ago, and has succeeded in seven re-election bids since that time. The Cass Street resident is running on a communications platform — one that will encourage residents to get involved and participate in their local government. "If they come up to city hall to talk, they should be given every opportunity," he said. "They should know that someone's interested in hearing their point of view."

Hartsock is a two-time mayor who has lived in the community for 28 years, graduating from the former Our Lady of Sorrows High School and going on to get two bachelor's degrees. He is the father of one and is a partner with the regional investment firm of Roney & Co. Also an entrepreneur, Hartsock was involved in starting two companies during the past decade.

John Kenney
"Knocking the status quo" is the basis for John Kenney's campaign platform. "I want to give it a shot just to stir people up," he said.

Three seats on the non-partisan panel are open. The two top vote-getters will get four-year terms, and the third place winner will earn a two-year term.

The 45-year-old Iowa native has lived in the city on Pickett Street for 15 years and believes he would bring a fresh approach to local government. His motto is "the council does not work for the city of Farmington, it works for the taxpayers."

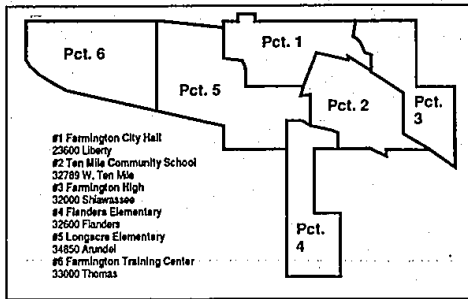
This is second try at a Farmington council seat, after an unsuccessful bid in 1989. Kenney first became involved in local politics in the late 1960s when he re-

turned from the Army to run for the Iowa City City Council. Kenney is married and has one daughter. He is a wastewater treatment specialist with Wayne Disposal.

JoAnne McShane
A longtime community activist and first-term city councilwoman, JoAnne McShane is bucking for a four-year term this time around. "It's been very satisfying, very rewarding," the 45-year-old says of her first two years on the council. McShane sees her "ability to connect with people" as a strength and vows to continue working hard for constituents if re-elected.

Before being elected to the council, McShane chaired the Farmington Zoning Board of Appeals and was active in a number of community groups. The mother of two, she has lived on Glenview Court for 20 years and is an insurance representative for Horace Mann. McShane is the lone woman running this year, an issue she believes is important but not the primary issue.

Ralph Yoder
Although retired from his job as a



trucking executive, Yoder has no desire to retire from serving his city. The 65-year-old Farmington resident and former mayor has served 26 years on the council and hopes to serve yet another term.

Yoder, who lives in the River Glen Condominiums, is running on his experience which brings a sense of history to the council. "I consider myself as somewhat

of a stabilizing influence on the council," he said. "I just think experience has got something to say for itself."

Yoder first got involved with city government as a council watcher in the late 1950s. After about eight years of that, he switched to the other side of the council table. He is married and has two grown children.

McShane is only candidate to top \$1,000

By Casey Hans
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First term Farmington City Council incumbent JoAnne McShane was the only candidate to file a detailed campaign finance statement in October, indicating she plans to spend more than \$1,000 in her re-election bid.

Other candidates including incumbents Ralph Yoder and William Hartsock and challengers Arnold Campbell and John Kenney filed waivers with the Oakland County Elections Division, which means they plan to spend less than \$1,000 in

their campaigns. All candidates for public office spending more than \$1,000, must detail donations of more than \$20 and note fund-raising activities and expenses.

Pre-election reports were due on Friday, Oct. 25 which show revenue and expenses through Oct. 20. Post-election campaign finance statements are due at the county on Dec. 5, one month after tomorrow's elec-

tion which will detail expenses for a candidate's entire election bid.

ACCORDING to her pre-election filing, McShane had receipts and expenses of about \$985. Of the money received, most came from fund-raisers. One \$25 contribution was noted from Farmington resident Lester London who worked with McShane in opposing the closing of

the Kroger store at Halsted and Grand River.

Major expenses for McShane included \$290 for the fund-raiser, about \$370 for lawn signs and another \$170 for brochures.

The other Farmington City Council candidates told the Observer they intended to spend several hundred dollars, mostly for signs, postage, and mailings.

McShane, who is currently ending her first two-year term on the council, has said she will run hard this year for a four-year term. The two candidates receiving the most votes earn four-year terms.

Her spending is consistent with her 1989 campaign, when she spent \$1,057, according to council election records.

She had originally filed a waiver last January, saying she intended to spend less than \$1,000 this year.

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