

Three vie for City Council Ward 6 position

Haws: I'll vote right

Eric Haws, city council candidate in Ward 6, characterizes himself as a "liberal with human rights and strict with tax dollars."

"I guess that makes me a moderate," he says.

Haws, running for reelection, says he doesn't have any particular programs he's out to promote. "I want to be there and vote the

proved livability, Haws says he favors expanded parks and recreation, but says it's "not practical to limit growth in Eugene."

"I'm not advocating Portland-size growth. We've got to use common sense," says Haws. The "only place it (Eugene) can grow" is to the north, continues Haws.

He says annexing land in the north, if needed, is the logical alternative and the city will "have to look to see what the county is going to do and annex that land before they get to it."

On the field burning issue, Haws says he will "go along with the crowd. It's not an overwhelming issue in my ward." Yet, he agrees that "field burning is wrong. It's pollution and it causes health problems."

Haws is "not ready to say what my position on the T-2000 plan is right now." He is, however, in favor of persuading people to use forms of transportation other than cars.

Brandt eyes growth

Ted Brandt, long-time Eugene resident and owner of Eugene Tile Co., says the issue he's most concerned with in his attempt to win the Ward 6 city council spot is the city's growth.

"Growth is my biggest concern, whether to let Eugene become another Los Angeles with urban sprawl or try to control that growth," says Brandt.

Being a business-owner, people sometimes see him as a "100 percent growth person," which he says is not the case. "I see the things it's doing to Eugene," he says, and he doesn't like it.

To maintain the quality of life in

the city, Brandt says Eugene will have to become more "dense," especially downtown. He stresses, however, "at the same time, we have to provide open space for people."

Along with making the downtown area more dense, Brandt also supports a civic center there.

"I'm absolutely in favor of it," he says. "The proposal last time was somewhat short-sighted to the

"We're not dense enough at this point. The idea (of the plan) is great. It's just not realistic right now," says Brandt.

As far as the human rights amendment goes, Brandt says it "shouldn't be an issue." He's "sensitive to the feelings of everyone, but I think human rights should be the law of the land, not a policy from city to city."

Spencer dissatisfied

Harley Spencer, the 4J School District Maintenance and Plant Operations Manager, says he's running for the city council because he "just thought the district I live in was poorly represented."

Spencer is running in Ward 6, the Bethel district, against incumbent Eric Haws and Ted Brandt. He disagrees with some of the issues Haws has supported.

One of those issues is the controversial human rights amendment. Spencer believes under the constitution "everybody's got equal rights. I don't think they (homosexuals) need special rights. They're trying to exploit the public."

A key issue in all the city council races has been the question of growth in Eugene. "I think we should try to control it, but I think we ought to prepare for growth and have a plan to take care of people's needs," says Spencer.

"What if I was going to come in here and they didn't want me? People are the most important thing, not laws and ordinances against growth," Spencer continues.

Spencer supports continued growth in the downtown area as

well as a civic center and extended parking facilities there. "We need a good cultural center for the people here and the young people coming up," he says. Spencer believes "we ought to prepare for parking. It will come with growth." He suggests building three and four story-high parking facilities; "there's property down there we can do that with."

Transportation and the T-2000



Eric Haws

right way on issues that come up."

He says some of those issues will be downtown mall expansion, building a civic center, field burning and transportation.

The downtown core, Haws says, "shouldn't be allowed to wither and die," but he adds that growth should not occur at the expense of neighborhoods.

Of the civic center, Haws says he prefers a performing arts center, not a large convention center and hotel as has been proposed.

As far as city growth and im-



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real needs. Next time it will be more realistic."

He has mixed feelings about increasing parking downtown, however, "You can overdo it. By increasing parking, its promoting the use of automobiles," Brandt says.

Even though he doesn't favor increased automobile use, Brandt thinks the T-2000 transportation plan is "unrealistic." He doesn't "think they'll get the percentage of people" outlined in the plan to use alternative transportation methods.



Harley Spencer

plan are issues Spencer says he hasn't "had a chance to look into." He stresses, however, that "we need to investigate more thoroughly and find out what the voters want to do" about transportation.

Also, Spencer says there's a "need to take the money we have and improve the streets we have ... take care of what we have first. Public officials want to spend money here and there on new things instead of upkeep and taking care of what we have now."

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