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Hankins makes bid for City Council seat

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Nathaniel "Hank" Hankins of 210 Crestwood Drive announced his candidacy Saturday for election to the District 1 seat on the San Angelo City Council.

Elections for Districts 1, 3 and 5; San Angelo police chief; and San Angelo School Board seats for Single Member Districts 3 and 4 will be May 2.

The District 1 council seat being vacated by John Gavitt includes the

east side of the city and runs south through the areas east of Lake Nasworthy.

Former Councilman Gary Shrum also is running for the seat.

About 40 people attended a reception for Hankins Saturday at the Massie Clubhouse, including Democratic candidate for Tom Green County judge William R. "Bill" Moore; Robert Pace, local president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored

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People; and Junior B. Hall, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for Precinct 1 constable in the April 14 runoff.

"I decided to make this step, because this is where I live, and I will be here until they roll me away," Hankins said, as he announced his candidacy.

He listed unemployment and economic development as his top concerns, and pledged to work with the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce in matters such as tax abatement and enterprise zones to attract new industries.

Hankins added that he also plans to push for vocational training and is encouraged by the number of agencies in San Angelo that already are working together.

"All the different agencies are working together to make things happen and I want to be a part of that," he said.

Noting that District 1 covers a large section of the city, Hankins said he intends to conduct "town hall" meetings in different sections of the district to learn what the people are concerned about.

Hankins, who retired after 20 years in the U.S. Air Force in 1974 and retired from Ethicon Inc., where he worked as a production supervisor, in 1991, said he will be "a full-time councilman."

His wife, Mary, is serving as his campaign treasurer.

In the early 1980s, Hankins served as chairman of the Randolph

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San Angelo City Council District 1

Name: Nathaniel "Hank"

Hankins

Age: 57

Residence:

210 Crestwood Dr.

Occupation: Re-

tired from
Ethicon Inc.

and U.S. Air Force

Political Experience:

None

Education: Bachelor's degree in sociology from St. Mary's University in San Antonio; graduate work at Angelo State University

Family: Wife, Mary; a son and grandson in Irving



Neighborhood Advisory Council and worked to get the Carl Ray Johnson Recreation Center built.

He served two terms as president of the local NAACP branch, and his current civic involvement includes an appointment to the ad hoc committee to help implement the Celebration Bridge recommended in the R-UDAT plan.

Hankins also volunteers for the Tom Green County Adult Literacy Program and the Wesley United Methodist Church Daily Bread Soup Kitchen Program.