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# Pounds pulls out and Hankins files for council seat

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San Angelo City Council candidate John Pounds withdrew from the Single Member District 1 race Wednesday and Nathaniel "Hank" Hankins, who was appointed as interim councilman in November, filed as a write-in candidate.

Hankins, of 210 Crestwood Drive, was appointed to replace Gary Shrum, who resigned to move to Louisiana.

Pounds, who announced his intention to run last week, said he was withdrawing from the race for personal reasons.

"I felt that I had to for personal reasons, something that I could not really deal with, . . . I

could not do justice to the city and people of San Angelo," Pounds said. "It is better that I do it (withdraw) now."

Pounds, whose name will not be on the May 7 election ballot, said he would consider running for office in the future if things work out.

"No one is more disappointed than I," Pounds said. "I certainly appreciate all the support, words of encouragement, backing, offerings of assistance and help from everybody."

Hankins said he was surprised by Pounds' withdrawal.

"I am concerned about what happens in the district and how the district is represented now,

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San Angelo City Councilman Nathaniel 'Hank' Hankins attests Wednesday to the accuracy of the information on the form he completed as a write-in candidate in the May 7 election.

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so . . .," Hankins said before he filed as a write-in candidate Wednesday afternoon. His name will be posted in each voting booth in Single Member District 1 as a write-in candidate.

Hankins, who said earlier he would not seek election to the District 1 seat, noted that he is planning to go into the ministry in the United Methodist Church. He said he had been prepared to have to leave San Angelo for his first appointment. Discussions with Dr. Janice Huie raised the possibility that Hankins could live in San Angelo and commute to his church.

"I am excited about the possibility of being able to still do what I feel God would have me do and still be able to serve the district and the city at the same time," Hankins said. "And if it turns out that I would have to relocate, because nothing is set in stone, then I will just have to resign my seat."

Hankins leaves Monday for Weimar where he will attend classes through April 15 and continue the classes in summer. He will learn where his appointment to a church is during the first week of June.

"This was what I had earlier meant when I said I had other things to do with my life," Hankins said.

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Class 11:30 a.m. at Templo Eman  
burial in Fairmount Cemetery