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## PATCHES

Fog patches will quilt the area this morning while the day goes from mostly cloudy this morning to partly cloudy later on. The high will be between 65 and 70 and the wind will be from the southeast at 5-15 mph.

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## PERMIAN HEARING



S-T Photo by Rick Choate

Nathaniel 'Hank' Hankins talks about his appointment Tuesday.

## Hankins takes council seat

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Nathaniel "Hank" Hankins was unanimously appointed to fill the unexpired Single Member District 1 city council seat during Tuesday evening's San Angelo City Council meeting.

The seat was vacated by Gary Shrum last month. The vote was taken after some discussion on whether a candidate for appointment should

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agree not to run in May.

Councilman Danny Cardenas said he had previously been against appointing someone to the seat because it would give that person an advantage in the May general election but Hankins had agreed not to run.

He then made the motion to appoint Hankins, which was seconded by Councilman Tommy Hiebert.

Mayor Dick Funk said he had serious problems with appointing someone to the seat who would agree not to run in May.

Hankins said he agreed not to run in May because of previous commitments he had.

Hankins was defeated by Shrum in last year's election for that seat. Hankins had drawn 42 percent of the votes in the contest.

Funk said he had spoken with numerous residents in Single Member District 1 and most favored electing their representative. People in the district did have a representative in him, Funk added.

Several people rose to speak on Hankins behalf including Rev. William McClendon and Marie Russell.

"I voted for Hankins and for you mayor," McClendon said. "But I voted for you as mayor."

"I live in Single Member District 1 and I know Hankins, he will give everything he has, all his knowledge and expertise," Russell said. "I hope you will consider him."

Another resident favoring Hankins' appointment said there was a need in the district for representation and it would be better to

save taxpayers money by appointing Hankins rather than holding an election. The issue of whether someone was or was not going to run for office in May did not play any role in his decision, Councilman Rudy Izzard said.

The council has already canceled two meetings because of a lack of a quorum, while the City Charter states it will meet weekly, Hiebert said. Also, the people in the district have been without representation for almost a month and would be faced with no council person until a Jan. 15 election.

Councilwoman Carline Tucker said she favored having residents elect their representative but maybe it would be better off to appoint someone and not have the cost of a special election.

The cost is estimated at a little over \$4,000.

"When we spoke, I told you I would not want to be running but was willing to accept an appointment," Hankins told Funk. "I will not just fill a seat. I will participate and be effective."