

Dear Fellow Citizen:

In spite of the "official" Federal Census report showing the population of Seabrook as 3,811, the effective population of the city with it's weekend and vacation homes and constant stream of visitors is at least 6,000. Many of those who are not official residents contribute to our tax revenue and require city services. Even by the official census figures, Seabrook is woefully sub-standard in water facilities. Some areas of the city are provided neither water nor sewer service. Our present Police Station and Jail would be inadequate for a city one-fourth the size of Seabrook.

This bond issue is not expansionist; it is a "catch up" measure designed to provide for the health and safety, and in some cases the common decency, of the city as it now exists. Some of these facilities, particularly water and sewer, must be provided soon or state agencies will force us to provide them. Because the City Council has pledged revenue from the 1% sales tax to improvements and expansion of our water system, and because revenue is available in the General Fund for the smaller items in the issue, only one item to be voted upon will require a tax increase. That one item is to provide some of our citizens with services that most of us already enjoy.

For the past several years various City Councils have spent many hours of research, planning, and consulting with our Public Works Director, the City Engineer, the City's Fiscal Agent, the Seabrook Planning Commission, and the City's Attorney to define the needs of our community and to find a way to implement the necessary improvements. We urge you, therefore, to support every item in this proposed bond issue because it has been determined that our City desperately needs these improvements.

Following is a listing of the individual items proposed for the bond issue, with an explanation of the need, the estimated cost, and the source of revenue for their retirement. Consider them carefully.

PROPOSITION NO. 1--WATERWORKS SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS--\$495,000

Revenue Source for Payment of Bonds--The recently approved City Sales and Use Tax will provide sufficient revenue to totally pay for the water system improvements. Sales tax revenue cannot, by law, be committed to pay off bonds, but sales tax dollars can replace funds taken from the General Fund for bond retirement. **PROPERTY TAXES WILL NOT BE INCREASED TO PAY FOR THESE IMPROVEMENTS.**

The following is a detailed list of the improvements required under Proposition No. 1:

A. 650 GALLON PER MINUTE WATER WELL

Two water wells are now in operation in the city. One produces 750 gallons per minute and the other 300 gallons per minute. These two wells can produce the required daily usage, but the city has no reserve capability. In the event of malfunction of the larger well, our required water volume cannot be met for normal residential usage alone; and, of course, our fire fighting capability from hydrants would be non-existent. A failure in the well shaft, for example, could mean loss of the well for as much as 30 days. The city very badly needs the insurance against water loss that a third well would provide.

Additional water wells will be required in the city periodically as existing wells are depleted. Drilling a new well now would be timely in anticipation of future needs while providing well-failure protection that a well planned community must have.

B. 500,000 GALLON ELEVATED STORAGE TANK

The State Board of Insurance recommends an elevated storage capacity of 54 gallons per capita for adequate fire protection. Seabrook requires about 250,000 gallons based on this recommendation. Our existing elevated tank has a capacity of only 75,000 gallons; about one-third of the amount required. Our fire fighting capability is severely limited by the inadequate capacity of our existing overhead tank. We would anticipate a reduction in commercial fire insurance rates with the larger tank.

In the northern part of Seabrook, a very low water pressure problem exists during periods of heavy water usage. The new tank will be located in this part of town and, along with the new water line discussed below, will totally solve the water pressure problem there.

The tank was sized at 500,000 gallons to catch up now and to allow for some future growth of the city.

C. TWELVE-INCH WATER MAIN ALONG RED BLUFF ROAD

This main line will extend from Highway 146 to Todville Road along Red Bluff Road and will connect the new elevated tank into the system and at the same time will complete the loop around the eastern half of the city for pressure equalization. It will work along with the new tank to solve the low pressure problems and will provide water volume at high pressure for fire fighting.

A secondary advantage of this new water line will be to provide the northeastern quarter of the city with water for future land development.