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# Expansion at Hill's OK'd

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City commissioners this morning authorized an expansion of the Hill's pet food plant at 320 E. Crane, although they have not decided what to do about a sewer that runs under the property.

W.G. "Bill" Daly, president of the Hill's Division of Riviana Foods, told commissioners this morning that if his company's board of directors is to authorize the beginning of the project at its Nov. 11 meeting, it must have a commitment the city will authorize the building permit.

Riviana officials originally asked the city for permission to build its proposed \$1.5 million expansion on top of one of the city's major sanitary sewers which runs under its property.

City officials argued that if repairs were ever needed on the sewer, damages to other parts of the city might result from the difficulty of getting to the sewer under the building.

The city then proposed relocating the sewer around the building site, but estimated that would cost \$600,000 to \$700,000 of local tax money.

Daly said his company is willing to pledge \$50,000 to that project, plus the

donation of the right-of-way needed to relocate the sewer.

City commissioners this morning authorized the Engineering Department to hire a consultant to study the prospects of relocating the sewer. If the cost is too high, commissioners did not rule out the possibility of allowing the building to go over the old sewer line.

Daly argued in favor of relocating the sewer line. He noted that the sewer is at least 50 years old and that city officials don't know if it will last "50 days or 50 years."

"If the life of the sewer is really that uncertain, this is a project the city should be looking at anyhow," he said.

## Quake felt in California

RIALTO, Calif. (UPI) — A small earthquake shook this Southern California town Monday evening but did no apparent damage.



—AP Wirephotos

## The final day

ate Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn departed this morning as the long campaign came to an end. At and his wife, Betty, voted in Grand Rapids, Mich. son, 7, and posed for photos.

### Today's chuckle

A mother entered the supermarket with her four bouncing boys and pleaded: "Isn't there a cereal that will sap their energy?"

### The forecast

For Topeka and vicinity: Clear tonight with a low around 30. Partly cloudy Wednesday with a high in the upper 50s.

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