

Bill Faber announces run for city council seat

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DECATUR — Decatur lawyer Bill Faber announced Thursday he is running for a seat on the Decatur City Council.

"I feel the sense of the community is for a change; that they would like to see some new direction," Faber said.

Faber is vying for one of three open seats on the council.

Incumbent councilmen



Faber

Michael Carrigan, Patrick Laegeler and Mike McElroy each submitted their petitions to city Clerk Celeste Harris on Monday.

Others who have picked up petitions for a council seat include Steve Yeager, former city water services manager; Damon Cross, a Decatur Realtor; Billy Roberts, who has run unsuccessfully for a council seat in recent years; and Jerry Johnson.

Faber's letterhead quotes the ancient Roman statesman Cicero, who remarked, "The safety of the people is the highest law."

It's a philosophy Faber intends to bring to city government.

"The crime wave of shootings, robberies and pit bull attacks in Decatur must be stopped," Faber said in a news release.

Faber proposes forming a volunteer battalion of 100 residents to be selected, trained and armed through the Decatur Police Department's auxiliary police program.

The battalion would be known as "The New Centurions," Faber said. The Centurions would walk neighborhood streets, ensure safety near school, and help with disaster relief and civil defense. The plan would provide more cops at little cost, Faber said.

Faber also would like the city to establish and fund daycare programs that provide childcare for a nominal fee.

Faber has a law firm in downtown Decatur and limits his law practice to serious injury cases with an emphasis on child lead paint poisoning cases.

Candidates have until 5 p.m. Monday to file their paperwork.

If more than six candidates file for council seats or more than two file for mayor, state law requires a primary election Feb. 27 to reduce the number of candidates to two for each open post for the April 17 general election.

No candidate yet has emerged to challenge Mayor Paul Osborne.

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