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# Large Vote Approves New Library for City

City voters in Sweet Home last Friday gave approval to the issuance of a \$92,000 bond issue for the construction of a new library, in a special election.

Some 430 voters made the special election, one of the largest in many years, both in numbers and percentage of voters. City Manager Harry Wyman estimated that the 430 votes represented approximately 25 percent of the registered voters in the city.

**VOTERS ALSO** accepted one charter amendment while rejecting another.

Accepted was a charter amendment which will allow the common council to read ordinances by title only of the second and third readings. The approved amendment will also allow the council to give first and second reading to an ordinance on the same night with unanimous consent of all members present.

Rejected was a proposed charter amendment which would have

place the police department under the city manager.

The vote in favor of the ordinance reading proposal was 294-199, the largest margin in the election. The police department change had the smallest margin of decision with 250 against and 172 for.

With voter approval of the library bond proposal, the city now has the go-ahead to issue some \$92,000 in bonds to finance the city portion of a \$166,000 project to construct a new city library.

Another \$73,000 or more is available to the city from a state administered federal program to encourage the construction and development of better library facilities in the state.

The bonds will be retired on a 10-year basis with cost to individual properties to be about 45 cents per \$1,000 of true cash value each year.