# Councilman Haar won't run in

THE MEMBER WHO always carried a laptop will leave the council to devote more time to his job.

> By CHAD LORENZ Senior Reporter

City Council, Ken Haar is taking a ment.

The laptop computer-toting coun- said. cilman said this week he would not run for reelection in 1997.

Haar said he wanted to leave the and spend more time hiking and bik- tence made the council more vigilant

Serving on the council was an enortion to his work.

Haar's record includes attempts at starting a minor-league baseball franchise in Lincoln.

and support for the idea, but struck rates. out with the council.

vote," Haar said.

After 7 1/2 years on the Lincoln enough support to spark a future move- on the council's actions,

Haar also advocated a closer look at city-owned natural gas service.

Although the council decided to let council to give more time to his job at People's Natural Gas keep providing the Nebraska Arbor Day Foundation Lincoln's natural gas, Haar's persis-

when regulating gas prices, he said.

Haar, who is a Democrat, said the mous time commitment, Haar said, of- most rewarding part of his job was ten requiring 20 hours a week in addi- watching Lincoln citizens come together to fight for their interests.

He recalled a meeting when the city council was voting on increasing bus fares and citizens flooded the city Two years ago Haar rallied interest council chambers, demanding low

Haar was known as the council "I just couldn't line up that fourth member who was rarely without his laptop computer at meetings. Through-But Haar said he thought he roused out the meeting he would type in notes

"I keep track of every vote, and the "Maybe it will still happen," he council votes unanimously 90 percent of the time," Haar said.

And when there is a division, the council has settled issues before they get explosive, Haar said.

"Usually things can be worked out with compromise," he said.

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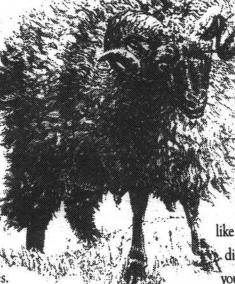
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