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Corporate officials sought an alternative to Denison's annexation of the plant. Stelchek relayed a corporate statement to the Denison City Council in November 1986 asking some "workable agreement" be considered instead of annexation to aid the company. At that time Stelchek said he had no hostility toward the city but that his only purpose was to work with the company and to save as much taxes as possible since the then pending loss of the asbestos operation would hurt. He said he felt the plant's PVC pipe operation could not be competitive with the addition tax load.

The city supplied limited sewage service to the J-M plant in late 1986 and received some $8,000 in payment.

Since its annexation last year, J-M has been added to the city tax roll and is paying $416,585.23 in taxes to the county, city and school.

The city taxes alone total $152,385.04 on the 231 acres, 202 acrs, personal property and a house in Hidden Valley, along with the JMAC Pipe Corp. accounts.

The county tax payment is $65,563.

Stelchek hopes the company can land additional PVC pipe contracts and rebuild its workforce.

The agreement was signed by the Johns-Manville Corporation before it sold its holdings to a group of investors who operate the company — one of two in Texas — with headquarters in Stockton, Calif.

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J-M to cut workforce by 50%

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J-M plant manager Chuck Stelchek said today that in early June the plant expects to cut from 80 to 90 people from its workforce, leaving 80 to 90 employees.

The cutback is because of a lack of contracts for its PVC pipe, Stelchek said.

"It's a slack in business and the loss of the asbestos pipe operation," he said.

J-M Manufacturing on U.S. Highway 75 near the Red River has produced asbestos pipe for many years but phased it out because of federal environmental regulations.

Plant officials had expressed concern over regulations on asbestos pipe and over the City of Denison's annexation of the plant.

The city and Johns-Manville signed an agreement delaying annexation for five years. The agreement was signed in April 1982 by Johns Manville officials.

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