





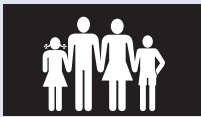
<p>Bates</p> <p>City has asked developers to do more. Biggest thing has been asking for green space if it is available. City already has done that on the east side, such as at Homecoming at University Park. Benefited everybody and city got nice park in lieu of impact fees. Would like to see developers do things voluntarily, rather than make things mandatory. City raised bar in terms of coming up with new comprehensive plan, requiring setbacks and larger square footage per home.</p>	<p>Rumble</p> <p>Is already required. Have technical review and meet with developers to talk about what they need to do. Everyone is there to make sure developers are doing what they should do.</p>	 <p>Should the city's ordinances be changed to require more of developers in terms of building sidewalks and trails as land is developed? What do you propose?</p>	<p>Magna-Rees</p> <p>When developer comes to develop community, should take in consideration the type of housing and excess housing available in common areas. Should make area appealing to eye and accessible for residents. Should utilize green space for walking trails or small park. Should be a requirement of developers.</p>	<p>Watson</p> <p>We're coming in way late in the process, but yes. Two people benefit when a property is developed, the former owner and the developer. Every time a piece of property is developed, long-term liabilities come with it, such as police and fire. If city had user fees developed years ago, we would have a beautiful community. That still can be done. City has sewer fees and park funds. Would need to thoroughly understand what is being done before recommending what should be done.</p>
---	--	---	---	--


<p>Bates</p> <p>Always good for council to be aware. Council is a mostly legislative body. Would be nice to be in the loop, but that's not really our function. We have power of purse strings. Should be careful about crossing lines and not micromanage. Biggest task is communication. It seemed like they were a little abrupt, and more forethought should have been given to that. Was not received well by public. You don't ask for volunteers and then not listen to their ideas. Some on previous board were more outspoken than others and were trying to play role of park board member. Board was advisory, so all ideas go through park board and not directly to public.</p>	<p>Rumble</p> <p>If city council has a representative on the parks board, would ask that person because they are representing the council. Hopefully that representative has been going to meetings and knows. Would assume have representative from council, mayor, etc. Would have to know circumstances of why committee was disbanded. Can't answer if he doesn't know.</p>	 <p>Should the city council have asked questions or for an explanation about actions or inactions by city government, even for matters that wouldn't necessarily come before the council? An example could be when the parks board fired its volunteer groups. Why or why not? Do you agree with the park board's action?</p>	<p>Magna-Rees</p> <p>Yes. Especially with volunteerism, sometimes it is hard to get good volunteers. Before something as radical as that would want discussion as to what was proposed. Currently doesn't have enough information to say yes or no to whether she agrees with decision.</p>	<p>Watson</p> <p>On the advisory boards, those were residents of the city. Thinks if city is going to have open government, that would be a good place to start. Questions should have been asked, such as why is this being done. Read articles about it. That was a good example of closed government, the way this process was handled. Whatever those people were doing didn't meet with what government thought should be done so they disbanded it, and they got some criticism and should have gotten more. Does not agree with what they did that particular time.</p>
---	--	--	--	---


<p>Bates</p> <p>Will not push for details before election. Thinks is secondary to reason for election, which is for council members. Likes to get monthly minutes and take time to read. Working on master plan. Priority should be trails. Survey at random showed that trails were citizens' first priority. Should be based on funds being available. Is not in favor of first proposal, with aquatic park with lazy rivers. Believes city needs a new pool. Wants to see what they come up with, proposal and cost, but not on grand scale as initially proposed. One solution to cost mayor suggested is excess levy in parks district. Wants to look and see how affects overall taxes.</p>	<p>Rumble</p> <p>Doesn't think he will push for details before election. Costs \$6.5 million but lasts 50 years. Will pay for itself in the long run. Is not an election issue that he needs to get all the facts before the election when he won't take office for months. Absolutely supports it and with a pool. If it can be done without raising taxes, he supports the cost.</p>	 <p>The park board has been planning development of a 72-acre park to include softball fields, trails, a dog park and a pool. A similar park in Kokomo cost \$6.5 million. The park board has not discussed the park since February. Will you push to get details about the proposal before the election? Why or why not? Do you support the park's construction? Including a pool? And the cost?</p>	<p>Magna-Rees</p> <p>Is an ongoing process and it's going to be a while before anything comes of it. Would like to see the current pool area get revitalized. Think cost is quite excessive. There has to be a way to build a pool/park and not have it cost so much money. Can't please everyone, but can try to have something nice at less cost.</p>	<p>Watson</p> <p>Details are being withheld because of the election. If you want to get a project passed, first you say, we are going to spend \$19 million. People say "Oh my goodness, that's too much." Could you settle for \$8 million or \$6.5 million? It's called breaking down resistance. Greenwood does not need a parks department. Ordinary resident is not going to use dog park or water park. Perry Park has a pool, city has a pool and wants to build another. A city the size of Greenwood doesn't need that kind of bond and debt. Didn't agree with buying land because it took that piece of property off tax rolls. Would support a pool, but not an indoor/outdoor pool.</p>
--	---	--	--	---


<p>Bates</p> <p>Trails because that was consensus of \$15,000 parks department survey. Newspaper reported number one priority is trails as opposed to water park, he would agree.</p>	<p>Rumble</p> <p>New pool, because trails are being put in as new neighborhoods are being developed. A new neighborhood pool isn't going to help other neighborhoods. People can go walk on trails if they live in another neighborhood.</p>	 <p>What's more important: Trails or a new pool?</p>	<p>Magna-Rees</p> <p>City has trails currently that stretch from State Road 135 to Interstate 65. Has been to city pool and it needs some revitalization. Need an indoor/outdoor pool.</p>	<p>Watson</p> <p>There are people who feel strongly about both. Best way to make most people happy is to compromise. Some trails and less pool. Cities are expected to provide trails. Next thing we need to do is look at how extensively trails are used. Did we build a trail so 20 people could use it?</p>
--	---	---	---	--

<p>Bates</p> <p>City is doing something along these lines. Looked at all vouchers coming through and still can. Board of works member does that. Can check with clerk-treasurer. Is more of a responsibility of executive department. Council approves budget and makes sure money is spent correctly and wisely, not for personal benefit. Anyone in that position should be reprimanded to fullest extent of the law, and voters should vote the person out and put more honest people into those positions.</p>	<p>Rumble</p> <p>Hopefully the supervisors appointed by the mayor are monitoring employees and the mayor is watching supervisors. Council member is ultimately responsible if they use tax dollars for that.</p>	 <p>Public officials throughout Johnson County have been accused of using taxpayer-owned property for private work, giving it away, stealing from the coffers, running up high cell phone bills or staying overnight at conferences but never attending the sessions. How would you make sure that such exploitation or nepotism does not occur in the city?</p>	<p>Magna-Rees</p> <p>Would make sure each person is held accountable for their actions. Assume employees use expense reports, city verifies they attend conferences. If don't attend, need to pay for expenses themselves.</p>	<p>Watson</p> <p>Would make sure that doesn't occur by taking an extremely close look at the budgets and seeing how the money is being spent. These things happened because they got somebody to budget money and then there was no accountability. When people are spending other people's money, they seem to forget the value of that money because it's not theirs. If it were their money, they wouldn't spend it on these items. Officials who violate the law should be prosecuted. An ordinary person would be prosecuted.</p>
---	---	---	---	---

<p>Bates</p> <p>Would encourage it. Can make council meetings accessible to public, advertise, and form partnerships as educational institutions have done with municipalities. Biggest thing is just being aware and open to what some people may suggest that will further enhance more involvement between public and private sector.</p>	<p>Rumble</p> <p>Maybe on certain policy matters if you want to form a committee, but the old saying is if you want to kill something, throw it in a committee.</p>	 <p>With the city growing and bringing in more and more people with professional and managerial backgrounds, as well as numerous nationalities and ethnicities, how would you promote government taking best advantage of the talents, ideas and willingness of residents wanting to participate in public policy matters?</p>	<p>Magna-Rees</p> <p>If residents got more active in attending public meetings, that would be their forum to get involved in the community.</p>	<p>Watson</p> <p>That goes back to making the populace aware of all different boards available for them to serve on. Start there; that's a pretty well-kept secret. More people could be included in government if more information was available about what is needed and how they can contribute. City is failing if it doesn't use residents. Would do all he could to encourage professional, ordinary people to serve in some capacity. There's a wealth of intelligence out there that's not being utilized currently.</p>
---	--	---	--	---

<p>Bates</p> <p>Growth will be to the east. City is working to widen Graham Road, which is a big step in right direction. Also added a fire station. Should make areas along Interstate 65 ready for industry. Have lagged on more mass transit. City needs more of that. People who work downtown would use mass transit system if they had it. Should make Greenwood a city people want to be a part of. Should have identity besides Greenwood Park Mall. Should keep up good educational system public and private, good recreational outlets, put emphasis on trails and fitness and keep crime out of the city.</p>	<p>Rumble</p> <p>If a business is on up and up, he is not going to turn them away. Need to control city's growth. Can control through tax abatements. City can say no if they don't want a business there. Vision for future is Greenwood would have a new pool or water park, have new city building and city would be out to at least Rocklane Church.</p>	 <p>The city is in the process of revising the comprehensive plan that will guide growth in the coming years. What types of development should the city recruit, and what should be turned away? What is your vision for the city in 2015 and beyond?</p>	<p>Magna-Rees</p> <p>City needs a good mix of types of housing, businesses and entertainment sources. As to certain types, that should be reviewed on an income basis. Obviously things that are detrimental to the community should be turned away. Moderation is key with anything. Would like to see current businesses still here and east TIF district area be developed with restaurants, businesses, and keeping fair amount of green space if possible. Wants to maintain Greenwood as a community where people can go out at 9 p.m. and not be afraid to walk on streets. Maintain happy, healthy society.</p>	<p>Watson</p> <p>Every commercial development should be looked at in terms of how it will affect what's already here. A new strip mall can take business away from somewhere else. Wants to see quality residential development and get away from development that brings large numbers of people to a small area of land. Development has to be balanced. Emphasis has been on commercial development, but we need to emphasize quality residential and commercial. Wants a more livable and usable city. A city not encumbered with long-term bond debt our children and grandchildren will have to repay. A city that is inclusive of all citizens, regardless of their background.</p>
--	---	--	--	---

<p>Bates</p> <p>Charge was led by executive branch. Being a conservative community, causes some concern for alarm. Provider also had Web site business that catered to things that some people didn't want taking place in city. Supports ordinance. Put safeguards in to be sure this business does not engage in business that would encourage promiscuity or prostitution or undermine morals of city. No missteps, as far as process, went through normal steps. Process was not rushed, with no suspension of rules. Was handled correctly. Not speaking to business owner, perhaps that part could have been handled better.</p>	<p>Rumble</p> <p>It's just a lingerie shop; he doesn't see reason it couldn't go in there. Doesn't know how it was all handled and business is still there.</p>	 <p>Did the city handle the proposed lingerie shop properly? Do you support the ordinance? Why? Were any missteps made in how that was handled by city government?</p>	<p>Magna-Rees</p> <p>No, thinks the city should have met with the owner of that business and discussed exactly what she was planning on doing and let her know the ordinance in place. If she met the criteria fine, if not, she should not have opened her business. Didn't think all the hype in the newspaper was necessary. Supports the ordinance. Children are impressionable. There's enough of that type of thing on TV, our children don't need to see more of it on the streets.</p>	<p>Watson</p> <p>From what he saw, they did what they could. No attempt was made to pass an ordinance to exclude that shop. Does not have enough information on that to say if it was handled properly. What's appropriate to be displayed on city streets. There should be ordinance governing that type of business. If you don't deal with it, what comes next? What kind of business do you want your child walking by? Some people spoke out before they knew what the city code provided for. They should have been better-prepared initially. Ordinances should have been on the book to deal with this because it's no surprise this was coming.</p>
---	--	---	---	---

<p>Bates</p> <p>Not any changes he is aware of. Mayor is very happy with chief and his accomplishments in taking police department and utilizing it better. Always some people will have a bone to pick or not always be happy. That's just a part of life. If you have the right motive to serve community and protect and serve, shouldn't have too many beefs with leadership and if so, perhaps need to be in different business.</p>	<p>Rumble</p> <p>Doesn't know.</p>	 <p>What changes do you think need to be made in the police department?</p>	<p>Magna-Rees</p> <p>Knows police department has 51 or 52 officers. They need to be a little bit more visible. Sometimes sees none or sees four or five. Feels safer if she comes across a cruiser in the road.</p>	<p>Watson</p> <p>Knows city has one. Will be meeting some officers soon when he takes his granddaughter to meet police dog. Is not familiar enough to address the police department.</p>
--	---	--	--	---