

<p>Bates</p> <p>First would take under consideration himself and go to department head or mayor. If issue is not resolved, get more people involved. That's not usually the case. Would write ordinance if that's what it would take. Up to other members as well. One member cannot get anything accomplished. Takes teamwork.</p>	<p>Rumble</p> <p>If it was a drainage issue, would call director of engineering and explain his concern and constituent's concern. Would check if had that problem before and what steps were taken to address. Would check what steps can be taken to address it now. Would call person back with an answer and keep following up on it. Doesn't know if would write ordinance. Problem may just be one storm drain is plugged or there are too many variables for one answer.</p>	 <p>If a resident in your district approaches you about a problem, for example a drainage or zoning issue, what would you tell the resident to do, and what steps would you take as a council member? Would you write a proposed ordinance?</p>	<p>Magna-Rees</p> <p>Would listen to resident and then bring issue before the council. Would ask resident to come before council and have a discussion among council to see what city could do about issue. If was necessary and the issue wasn't something the city or a subdivision could take care of, would write an ordinance.</p>	<p>Watson</p> <p>Would find proper avenue for their complaint and make process as user-friendly as possible. Would be sympathetic ear. Would write an ordinance, but would have to consult city attorney. Residents should know who their council person is and should be able to reach them easily.</p>
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<p>Bates</p> <p>Role of government is to be protector, not benevolent provider. Main priority of local government is to provide fire and police protection. Also provide recreational avenues and vehicles as has been done in encouraging green space in order to have a better standard of living and amenities. Have to prioritize. Money is the guideline. Would take main priority and involve citizens and partner with businesses for other aspects. Council comes into play in appropriating money.</p>	<p>Rumble</p> <p>Is the city's job to make city attractive and user friendly so that when someone goes to the mall, they don't wait 20 minutes at a stoplight. City government does this by trying to get more bang for the buck without raising taxes. City has to have sidewalks that will eventually all be connected.</p>	 <p>Is it city government's job to do more than just provide roads and police and fire protection? Is it government's job to improve the quality of life so that the city can attract new residents and businesses and become home to the top managers from those businesses? How does city government do this? What is your role?</p>	<p>Magna-Rees</p> <p>Is city's responsibility to make sure things are in place for enhancement. City can make trails and businesses accessible to community. When businesses approach the city, can offer tax abatement if meet criteria. When people come to the council to enlarge their businesses or add on, council has to approve site plans, can do that by approving plan if it meets criteria. Should listen to residents that come to meeting or call, and don't cover up or sweep issues under the rug.</p>	<p>Watson</p> <p>City controls zoning, which impacts the very quality of life you are talking about. If city does zero lot line homes, it diminishes quality. City plays important role and has a great impact through zoning. Would be interesting to take survey and ask residents how they perceive quality of life in Greenwood. If city is going to attract executives, is going to need upscale areas and housing. Greenwood doesn't have that. In White River Township, you see something entirely different. Needs to start with schools. People move for schools and developers respond with upscale housing. Process feeds self after establishing schools.</p>
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<p>Bates</p> <p>Would personally be in favor of that. He has tried to be reasonable at same time. Smoking is forbidden in most public places where health is an issue. Like it where it is. Doesn't think city necessarily needs to extend ban.</p>	<p>Rumble</p> <p>No, he used to be a smoker. At bars and clubs, people expect smoking. Someone could create a nonsmoking bar if they want to. They are adults and can make choice of whether they go in that bar or not. It's not the same if someone takes their kid to a restaurant. He would be open for restaurants to allow smoking, if smoking area is separate room with separate door and a smoke vacuum system.</p>	 <p>Would you support extending the smoking ban to bars and clubs so that all workers are protected?</p>	<p>Magna-Rees</p> <p>Believes each person has his or her own right to smoke or not smoke or visit an establishment that has smoking or is not smoking. Believes an establishment should have a separate section for smoking and nonsmoking. Would not support extending the ban.</p>	<p>Watson</p> <p>Has been taught that smoking is a health issue. Part of function of government is to protect people from health issues. If a person's right to smoke should intrude into his right to smoke-free air, that is a problem. Smoking has pretty much been banned everywhere. To protect the public health, would support extending the ban.</p>
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<p>Bates</p> <p>Of course, you have to look at it departmentally. Been a need for more employees in police and fire departments, and city has hired more people at fire department in recent years because of growth. As city grows and takes on more responsibility and there is need for more employees, then it would be based on qualifications. Need to keep morale high with raises every year. Doesn't know of any positions at this moment that need to be cut.</p>	<p>Rumble</p> <p>Police department is shorthanded, fire department is shorthanded, along with planning and engineering departments. City is growing and is doing best job with people it has. Is keeping up with workload. Would not cut positions. There is not anyone out there that's not doing something every day.</p>	 <p>Should the city hire any more employees? If so, for what department? Should any positions be cut?</p>	<p>Magna-Rees</p> <p>Would need to see if current technology department could handle putting documents online to see if new employees are needed there. There are some things that have to be looked at. Other than police and fire departments, can't think of needed employees off top of her head. Hiring people in police and fire departments is up to chiefs. If they deem it necessary, she would support it. Can't think of any cuts.</p>	<p>Watson</p> <p>Sees parts of city government, such as police, fire and the community center. City appears to be adequately staffed. If there is a need, the ordinary resident is excluded and we are not aware. Based on his knowledge, doesn't see positions that need to be cut.</p>
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<p>Bates</p> <p>Need to see all possibilities. Taxes should only be considered as last resort. Is leery about different ideas and would like to know what options are first. Can't state a position until he knows all options. Doesn't know of any services that need increased spending. Tax increase is last resort. Would have to be thoroughly convinced increase is needed.</p>	<p>Rumble</p> <p>Would consider a wheel tax where the money would go to improved city streets. Can't take a guess at how much would be generated. Would only be for upkeep of roadways. Would hire more public safety people. Increase budget to pay for manpower. City as whole is growing, so parks grow, sewers grow, and city needs more employees to manage. As city grows, whole staff grows. Would not raise any tax.</p>	 <p>If state legislators give local government the option to adopt new taxes, what taxes would you support, and how much additional money should be generated? What city services should increase spending? Would you raise any tax, including property, sales or income taxes?</p>	<p>Magna-Rees</p> <p>Would have to see what they were proposing. Can't think of a new tax off the top of her head. Would like to fix some of streets within city limits. Would only raise taxes if it was unavoidable.</p>	<p>Watson</p> <p>Would like to see a tax investigated to collect money from out-of-state corporations that do business in Greenwood, such as banks, retail, etc. Since they get use of land and services, they should help pay for it through more than just property taxes. No tax increases are needed. Said there's enough money there. It's all how it's spent.</p>
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<p>Bates</p> <p>Running his own campaign and would like to leave that to voters. Has worked well with present mayor, agrees for most part. Hasn't accepted campaign donations, given campaign donations or attended any campaign events for either mayoral candidate.</p>	<p>Rumble</p> <p>If has to choose one, would say Mayor Charles Henderson. Has family ties, mom went to school with his sisters. Henderson knew him since he was a boy. Has not donated to a campaign, accepted campaign donations or attended a campaign event for either mayoral candidate.</p>	 <p>Which candidate for mayor do you support and why? Have you accepted campaign donations, given campaign donations or attended campaign events for either candidate?</p>	<p>Magna-Rees</p> <p>Supports Mayor Charles Henderson. Thinks he's done a good job managing the city for eight years. City seems to be running smoothly. Hasn't heard that the city is in deficit, so would assume Greenwood has money to spend. Taxes have been OK.</p>	<p>Watson</p> <p>Going to base it on letter to the editor that talked about Mike Campbell. It said Mayor Charles Henderson served as mayor longer than Franklin Roosevelt served as president, and it's time for a change. In fact, it's past time. Greenwood should look into term limits for mayors. Campbell is a normal person. Hasn't given or accepted campaign contributions and has not attended fund-raising events for either candidate.</p>
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<p>Bates</p> <p>Humility, understanding, integrity, openness, transparency, honesty, energy, enthusiasm, bring new ideas, bring folks on board, get folks to have same enthusiasm. Officials lead by being a servant. Need to see two different sides and try to find middle ground. If someone disagrees, he would offer alternatives and work on compromise. Would appreciate their viewpoint, listen and don't write it off.</p>	<p>Rumble</p> <p>Would set bar by setting example. Try to show people the positives if he was for something and hopefully positives outweigh negatives. Prefers openly discussing and talking about issues. Will always have people that disagree, no matter what.</p>	 <p>What are the attributes of leadership? How would you work to bring people along and build consensus on an issue? What about people who disagree with you?</p>	<p>Magna-Rees</p> <p>Should be a strong individual, able to lead people and encourage, be open-minded to take criticism as well as being open and accessible. Would discuss issues at city council meetings, open up discussion to Web site, give people a place where they can state their views, call people, and perhaps have an open forum to get the issue out. If someone disagrees, would want them to discuss why they were in opposition of the issue and validate their opposition. Ask if there is anything she can do to persuade them to not oppose her side.</p>	<p>Watson</p> <p>First thing a leader has to be is open and available. A leader leads by example. When dealing with openness and information, if an issue has merit, then the merit should be made known. If people are opposed, their viewpoint should be made known. He would listen to what people have to say. They are every bit as entitled to their view of a subject as he is. The greatest leaders are those who make the best use of those around them. The more people we bring to the table, the more we benefit.</p>
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<p>Bates</p> <p>Should be a priority. Needs to be made an economic zone. Council can provide seed money to get things up and going. City needs to make that a viable part and central piece of the city. Could reroute traffic, make that area one way. Bring businesses in, cafe type, maybe a bed and breakfast, businesses on bottom, homes on top. There are monies available through redevelopment commission. Is little need for tax money, maybe some seed money. Wants to see a plan come through planning department and ad hoc committee. Council members can add more ideas.</p>	<p>Rumble</p> <p>Would be in top 10 priorities, not No. 1. Downtown is city's heritage. Could use food and beverage tax for urban development. Would have to hire consultant or look at other surrounding suburban areas of Indianapolis.</p>	 <p>Is revitalization of downtown Greenwood a top priority? Why? Should taxpayer dollars be used? What do you propose be done?</p>	<p>Magna-Rees</p> <p>Is important city does something with downtown. Buildings are dilapidated, hard to get through between 3 and 6 p.m. because of traffic. Has tried to see ways to do that, but there is no room to widen the road without taking out buildings and doesn't want to take out buildings. Will be major undertaking. Would like to see the council or someone in city apply for grant money to help. Hopefully would not have to use taxpayer money, but if there was no grant, it would more than likely be paid for with tax dollars.</p>	<p>Watson</p> <p>As a longtime resident of Greenwood, believes that is high on his priority list. Downtown is not very pretty. Whatever can be done to encourage revitalization is not being done. Said tax dollars should be used sparingly. One of common ways is tax abatements. Government can encourage revitalization through incentives. Have to deal with interested parties, the current businesses and property owners. They should help decide what kind of face Greenwood should have. Some buildings have to be refurbished, but we don't want to change character. Signage is an issue. Some people need to go to other downtowns and see how they look.</p>
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