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I believe that if you don't believe you are getting adequate service, you can either pressure your Commissioners, or you can fire the City Manager. But you don't dismantle the entire form of government and start with one that for the size of Lawrence, is very much inferior. If you had a full-time Council, you would have a monstrosity, a partisan tangle. The Mayor would have to hire a staff of assistants whose aggregate salaries would far exceed that of the current City Manager. One of the problems would be re-apportionment. You can't have a separate ward for North Lawrence unless you have a 23 to 25 member Council. I would not want to be the person responsible for drawing those lines because it involves gerrymandering. The solution to responsiveness is neighborhood groups. The power of neighborhood groups is totally unlike it was four years ago. I'm proud of the fact that we're responsive to neighborhood groups.

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WATER PLANT



I: Do we need the new water plant?

H: A lot of the City's decisions are based on its growth goals, so the water plant isn't so much to serve the existing citizens of Lawrence, particularly the older neighborhoods, but to serve new areas. I think the City can make a case of not having enough water for the citizens of Lawrence. But, I think before it can really make a strong case for building a new plant it has to address alternatives. One of the first things that comes to my mind is the use of treated water to water the Alvamar Hills golf course. If it's possible, provide them with untreated water. I don't think we should get a water plant if its based on our desired growth. I would propose a different way of charging for water.

GROWTH

I: How much and in what way should Lawrence grow?

H: I think Lawrence should be growing at a rate no faster than one that permits it to take care of its present needs; and then acquire new needs. While the Commissioners have been putting a lot of effort to attract new industry and promote the devel-

opment of Lawrence, older neighborhoods have been neglected. In fact, in order to increase industry, older neighborhoods have been threatened by public and commercial land use. The Commissioners didn't ask "What are the implications of growth?"

I: What are the advantages of Lawrence remaining about the same size?

H: The city would be able to turn its attention inward. We'd try to make a city that not only has a nice new court house, but that also has neighborhoods which have homes in good shape and neighborhood centers. We are led to believe that the main purpose of the Planning Department is to allow for growth. It can rearrange land uses. It can look at current uses and say, "Hey, what about leaving a little green space here?" We'd grow internally, we'd grow spiritually, we'd grow culturally.

I: Do you see disadvantages in limiting growth?

H: One disadvantage is that we will not have as great a tax base if we don't grow. We also have a greater need for services when we grow, as well as a greater tax base so I don't think that is a valid advantage. Another thing that is said is "more employment opportunities." We're given these facts that Lawrence has one of the lowest unemployment rates in Kansas and that we have economic development. Then when a new industry wants to come to town, then the Commission, the City and the newspaper all say this will provide more jobs. One of the ways we can solve the unemployment problem is by taking care of our needs. Housing is a major need. It's a labor-intensive need, and I think labor intensive services are lacking in Lawrence.

MAYOR-COUNCIL VOTE

I: How are you going to vote April 5th on the Mayor-Council referendum question?

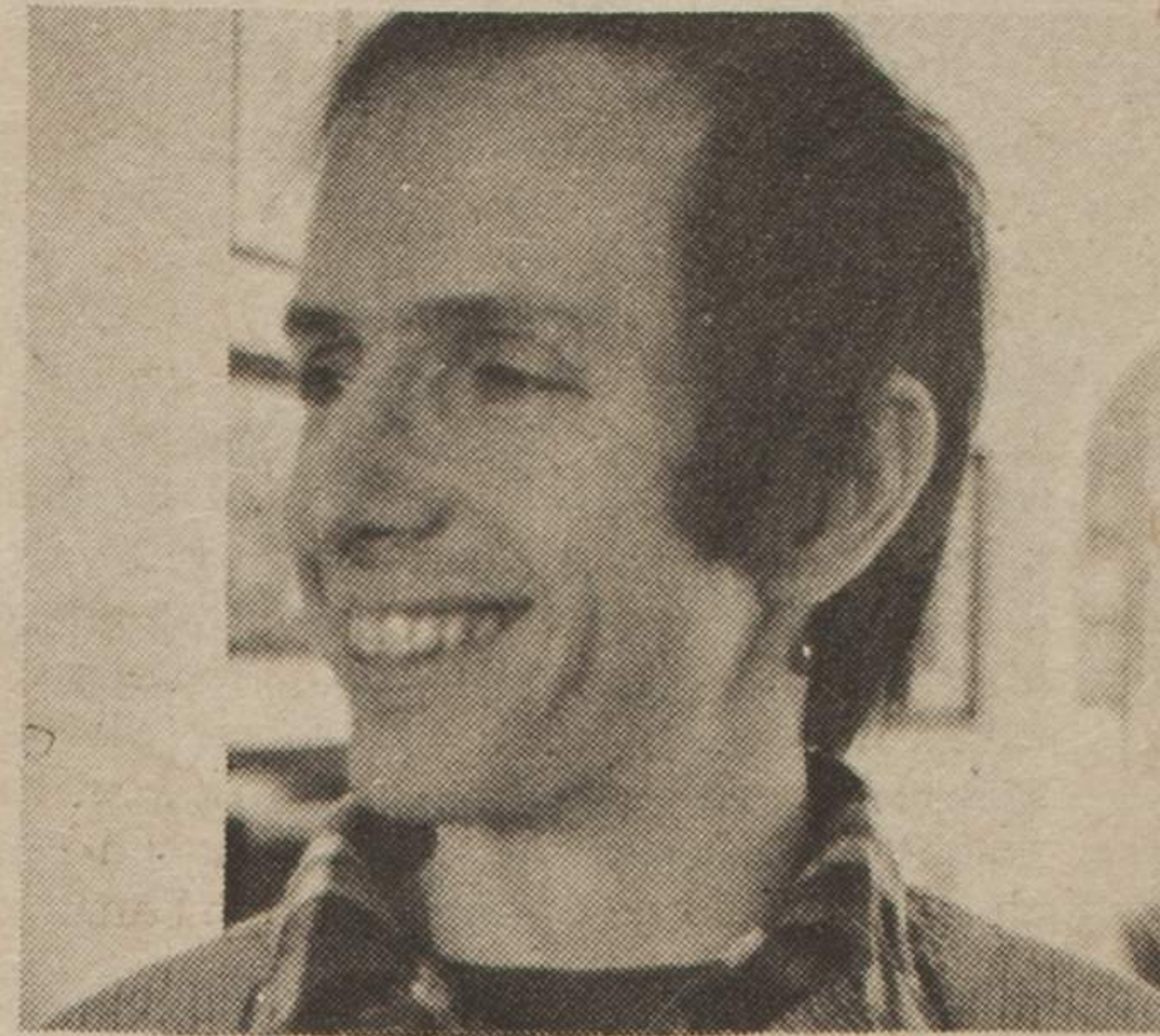
H: I intend to vote in favor of it. The Mayor-Council form won't solve some basic problems of politics in general, but at least under the Council system there would be an elected Mayor who would act as chief administrator. He would be in a position to set policy as the Council would be.

The problem in the planning department indicates a need for more responsive government. Under the Council at least the Council people would have a chance to get information. Now, they're discouraged, by the City Manager, from obtaining information from the staff. The Commission is shackled in their attempts to gain other perspectives.

The Commission reacts to the City Manager. He really makes the decisions. He informs them of decisions. He initiated the Airport expansion. And he withholds information. He didn't tell Commissioners about buying just 39 acres for expansion for safety at the Air-

port. There's no access to information.

Under the Mayor-Council form, the Council would have to approve of staff people. That would have prevented the planning department problems. And the City Manager... we just need an elected, full-time person, a Mayor, to act as the administrator.



HANN

DAYCARE

I: Do you think more money should be spent for quality daycare?

H: Yes. Actually, I think that it's the responsibility of the people who need daycare to fight for it. There should be cooperative daycare. I think people should be able to use their own homes for daycare. That's a way for some people to pick up a little extra money, provided the center they run is good.

TRANSPORTATION

I: Would you be willing to have the City subsidize and promote a bus system for all of Lawrence?

H: Yes, I would. There's ways in which the City can use existing money to help run a bus system, through the use of revenue sharing funds. You see, I'm chipping away at the \$750,000 supposedly for the new City Hall. I think the City could take advantage of Title 20 to pay people to drive for elderly and handicapped people. It would be great if we could have a bus running from North Lawrence to downtown. Transportation is more of the City's responsibility than bringing in TRW Inc. Now, if TRW were manufacturing buses...

AIRPORT

I: Do you favor expansion to accommodate jets?

H: No. But, we need to have a safe airport. I think people have been sold a bill of goods on so many things coming from City Hall, like this environmental impact statement on the Haskell Loop, that we ought to get some more opinions on the safety situation.

HOUSING

I: Would you favor enforcement of the City's minimum housing code?

H: No, because I don't think the code has any provision for older homes where the architectural standards were much different when built. To make every home come up to code would result in decimating a good number of homes in North and East Lawrence.

I: How can we preserve and enhance our older buildings, houses, and neighborhoods?

H: I would see that the City carry out its commitment to housing rehabilitation which got the City Community Development money. I think also we could use revenue sharing money. A similar program in Lincoln, Neb. hires retired people, on a contract basis. The City could go that one further and have a program for other people below the age of 65.

I: What's wrong in the City's Community Development office now?

H: They're not rehabilitating homes as they should. They spent \$110,000; \$50,000 of that was for loans, \$60,000 for outright grant grants. They've got \$800,000! The people in the CD office have been more interested in the Haskell Loop than in repairing people's homes. The City hired outside consultants to plan the road. They've been sitting on this money.

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MALLONEE

I: Why are you running?

M: I've been interested in Lawrence since I was a small child. My father was on the old city council. And since I was a small child I've seen Lawrence grow and I've seen a lot of things happen. I think Lawrence has grown and the commission as it is now, has remained the same. The commission is not responsive to the people. I've been to so many city commission meetings where they're going to rezone or they're going to put sidewalks in and it seems that the commissioners walk into the meeting with their minds made up already. People will be waiting there who have done good research on the issue and will present it to the commission and they don't get listened to. It's like batting their heads against brick walls.

I: Do you think we'd be better off without a city manager?

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