Mallonee cont.

M: I've always thought mayorcity council form of government was the best. I don't know why people are so afraid of it because particularly last summer. that's how we elect our congressmen. I think you can get more to the grassroots of government if you run from a district rather than at large like we do in Lawrence right now. I think people will feel they have more representation with a mayor council type government.

HOUSING CODE

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

M: I think we need a more rigid housing code for some people. I'd like to see more community development funds going towards housing upkeep for people who can't afford it. We've got to preserve our older neighborhoods and we can't ask the property owners to do it, because they're elderly and they can't afford to do it. You know, CD could really step in and oversee fixing up these houses if they wanted to.

TRANSPORTATION

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

M: I certainly would favor a bus system to serve Lawrence. There hasn't been bus service to North Lawrence for years. I get so sick of hearing people complaining about the high dropout rate in NL. We don't even have bus service to the High School and so many kids have to walk and in the winter that's pretty rough.

DAYCARE

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

M: I think we need to spend more money on daycare. Headstart is too crowded, people cannot afford the other daycare centers. I know I had my son in a daycare center here and I couldn't afford it. When women have to work, they need good day care and I think the city owes it to the people.

WATER PLANT

I: Do we need the water plant?

M: I've been reading some of the studies on it. I've heard that North Lawrence really needs it bad, that the people there are in great need of better water. I really need to study the situation some more, before I make a decision.

I: The water plant, you know, is going to be built in Southwest Lawrence. Out in the suburbs.

M: But wouldn't it help all of us?

I: Both Buford Watson and Gene Vogt (Water Director) have stated that it will primarily service the Southwest part of the City. Others have stated that it will also be tied in to the entire water system. It would be used in the older part of town when the old water plant was not getting enough water to the customers.

M: What's wrong with the one we have now?

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I: They say that with Lawrence growing so much, that we are very close to our water capacity,

M: Will this come up on a referendum?

I: No, the voters don't get to vote yes or no, just on how to finance the new plant already to go under construction.

M: You're kidding -- They only get to pay for it! I think that is a very poor thing. I think the citizens of Lawrence, whenever any thing like this is coming in, like the Bowersock property, and the new City Hall, I think that the advantages and the disadvantages should be presented to the public, that the whole public should go up and vote on that. Whether we use it or not, we are going to have to pay for these things, like the water plant.

I: It's going to cause our water rates to go up over a hundred per cent over the next four years.

M: These utilities are horrible. My mother is on a fixed income, and her utility bills are higher than what she is bringing in. And she is not just one of a select few. All of our elderly people are in the same situation. I'm just getting ... They can't afford it. Sure, maybe they'll have clean water, but they won't be able to afford to eat. It's real sad.

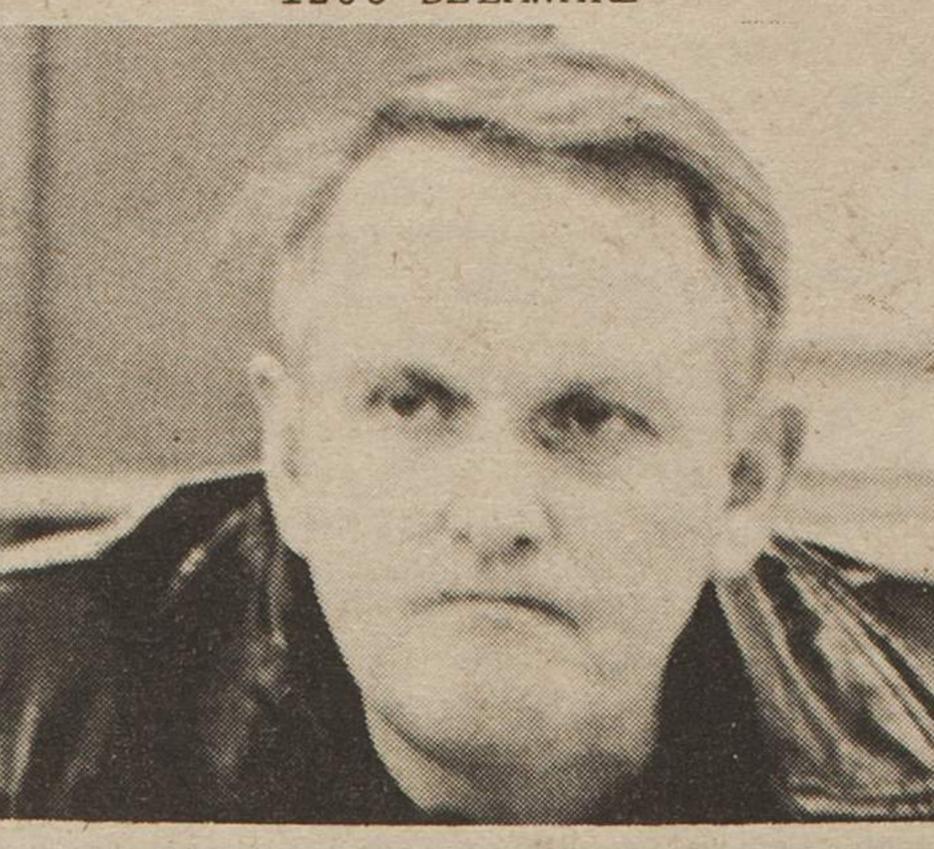


I: That ties into what you think about the future of Lawrence?

M: Right now? If we stay with the way we are going, and not listening to people, and not really being committed to them, with our public officials ... I guess that I think that Lawrence is or has been deteriorating for a long time. We are not really getting the citizens of this town...why, they don't even feel like they are a just not giving anything to them. I've lived in Lawrence all my life, thing else we have. It is going we have a lot of good people in this town, and a lot of them have lived in town all their lives as well ... I believe that by some miracle, by hard work too..that Lawrence can become a beautiful town again. If everybody pitched in and worked at it. I'd like to see that. I'd like to go back to when everyone pitched in to help. It wouldn't be going backward, it would be taking a big step forward.

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WATER PLANT

I: Do you feel we need the new water plant?

M: Yes! As the city has gotten larger, we have greater and greater needs for water. And the dam is in a precarious situation as you know. It's liable to go any time, you see.

GROWTH

I: What is the direction of growth for Lawrence and how much are we going to grow?

M: I think that we have to be careful where we're going to allow growth. I've had a consistent position against rezoning lands that are now residential lands for commercial. I'm not out looking for industries to come in here. But others are, and I feel that the Commission tries to be sort of a watchdog and sees that we don't have too many companies coming in here that want to pollute the environment and pay \$2 an hour. And I'm sort of impressed that the Chamber has been doing that. I'm not that concerned about more growth, but I do think that it's stupid to say we don't want more growth.

TRANSPORTATION

I: Do you think Lawrence needs mass transit?

M: Yes. We have these massive parking problems and traffic problems. We've got a big study forthcoming that's going to tie in such things as the possibility of a trolley that goes up and makes a loop around the hill and then comes back downtown. And bicycle paths. Buses driving around town empty all day is sort of a loser. That has failed massively where it's been tried. But we need some part of the City government. We're sort of a bus situation that would my own. serve as an adjunct to everyto be dependent on public opinion. People are going to be reluctant to give up their cars.

AIRPORT

I: Do you think that the present airport meets Lawrence needs?

M: No. It's unsafe and it really is too small. But the airport having been voted down twice in the past, I would be against

spending any public funds on an airport unless it is approved by the people in a referendum. Now, at the same time, I'll be supporting it because I believe in it. The combination of the Endowment Association -- they're giving us a pretty good deal on the land--plus 9 to 1 matching funds plus the Chamber of Commerce is chipping in 35 G's--a decent gesture--that puts us on our way. You get down to where you're getting a \$1 million deal ...

MINIMUM HOUSING CODE

I: Do you think that there is adequate enforcement of the City's minimum housing code?

M: We must make it possible for people who are trying to provide housing (like a couple who want to fix up a basement) because we are desperate for low-cost housing in Lawrence, and not make requirements that the place has to be plush--wall to wall carpet and all that. We need to change the code and enforce it so that we can really get the handful of landlords that flagrantly violate the code. I don't think it's a problem of the code isn't any good. It's enforcing it.

DAYCARE-HOUSING

I: Do you think that the daycare presently available in Lawrence is adequate?

M: Well, no. We have a list as long as that wall of people who want revenue-sharing money. The question is where does it go and how far do you go on money that already overlaps other federal programs? I've always considered myself a liberal, I still do. I think there are some areas where the city and government on all levels should carry responsibility -- in the area of providing employment, of improving housing, you see, which is an obvious need in Lawrence. That was one of my major reasons for opposing the Haskell Loop in the beginning. This money was supposed to be for improving the community. So if there was no other way to make a daycare center go, maybe the City should do it but there has to be a limit.

CAMPAIGN

I: What is the source of financing for your campaign?

M: I"ll tell you what we did last time. We just had the nickels and dimes from school teachers to finance my campaign. And I put in about \$200 myself. This time I don't plan to use any money of

I: How do you plan to campaign?

M: I think telephoning is important. People that know you contact other people that they know but you don't. I'd like to campaign if I could. I tried to talk my campaign manager into not putting a single ad in the Journal World. Lawrence people are really short-changed having a rotten newspaper like that. I really hate

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