

Thoughts for deposition, Friday, March 1, 2024

1. The mayor made no effort to enlist supporters, build support, explain his position, etc.
 - a. "right size" the city – jargon
 - b. Provided no advantages for the city; none for those being annexed
 - c. Said we would gain fire, police and water when we already had it
 - d. Blamed us for taking advantage of the city when all of us take advantage of Indiana University
 - e. Imagine Bloomington without IU – Bedford or Martinsville – smaller, less diverse, fewer entertainments, Republican
2. Typical of him
 - a. Armored Ford F150
 - b. Convention center – negotiating with hotels, etc
 - c. High speed fiber
 - d. Lower cascades road
 - e. 7th street
 - f. 1% income tax increase
3. Real costs he ignored
 - a. County leaders said would bust county budget
 - b. Ditto MCCSC leaders and budget
 - c. Greg McKim, county councilman said 55% increase in property taxes
 - d. MC fire commissioner said, under Indiana law, residents retain responsibility for bonded indebtedness on fire stations and equipment
 - e. Private companies, e.g., Ava's Trash Service, said they would have to shut down
4. Nobody gains – not city residents; not county residents; not those of us threatened with annexation; many lose

