

Dear Wilmer Citizen.

I made a decision earlier this year to keep my opinions to myself and out of City politics, but as fate would have it, I'm writing this letter to point out a few facts that some of the candidates have been misrepresenting to you through their letters and visits to your home. For the first time in many years the Citizens of Wilmer have a major choice to make. "Keep the train rolling" or *derail the train* and work towards "**Progressive Growth for Wilmer**". With these options how can one not get involved? This election is crucial to the future of Wilmer. This is one time being apathetic doesn't accomplish anything. It makes you part of the problem, not part of the solution.

DALLAS WATER: Teresa Bain and Billy Wickliffe have been taking credit for bringing Dallas water to Wilmer. The fact is, the only time that Dallas water is brought to Wilmer is if one of our wells go down. This is nothing more than a backup water supply. The cost that the Water District charges Wilmer to provide this water makes it cost prohibitive to have it full time. Distorting these facts only creates "water pollution".

GROCERY STORE/SHOPPING CENTER: Once again the "Keep the Train Rolling" group has distorted the facts. There is no major or minor grocery store or shopping center coming to Wilmer in the foreseeable future. Anyone can put up a sign saying "Coming Soon" The fact is, Wilmer does not have enough "roof tops" to support either one of these. Until the population in this area (Wilmer, Ferris and Hutchins) increases significantly there won't be one. It's a simple matter of economics. We couldn't even support the two small grocery stores that have been here in the past. There are no negotiations going on and no contracts have been signed.

WILMER DEVELOPMENT & GROWTH: Billy and Teresa have been taking credit for all of the new growth in Wilmer. If you attended any of the City Council meetings that pertained to new development in Wilmer, you know that Billy Wickliffe fought the developers tooth and nail with the exception of Mike Raider's. Isn't it funny that no one was able to start their developments until the Raider projects were underway? Of course Teresa being the free thinker she is, voted to support all of Mr. Wickliff's delay tactics. What does Billy have against annexing property into the Wilmer City limits? All of the property along the I-45 corridor and county property surrounded by and butting up against the Wilmer city limits should have been annexed into the City years ago. Could it be that the citizens would have demanded that Billy's trash trailer park behind Sonic be annexed into the City? Why not?

We have four major developers working in Wilmer and we still don't have a softball/soccer park. Why not? We have the property donated by the Lions Club for a youth activities center that the City would rather use as a dump instead of cleaning it up and at least temporarily making a park out of it until funds are available to go forward with construction. How can we ever hope grow and attract families, when there isn't a thing for a family or a kid over the age of 6 to do in this town?

BEER/WINE/LIQUOR SALES: It's been a long time since this was on the ballot. We already know that some members of the City Council and the City Administrator support the bootleggers in town and therefore don't want legal alcohol sales (probably would cut in on re-election campaign donations). Vote your conscious on this one. Duncanville lost a Wal-Mart, a K Mart and a Circuit City all within two years. Since their voter approval of alcohol sales, the tax revenue they take in exceeds the tax revenue produced by all three stores. If you feel we could use the tax revenue (that now goes to Dallas, Duncanville and Bach Springs) to build that youth activities center, repair the ballpark, help pay a decent salary to the police and firemen that protect our property and us then vote yes. If not? Vote no. It's as simple as that.

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