

JOHN BARKER - Runs for Councilman

Source: Crawfordsville Journal Wednesday, Sept 24, 1913 (note this is much shorter than the others on the same page but seems to be complete)

John Barker is the candidate for councilman for the second ward. He has worked 27 years at the printer's trade in Crawfordsville. He has raised his good family solely by his own honest labor. He has been on the city council for the last 4 years. The city has made a rapid growth in that time. Has he been connected with any graft in any department in which he has served? Has anyone laid any act of dishonesty at his door as a public servant?

At end of article about 9 men running for office (Republicans)

Can any one name the boss in any party that will control the actions of the above men if elected, and if controlled will such control lead them against the best interests of the city? In their choice of men to run the various departments of the city has the past administration of the men now in office chosen anyone for the benefit he would do the party? Have they been chosen for the part's good of the city's and have these appointees made good? Not a single man in the above list has sought his nomination. They have not been "hand picked," by any committee guided by the subtle influences of wily politicians, they were selected by a large representation of a majority of the voters of Crawfordsville in an open, public convention. The service and sacrifice demanded of them in nearly all cases will not be paid for by the nominal salaries offered. This city is asking of these business men a favor. Would not any city be fortunate to have its affairs left in their hands?