said. "Nothing's perfect in life, but I see us going in some kind of good direction. I see things happening, and I think that makes a difference."

The group of impassioned naysayers pressed Miller to expand on her opinion.

Miller cited the demolition of more than a hundred blighted properties and the progress made on rehabilitating the city's more than a century-old sewer system as examples.

The group of residents balked at her response, refusing to see any benefits in blight removal or repairing the sewer system.

"This town was rock-bottom bad, rock-bottom bad. It's still not up there where it's good, but it's less bad," Miller said.

Mozer was not surprised that the discussion during the town hall mostly deviated from economic development.

When asked if he felt that he had gained anything from this town hall, Mozer replied, "I didn't lose anything."

When Mozer told council he wanted to conduct the town hall, he said they thought he was "absolutely nuts." Knowing beforehand that it could end poorly or prove to be unproductive, he still wanted to go through with it.

The mayor recorded his presentation at the beginning of the meeting and will post the video to YouTube and Facebook.

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