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1970s City of White House Celebrates 50 Years



The City of White House Votes For Incorporation



In the winter months of 1970 a group of residents began collecting signatures on a petition to propose the incorporation of the City of White House, Tennessee. A general election was set for January 30, 1971 with a total of 213 votes cast: 142 votes "FOR" Corporation and 71 "AGAINST" corporation.

Incorporated under the Mayor-Alderman form of Government on March

27, 1971, a second election was held for the position of Mayor and aldermen for the newly formed City of White House, Tennessee. A total of 124 votes were cast and history was written with the election of Mayor Billy S. Hobbs and aldermen: Ronnie Brooks, Cordell Hester, John W. Smart and Joe S. Wilkinson - this group of founding fathers took the Oath of Office on April 1, 1971.

Pictured left to right are the city's first Board of Mayor and Aldermen at their first meeting in April of 1971. Cordell Hester, Joe S. Wilkinson, Mayor Billy S. Hobbs, John W. Smart, and Ronnie Brooks

THIS YEAR IN 1971

AVERAGE COST:

- SALARY - \$10,622.00
- NEW CAR - \$3,560.00
- HOUSE - \$25,200.00
- GAS - \$0.36

- POSTAGE STAMP - \$0.08
- EGGS - \$0.45
- BREAD - \$0.25
- MOVIE TICKET - \$1.65

HIT TV SHOWS:

- THE DORRIS DAY SHOW
- ALL IN THE FAMILY
- HAWAII FIVE-O
- BONANZA
- THE BEVERLY HILLBILLIES

TOP-MODEL CAR:



1971 CHRYSLER NEW YORKER

ON THE RADIO:

- "JOY TO THE WORLD" - THREE DOG NIGHT
- "TAKE ME HOME, COUNTRY ROADS" - JOHN DENVER
- "MAGGIE MAY / REASON TO BELIEVE" - ROD STEWART

PRESIDENT:



RICHARD NIXON



Acres acquired for a public park in White House

In 1975 Mayor Billy S. Hobbs entered into an agreement with the Warren family to purchase 88 acres to be used as parkland for the City of White House. The property located at 420 Highway 76 would grow into a thriving center of activity for the residents of the town. The first football game was played at the Dewey Whitson Stadium in 1976. The park now offers baseball and softball fields, football fields, pavilions, two playgrounds, a dog park, tennis courts, a walking trail, exercise area and a disc golf course.

Watch White House History Wednesday on the last Wednesday of the month to learn more about events and history in White House

Join us on March 27th for the City's Anniversary Celebration at 3 pm at the Fran Hutson Amphitheater