## Council blasts press coverage

"I talked to Ralph (Yoder) on a cou-ple of occasions," Hartsock said, "I saw (Mayor Alton) Bennett at the Memorial Day Parade. Some names have been tossed around, but we have not come to any conclusions. I don't think any two of us have come to any conclusions yet."

WHILE ADMITTING that the council has no plans to question and inter-view candidates for the council appointment in public season and councilmen don't intend to discuss any candidates qualifications prior to the announcement of the appointment on June 21, Hartsock said "I object to the tone that something underhanded has taken place."

Hartsock was even more vehement following the Farmington Observer's June 7 editorial by Steve Barnaby which stated that "For the sake of honoring its contract with the public, the council should change its secret ways when tapping a replacement for Richard Tupper."

Hartsock said the editorial implies councilmen are doing something "ille-gal and immoral" by considering ap-pointees and commenting on their qual-ifications outside of a public meeting.

He said since no decision is reached by a quorum in private, the delibera-tions aren't in violation of the state's Open Meetings Act. Few city councils or township boards subject potentia appointees to such public scrutiny, said Hartsock. Councilman Yoder said the issue is being blown out of proportion by the newspaper, and he's heard no citizen complain about the lack of pub-lic interviews leading up to the council appointment. appointment.

Persons being considered for ap-pointment might drop out or suffer em-barrassment if they are evaluated in public or asked impertinent questions by members of the audience, Council-man William Mitchell said.



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