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In 1968 rumors of Smyrna annexing La Vergne swarmed the towns. "I can think of no plausible reason for annexation or consolidation whereby either town will lose its identity," said then Smyrna Mayor Sam Ridley.

The relationship between La Vergne and Smyrna has been smooth and rough. In the 1980's it was rougher than any of the sides probably wanted.

Smyrna had claimed to initiate the annexation March 8, at the request of the Smyrna Planning Commission. A plan of services was reportedly adopted that evening.

La Vergne wanted to annex the area along Rock Springs Road, northwest of I-24. Smyrna has said that La Vergne had not held a public hearing and the prior to La Vergne taking the initial action on March 7, Smyrna had notified La Vergne that it was planning to annex the land.

After La Vergne acted to buy half of their water from Nashville, Smyrna placed the surcharge on La Vergne, thus forcing them to purchase a set amount of water from Smyrna. Mayor A.C. Puckett immediately said the measure was to "punish La Vergne" for trying to annex an area that Smyrna wanted.

By 1989, Smyrna was pressuring La Vergne for the property it had annexed along Blair and Waldron Roads. Smyrna wanted La Vergne to deannex the land, according to the Courier. La Vergne hoped to settle the issue without going to court.

Puckett had said that Smyrna officials had offered a few "ultimatums" in the negotiations including water supply and sewage service. Puckett had wanted extra water from Smyrna, but Smyrna wouldn't sell (even though they received state grants for selling La Vergne water) unless La Vergne deannexed the property near Blair Road.

Smyrna Mayor Knox Ridley said Smyrna is not "really interested in annexing the property" in question but would be amenable to the deannexation of property near Blair and Waldron Roads.

In May of 1989, two separate deannexation requests were denied by the La Vergne board. It was then that La Vergne and Smyrna went to court.

Smyrna had filed a lawsuit to block the annexation of 600 acres near Carothers and Waldron Roads, on the heels of the two month battle between the two cities.

In the suit, Smyrna asked that the court declare that the annexation proceeding initialized by the town of Smyrna have precedence and priority over the annexation proceedings of La Vergne.

Smyrna cited a Tennessee Code which stated that Smyrna's proceedings had precedence and priority over La Vergne because Smyrna was a larger municipality. It also stated that La Vergne was to give Smyrna 180 days to act if the property was of mutual interest.

To end the lawsuit, La Vergne and Smyrna swapped services on land, including natural gas prices and use of equipment. La Vergne was to purchase a daily quantity of water from Smyrna at .85 per 1,000 gallons to end two years of price negotiations. Both cities were to pay 50 percent of line improvement costs. Smyrna could add a surcharge to each customer's monthly gas bill and the meter reading was shared between the two cities, as was the rental of specialized equipment.

Since, the lawsuit, La Vergne and Smyrna have worked together for the good of both communities.