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Proposed By Southeastern Consulting Engineers

Board Will Study Rate Schedule Recommendations



HASHING IT OUT — Mayor John Moss chats with City Clerk Joe McDaniel and Ray Cohn, a registered engineer with Southeastern Consulting Engineers, Inc., about proposed electric rate changes during a recess at

Monday's commissioners meeting. The rate study was proposed by Southeastern following their own detailed analysis of city rates and revenue.

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By TOM McINTYRE
Editor, Mirror-Herald

City commissioners accepted a retail electric rate study and analysis from Southeastern Consulting Engineers, Inc. Monday night and will study the firm's recommendations before action is taken.

The study was submitted by Ray Cohn, a registered engineer with Southeastern. Presenting the proposal to the board Monday, Cohn said "Our recommendations are based on the need for a change in the city rate structure due to the increases in power costs over the past year. The proposals we make set the rate level as low as possible to still be in line with the Duke Power rates."

Cohn said the city's rates, if the proposals are adopted, would place its costs to customers about 3.4 percent lower than that of Duke Power.

Cohn recommended the city not contemplate billing for the new rates, should they be approved, before January. He added, that even then it might be too soon because of the computer data change that must be made at the city's clerk's office. Southeastern's seven-point recommendation proposal to the city includes:

(1) Adoption of five proposed rates which will produce 1.7 percent more revenue than the existing rates and 3.4 percent less revenue than Duke Power's present rates and which will utilize the same type rate structure prescribed by the North Carolina Utilities Commission for Duke Power.

(2) The adoption of the proposed commercial and industrial rate schedules will entail establishing a minimum charge of 75 cents per kilowatt hour of contract demand, a minimum demand of 30 KW, and a 100 percent of 12 months ratchet for customers served under these schedules. It will also necessitate the installation of demand meters on customers whose energy consumption exceeds 3,750 KWH per month.

(3) Transfer the church and school customers to the commercial rate schedule from the residential schedule, and transfer to the industrial rate any commercial customers who qualify for this rate.

(4) Initiate KWH and KW records for any public services provided by the city. This will require the installation of KWH and demand meters on appropriate city services not presently being metered.

(5) Contract with a meter testing company to check and calibrate all

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At 3 p.m. Downtown

Yule Parade On Tuesday

Church Services Head Day's Events

Church Services, hunting, football and plain old relaxation will be the order of the day for Thanksgiving in Kings Mountain.

Thanksgiving morning worship service is slated at 10 a. m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and at least four churches, Kings Mountain Baptist, Central United Methodist, First Presbyterian and Boyce Memorial ARP, have arranged early morning breakfasts.

Many citizens will be going to Charlotte for the Carolinas Carrousel Parade at which Julie Durham, KMSHS senior student, will represent the city as Carrousel Princess. Others will watch this parade and others on television.

Most of the downtown business firms will be closed tightly for the holiday.

All schools in the city will observe the usual long weekend, resuming classes on Monday morning.

A community Thanksgiving service will be held tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 p. m. at Resurrection Lutheran Church with all churches

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Closing Schedule

The Mirror-Herald will close at 1 p. m. today and remain closed all day Thursday to observe the Thanksgiving holiday.

The business and editorial offices will open at 8:30 a. m. Friday.

Next week The Mirror-Herald will begin publishing twice-weekly on its regular schedule. The two editions will be in the mail and on the street next Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

in the area joining in the union service. Rev. Eugene Land, pastor of Second Baptist Church, will deliver the sermon on "The Magnificent Minority," and liturgists will be Rev. Marvin Greenway, Rev. A. Glenn Boland, Rev. George Sherrill, Rev. Frank Shirley and William McDaniel, recently elected moderator of the KM Baptist Association.

Miss Terri Plonk will serve as acolyte and Miss Kim Gladden as crucifier. The Resurrection Church Choir, under the direction of Donald Deal, will sing "Psalm 108" and "Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart" and Trumpters, Rodney Deaton, Mark Sanders and Robert Swofford will accompany the choir and organ for the processional hymn. Mrs. Aubrey Mauney will be organist.

Women of the Church of Resurrection Church will serve refreshments in the fellowship hall after the service.

At Grover, the community-wide Thanksgiving service will be held at 7:30 p. m. at Bethany Baptist Church and Dr. Olin Whitener, pastor of Shiloh and Dixon Presbyterian Churches, will deliver the Thanksgiving message.

A nursery will be provided for children and special music will be featured.

Men of the churches will prepare and serve breakfasts at Central United Methodist Church at 6 a. m., at First Presbyterian Church from 7 until 9 a. m., at Kings Mountain Baptist Church at 7 a. m. and at Boyce Memorial ARP Church at 7:30 a. m. at First Presbyterian Church retiring Sunday School teachers will be honored at the service with 9 a. m. program.

Rev. Robert L. Allen will deliver the sermon at Thursday morning service at 10 a. m. at St. Matthews Lutheran Church.

Operation: Santa Claus

Operation Santa Claus in Kings Mountain will provide a brighter Christmas for patients at both Western Carolina Center and Broughton Hospital at Morganton.

Local citizens can contribute their gifts in containers being placed at Kings Mountain Senior High School and First Union National Bank until Dec. 8 when they will be collected and taken to the two institutions.

Gifts need not be wrapped but wrapping paper and ribbon will be appreciated, said a spokesman.

The patient gift list includes socks, stockings, toothpaste, cosmetics, billfolds, shaving lotion, large dresses, bedroom slippers, little soft dolls, fruits, nuts, candies, shirts, ties, and toiletries.

You can also provide a ward gift for the entire ward to use, such as a hairdryer, games, etc. and checks to be applied to Cheer Fund, in care of Ruth Penn, Broughton Hospital, Morganton, N. C. 28655.

Santa Claus will come to town Tues., Nov. 30, at 3 p. m. in a big 70-plus unit Christmas Parade sponsored for the second year by the Kings Mountain Fire Department and Kings Mountain Fire Museum.

Co-chairmen Jerry White and Fire Chief Gene Tignor said that more entries are invited and businesses and groups planning a float should contact a member of the parade committee.

Pretty girls, high stepping bands, beauty queens, and religious floats

will feature the parade which will be led off by Mayor John Henry Moss and city officials on East Mountain at Gaston St. (Woman's Club), proceed in front of Fulton's, turning left on Cherokee, proceeding in front of the new parking plaza, turning right on Gold and Battleground in front of Belk, crossing overhead bridge, left on W. King and proceeding in front of Plonk's and disbanding on W. Gold St.

Julie Durham, KMSHS Carrousel Princess, and Rhonda Shytles,

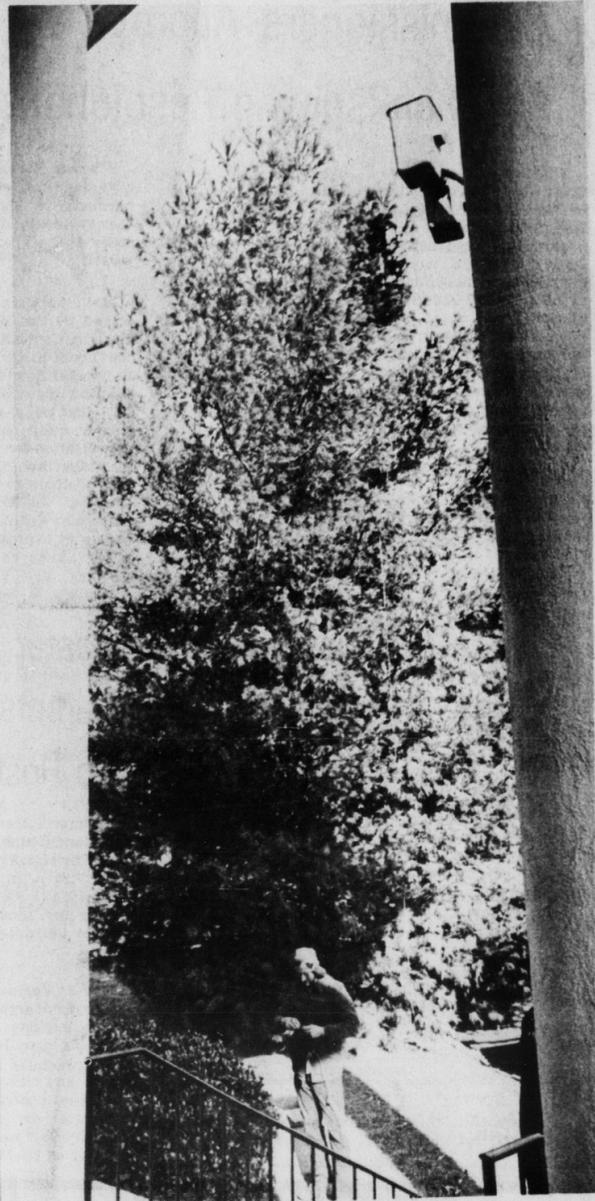


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GETTING JUMP ON SEASON — Kings Mountain City employees were busy Monday stringing about 1,200 Christmas lights on the 50-plus foot tree in front of Mauney Memorial Library. This year all of the lights are clear white. Two bucket trucks were used for the operation.

Beautification Plan For RR Okayed

The Kings Mountain Appearance Commission was given approval by commissioner resolution Monday night to begin a planned beautification project along the Southern Railroad right of way between W. King and W. Gold Sts.

Al Moretz, city planner, said the project is in two phases. From King to Mountain St., the commission will use 500 crossties donated by Southern Railroad, to build a retaining wall between the tracks and Railroad Ave. on the west and Battleground Ave. on the east.

"The embankments slope from street level down to the tracks along this block," Moretz said. "The ties will create a restraining wall. The area between the street and the restraining wall will be back-filled where trees and shrubbery will be planted."

The appearance commission will accept bids on the plantings and will require such items as thornless honeylocust, upright ginkgo, crepe myrtle, shore juniper and dwarf burford holly.

At the intersection of S. Battleground and W. Mountain a strip planter section is planned.

In the second block — W. Mountain to W. Gold St., the same planting theme will be followed, but

instead of planting trees and shrubs between curb and crosstie wall, the plantings will be located in constructed areas which will necessitate removing at least five parking spaces on Battleground and Railroad Ave. In addition a continuation of the pedestrian walk running between the Herndon and Blazer Buildings on Battleground is planned. The continuation will be in the form of a crosswalk across the railroad tracks to link Battleground and Railroad Ave.

In addition to this program commissioners gave approval for the appearance commission to work with the merchants in planning Christmas lighting in the central business district.

In other action Monday, the commissioners awarded contracts for chemicals for all city departments for the coming year to five low bidders. The vote, however, contained the stipulation that should the firm bid prices for 80, 60, and 90 days, change, the city has the right to readvertise for bids.

Low bidders included Jones Chemical Co., Burris Chemical Co., Moreland Chemical, G. B. Harrill and Market Manufacturing.

Awarded a contract to Pump And Lighting Co. for sewer pipe and fittings to be used by the city in the Cansler St. Urban Renewal project. The contract bid was \$15,071.07. Two other firms bid on the material.

Awarded a contract to Bryant Electric Co. of Gastonia for transformers as recommended by Southeastern Consultant Engineers, Inc. The bid was \$14,896.

Approved participation in a proposal by the N. C. Department of Transportation for the construction of flashing light signals and gates at railroad crossings at Linwood St., Baker St., Hawthorne Rd. and Oak St. The city's cost in the four projects totals \$2,500. When the work is completed all seven railroad crossings in the city will have safety devices for motorists.

Approved solicitation of price proposals for Planimetric Mapping of the city and perimeter area.

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Jonas Bridges, manager of Radio Station WKMT, will broadcast the parade live on WKMT Radio.