

Pinebluff Board Gives Okay To Beer-Wine Vote

BY HERBERT C. TILLEY

A public hearing on \$9,362 in Revenue Sharing, the awarding of a \$5,296.26 contract for renovation of the town's recreation hut for police facilities, plans for a public referendum on a proposal to permit on-premises sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages and the institution of a \$5 quarterly garbage fee effective July 1, highlighted Thursday's regular monthly meeting of the Pinebluff Board of Commissioners in Town Hall.

Mayor John H. Carpenter upon opening the hearing advised those present that the hearing was being held to give the citizens of the community an opportunity to air their views as to where the money should be spent. Despite the announcement, the only views heard were those of the commissioners regarding Revenue Sharing allocations, including former Commissioner Charles Zarker.

The first to speak on the proposed use of the funds was Commissioner George Grimm who commented "The town needs a pick-up truck. The best interests of this town can be served by appropriating \$6,000 in Revenue Sharing for the vehicle." The commissioner said he felt the truck should be assigned to the water department which he heads. Commissioner E.E. Brafford quickly pointed out that he felt the cost should come out of the water department funds. He also reminded Commissioner Grimm that the "water department is supposed to be self-sustaining." Commissioner Robert Allen said he would like to request \$1,000 of the Revenue Sharing funds for the police department. Commissioner Thomas Baggett told his colleagues that he would like to have all the money for the street department but was quickly told by Commissioner Grimm that the street depart-

ment didn't need the funds and that if it got the funds it would "be put in the bank and interest made on it." Commissioner E.H. Mills said if this were done he would like to look at the funds as "in reserve."

Former Commissioner Zarker voiced the opinion that consideration be given to cutting back on the budgeted appropriations for road maintenance in view of economic conditions and the tight budget. "I believe that during the next year we should concentrate on patching and less street paving. I don't think they are all that bad right now," said Zarker.

Repeating his request of \$1,000 for the police department, Police Commissioner Allen said "New batteries costing \$64 each, and we need four of them, are badly needed. It is dangerous for the policemen to be depending on them which provide the only inter-communicating system for them. They have been in use for four years and have reached the point where they will not stay charged for very long," said the commissioner.

Mrs. George Grimm, who said she was speaking as a citizen and not as the chairman of the town's beautification committee, suggested that plans be made for hiring help in the Spring to keep the debris alongside the roads picked up. "It was the worst this past year than in all the seven years I have lived here," said Mrs. Grimm.

Following an announcement by Malcolm Mills of Pinebluff who said he plans to open a restaurant in town on US 1 and needs a license to sell beer and wine on the premises, the commissioners, in a 4 to 1 vote, voted to arrange for a public referendum as required by law. The restaurant, if granted the on-premises license, is to be located in a store which formerly housed the Pottery Shop. No date for the referendum was set by the officials.

Voting for the referendum were Commissioners Mills, Allen, Brafford and Grimm. Commissioner Baggett did not vote on the question.

The board awarded a \$5,296.26 contract for renovating the town's recreation hut better known as the Boy Scout Hut to G and G Development Corp. of Pinebluff who had the low bid among three bidders. Submitting bids also were Harvey White, \$5,384.43, and Russell Jones, \$6,237.33.

The renovations will provide new police facilities requested earlier in the year by Police Commissioner Allen. On motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Mills, the board unanimously voted to award the contract.

On motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Grimm, the board unanimously voted to raise the quarterly garbage rate from \$1.50 to \$5 effective July 1. Last month in conjunction with its budget preparation the commissioners decided on the increase and Thursday's vote set the effective date. The increase will cost home owners \$20 per year instead of \$6, an increase of \$14.

An effort to get the commissioners to agree to adding a half a day to the three day work schedule of Town Clerk Elsie Pearce by Commissioner Allen failed when a motion by the commissioner to add the half day failed to receive a second. At earlier budget meetings Commissioner Allen had requested a full day be added to provide for completion of the clerk's work load. This proposal, too, failed to get the support of the board.

Commissioner Grimm declared he would not vote for anything less than a four day work week, three of which would have the town hall open to the public as is presently done and one work day closed to the public. He too voiced concern over where the money is to come from to pay the clerk.

Commissioner Mills voiced the opinion that salaries paid to Pinebluff employees are too high. He compared salaries of surrounding communities with that being paid the town clerk with the clerk reminding him that in Southern Pines, one of the salaries cited, a separate salary is paid not only to the town clerk but the town treasurer and tax collector. "These salaries total around \$35,000," said Mrs. Pearce.

Commissioner Allen, still holding out for an appropriation for an additional half day work week, declared, "Don't expect too much from the town clerk if she is not given the time to do her job. She will have to curtail taking care of some of the work she does for the commissioners. I don't believe she should work for nothing and in fact I am recommending that she doesn't."

A second public hearing on Revenue Sharing and the 1981-82 budget has been set for June 25 in town hall. Tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. the board of commissioners will meet again in town hall to approve their proposals regarding Revenue Sharing and it is expected that the matter of the extra day for the town clerk proposal will again be discussed.

Commissioner Allen, who heads the town's administration,

advised the board that the extra time was needed by the clerk "to do the work properly." Allen noted that the extra half day would increase the town clerk-treasurer-tax collector's salary \$1,279.80, bringing the total to \$8400 annually.

Commissioner Baggett, opposing the suggestion, said "Mr. Mayor, as a point of order the budget has been made. I believe that if we are going to open that up we will have to open up the entire budget." Mayor Carpenter advised Commissioner Baggett that to date the budget has not been approved. Commissioner Baggett replied, "However, what we have done is in reference to the budget." Asking where the money is to come from to pay for the extra work, Commissioner Brafford made it very clear that he was opposed to taking it from unappropriated surplus. Commissioner Allen advised his colleagues that he believes that if the extra time is given the clerk she will be able to collect unpaid taxes and get the records up to date so that these collections can be made, thus producing revenue to take care of the cost.

Car Lights Blamed In Wreck

Cars parked on the side of the highway caused an accident in which four persons were injured Saturday morning.

Taken to Moore Memorial Hospital were the driver, Richard Phillip Davis, and his passengers, Tammy Bridges, Johnny D. Davis, and Steve Martin, all of Aberdeen.

Trooper H.O. Hussey of the State Highway Patrol, who investigated the 1:10 a.m. accident, reported that Davis was traveling north on N.C. 5 two miles north of Aberdeen when he came to two vehicles parked on the shoulder of the southbound lane. The driver said the lights on both vehicles blinded him, and as he passed these cars, he saw a vehicle partially on the road in the northbound lane.

The trooper said Davis swerved to the left to avoid striking the other car, lost control, ran off on the left and struck two trees. The 1979 Ford was damaged an estimated \$2500.

Charges of driving under the influence and driving while license revoked were lodged against Amos L. Howard, Robbins, Rt. 2, after an accident Friday at 2:50 p.m. on N.C. 705 near Robbins.

Trooper E.E. Vuncannon reported that Howard was traveling north and ran across the center line, back off on the right, lost control, slid broadside and flipped over, the car coming to rest on its top. The driver told the patrolman that an unidentified car ran him off the road.

Damage to the 1976 Ford was estimated at \$4000. Timmy Lee Barnes of Siler City, Rt. 1 was charged with DUI and no operator's license Sunday after a 1:45 a.m. accident 9.2 miles north of Robbins on Rural Paved Road 1604.

Trooper Hussey said Barnes was making a right turn from RPR 1600 onto 1604 and crossed the center of the road, continued into the left lane and onto the left shoulder. The vehicle overturned down an embankment. The 1979 Ford was damaged an estimated \$2000.

Trooper W.D. Waters investigated an accident at 1:50 p.m. Friday 3.8 miles north of Pinehurst on N.C. 73.

The driver, Jack Burris Bryan Jr., Broadway, was traveling east. The patrolman said Bryan glanced at his watch, ran onto the shoulder in a curve, lost control, came back onto the road and overturned. He was charged with driving on the wrong side of the road.

His 1972 GMC truck was damaged an estimated \$4000.

VEHICLES POLICY
State Transportation Secretary Tom Bradshaw today announced a new policy regarding more restrictive use of state vehicles effective June 1. The policy is expected to save nearly three-quarters of a million dollars in fuel and maintenance costs annually.



Dr. Terry R. Gordon

Gordon Awarded MD Degree

Terry R. Gordon of 1385 Pee Dee Rd., Southern Pines, has received the doctor of medicine (M.D.) degree from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine during commencement exercises held May 17.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Zebulon V. Gordon, Jr., of Southern Pines.

Dr. Gordon will begin postgraduate training at the University of Michigan Hospitals in Ann Arbor beginning in July with specialization in internal medicine and psychiatry.

He attended West Southern Pines High School and completed premedical studies at N.C. A&T State University in Greensboro. He obtained the Masters of Business Administration degree from Indiana University in Bloomington in 1971 and completed additional graduate studies in economics at St. Louis and Washington Universities in St. Louis. For six years prior to returning to medical school, Dr. Gordon served as an Air Force Captain for the Office of the Inspector General, Scott AFB, Illinois.

At the UNC-CH School of Medicine he has been active in the admissions committee, the Dean's search committee, as class representative, the Committee of Self Study and Re-accreditation, instructor in the Office of Medical Studies, minority recruiter in the Office of the Dean of Students and participant in the Durham Civic Choral Society. For his outstanding citizenship, leadership and contributions to the medical school, Dr. Gordon's class members and faculty presented him with the James H. Bullitt Memorial Award at graduation exercises.

Dr. Gordon said he wishes to thank his family and friends for their support and encouragement.



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