

Low Bidder Withdraws Because Of Error Bids Total Over \$1-Million On Job

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"That will have to be resolved, but I don't know how the commissioners will do that," Clary said.

Al Moretz, city engineer, suggested that the wording in the EDA grant application might be the solution. He said the EDA program urges the employment of local people and should the board decide to honor that, then the Shelby firm would receive the contract.

Clary was asked should the commissioners move quickly on the matter, how soon would the contractors be on the job. Clary said it is possible "the work could begin within 30 days."

When asked how soon it would be finished, Clary said, "generally contracts of this type allow the contractor 365 days with a request the job be completed under that time limit."

Clary said he has also been able to clear up the question of whether or not there is a time limit on the job set by the EDA. "When the grant is approved and the city receives notification, they have 90 days to begin work on the site. However, with the site preparation contract being let to Bradley Jenkins of Gastonia earlier this year, the city had honored its contract with EDA. The agency sets no time limit on when the job has to be completed."

Back in April Clary said he felt that if the contracts could be awarded by mid-summer the job could have been completed by

Christmas. Thursday he said the middle of April 1978 looks like a good bet for completion of the new city hall, provided the weather cooperates.

Thursday Commissioner Jim Childers felt confident the matter of awarding the contracts would be on Monday night's board agenda. The Mirror-Herald goes to press prior to the conclusion of the Monday night meetings. Any actions on the matter will be reported in Thursday morning's edition.

During the bid meeting last Thursday there were 11 firms submitting bids on the general construction contract; five bidders on the mechanical contract; seven plumbing contractors; and five on the electrical contract.

On the general contract the bids ranged from \$749,000 to \$805,686; on the mechanical contract bids ranged from \$168,932 to \$128,300; Bids on the plumbing contract ranged from \$117,400 to \$47,700 (two firms bid \$47,700); and bids on the electrical contract were \$108,480 to \$88,795.

Low bidder on general was Brittain Construction Co. of Spartanburg, S. C.; on mechanical, Southern Comfort of Charlotte; plumbing, a tie between Southern Comfort and Hoyle Plumbing Co. of Shelby; and electrical, Caldwell Electric Co. of Newton.

The highest bid also came from the company the farthest from Kings Mountain, Nasuf Plumbing Co. of Holbrook, N. Y. — \$117,400. All other bidders were from North and South Carolina.

The total low bid on all four city hall contracts was \$890,481.



CITY HALL BIDS RECEIVED — A roomful of construction firm bidders were on hand here last Thursday afternoon to hear Charlotte architect Moody Clary read out the bids for general, mechanical, plumbing and electrical contracts on the new Kings Mountain Governmental Services

Facilities Building. In background Clary hands bid information across to City Clerk Joe McDaniel. At the table also, from left, are City Engineer Al Moretz, Commissioner Jim Childers. To Clary's left is John Brown of Peterson-Clary Architects.

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Senior Citizens To Apply

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arrangements for transportation.

The Crisis Intervention Program was signed into effect on May 4, 1977 by President Carter to help relieve part of the energy cost burden of the poor and elderly as a result of the recent severe winter and escalating energy prices. The federal budget for this program is \$200 million, North Carolina's share is \$4,020,000 and Cleveland County's allocation is \$53,618.

"The only problem with this program," Rev. George said, "is that we have been given no guidelines to follow as to who is eligible to apply and who is not. The Cleveland County Social Services is handling the program for the county and that's where we will take our senior citizens today.

"We'll just have to let the people make application blindly, not knowing whether they will even be considered for aid," he continued. "We urge our elderly to call us today so we can make arrangements for transportation."

The deadline for making application is Wed., Aug. 31.

Rent Aid Program Explained Tonight



Photo By Tom McIntyre

TO EXPLAIN PROGRAM — Delores Dedmon and Earl Honeycutt, coordinators of the Isothermal Planning and Development Com-

mission — Section 8 Rent Supplement program, will explain guidelines at tonight's public meeting at city hall.

A public meeting is scheduled tonight at 7:30 at city hall to explain the new Section 8 Rent Supplement For Existing Housing in Kings Mountain.

Earl Honeycutt, coordinator of the Section 8 program for Isothermal Planning and Development Commission, and Delores Dedmon, coordinator of the program for Kings Mountain, will explain the guidelines of the program.

Tenants of rental housing and landlords and any interested citizens are urged to attend this meeting since it means pumping as much as around \$200,000 into this community in the next five years.

Honeycutt told The Mirror-Herald, "This program is designed to help a landlord receive a fair market rent for his units by supplementing the payments now being made by the renter. It also means the renter is helped to live in a standard and maintained home because the landlord can receive additional monies for this purpose."

Landlords who qualify under the program guidelines are contractually bound to maintain their rental property. An annual spot check will be made to

assure the contract is being honored.

The program will accept applications from all citizens who meet the low income guidelines and will accept applications from all landlords who maintain rental units that meet the city's and HUD's standards.

The Section 8 program offers the local coordinators a fair rent limit based on the number of rooms in rental units, according to Honeycutt.

"We will accept applications from all interested Kings Mountians, but there will only be a certain number of applications approved," Honeycutt said. "And we want people to bear in mind that first come will not necessarily be first served if the applicant fails to qualify for some reason."

Honeycutt said that all applicants, tenants and landlords, and the person interviewing them will be the only people aware of who is participating in the program.

The rent supplement program will be administered in Kings Mountain from an office at the Depot Center, which will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays only from 1-4 p. m. Ms. Dedmon will handle the workload in the city from this office.

Z&P Board Meets, Appoints A Chairman

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Kings Mountain Zoning and Planning Board members had only three items on their August agenda when they met last Thursday night at city hall.

But before the meeting could be called to order the five board members present had to elect a temporary chairman to handle the proceedings.

Wilson Griffin, who served the board for many years as secretary, was named to the temporary chair. Al Moretz, secretary to the board, explained that Bob Bob Maner had resigned as chairman.

"Maner has been appointed as temporary chairman by Mayor (John) Moss," Moretz said. "I wasn't aware until today (Thursday) that Maner had resigned."

Donald Blanton nominated Griffin and Griffin nominated Fred Plonk, who has served as chairman in the past. Plonk said, "I'm not a

candidate. In fact I've been in doubt whether the city needed us at all."

Plonk was referring to several overturned Z&P recommendations on rezoning by the board of commissioners.

During agenda action the board voted to recommend approval of a request from W. James Carpenter, 102 N. Dilling St., to rezone his property from NB (Neighborhood Business) to R-8 (Two-Family Residential).

Carpenter explained in his request that his property was zoned R-8 until 1976 when new zoning maps were approved. He said at that time the zoning was changed to NB. He said he wanted the lot zoned R-8 "to be compatible with adjacent zoning."

The second item was a request from Mrs. J. M. Rhea and Mrs. Thomas Wyte to rezone a 224 by 120 foot lot on the south side of Hwy. 74 west from R-20 (Suburban Residential) to NB.

The board also approved recommending this request be honored. Mrs. Wyte plans to open an

expanded arts and crafts shop on the property. She currently operates Joy's Arts and Crafts adjacent to Wilson TV off Phifer Rd.

Mrs. Rhea questioned the discussion of "a public hearing" on the matter, stating, "I thought that's what we were here tonight for."

Griffin explained that the Z&P Board only checks rezoning requests and property maps and land use plans to make sure the city's zoning laws are being conformed with. "We make recommendations to either approve or deny a request to the city commissioners who have the final word," Griffin said. "But all matters of this type, by law, must be discussed in a public hearing to give citizens a chance to endorse or disagree with the proposal."

The third item was a request from Roger and Kay Guin to rezone the former Byers Floor Covering property on the north side of Hwy. 74 west from R-10 (Single Family Residential) to R-8 (Multi-Family Residential).

The Guins plan to turn the former floor covering building into a couple of three bedroom apartments on the second level and an efficiency apartment on the ground level. There is also a home on the lot which will be rented to a single family. The apartments will be for families also. Mrs. Guin said, "Sometime in the future we hope to build a duplex apartment on the property also."

There is a metal workshop on the property which Guin said he plans to tear down.

The board voted to recommend the city commissioners approve the Guin rezoning requests.

The next scheduled meeting of the Z&P board is Thurs., Sept. 16 at 8 p. m. at city hall.

Present at Thursday meeting were Plonk, Griffin, Blanton, Paul Owens and Joe Neisler Jr. Absent were Mrs. Laura Houser, J. E. Herndon, Jr. Thomas Tate, L. L. Adams and Gary Sarvis.