

Gold St. Signals Talked

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Staff Writer

The city's traffic flow committee will recommend to the city commissioners next Monday night that traffic signals be erected at three W. Gold St. intersections.

This was the consensus of opinion following a meeting at city hall Tuesday night where 27 residents discussed the traffic situation with Commissioners Fred Wright, Bill Grissom and Jim Childers.

The three intersections recommended for signalization are Cansler, Watterson, Sims and W. Gold Sts.

The situation, which longtime resident Clyde Lindsay termed "the Gold Street Speedway" came to a head recently when 86 W. Gold St. residents signed a petition drawn by Mrs. Mary Taylor. The petition was presented to the city board for action on Sept. 12.

The petition suggested four-way stop signs or speed bumps to force motorists to observe the 25 mph speed limit.

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Election Officials Appointed

Voter registration for the Tues., Oct. 11 municipal election ended at 5 p. m. Mon., Sept. 12, however, registration for the possible November 8 run-off election continues until 5 p. m. Mon., Oct. 10.

New voters may register for possible run-off by contacting Margaret White, registrar for East Kings Mountain, 789-4019, or judges Connie Putnam, 789-6617, and Joyce Dye, 789-4066.

West KM registrar is Mrs. Elizabeth Arthur, 789-5318. Judges are Geraldine Myers, 789-9188, and Rebecca Cook, 789-8650.

Officials for the Kings Mountain Municipal Election have been selected by the KM Elections Board, according to Betty Mercier, secretary.

West KM Precinct: Registrar, Betty Spears. Judges, Helen Holt and Mae Sue Orr.

East KM Precinct: Registrar, Peggy Hord, Joyce Dye and Rebecca Cook.

Polls at the National Guard Armory (WKM) and Community Center (EKM) will open at 6:30 a. m. and close at 7:30 p. m. on Tues., Oct. 11.

Perfect Entries Earn Women Football Money

Only two contestants correctly predicted the outcome of all 10 games in last week's Mirror-Herald football contest.

Thelma Roark of Grover won the \$50 first prize by picking all 10 games and coming closest to the tie-breaking 25 points scored in the Chase-Kings Mountain game. She guessed 28 on the tie-breaker.

Helen Weathers of Shelby claimed the \$25 second place money by picking all 10 games and 32 points on the tie-breaker.



Photo By Tom McIntyre

STUDYING BYPASS — Ken Mauney, chief division engineer of N. C. Transportation Department, goes over the U. S. 74 Bypass plans for elevation to answer a question from Charles Bagwell, a Piedmont Ave. resident, during Tuesday's district four meeting at Second Baptist Church.

District Meeting 'Strikes Close'

By TOM MCINTYRE
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Tuesday night's "one-on-one" local government meeting struck very close to the original intent of the series of conversations between elected officials and private citizens.

A total of 22 persons attended the district four meeting at Second Baptist Church fellowship hall and asked questions about how the city would handle such problems as sewer line backup, low water pressure, trash pickups, street sanitation,

surface drainage and speedsters on residential streets.

District Four Commissioner Norman King, and Mayor John H. Moss responded to the questions.

Bert McInnes, Second St., resident, wanted to know what the city could do about a sewer backup problem that has occurred at his residence three times in recent weeks.

"Our city engineers have been assigned that problem and the situation of low water pressure in several sections of the city," Commissioner King responded. "I believe this study is scheduled to take about six more weeks, then the board will have some facts and possible solution information to work with."

Mayor Moss suggested the "sewage backup" problem might have to do with the city's lines and if so "this will be discovered during this survey. Then we can take steps to remedy the problem." He also suggested that the problem could lie in improper fall of the sewer line owned by the resident.

The mayor told the gathering that the city is planning additional water storage facilities on the east side of town, which should help "alleviate water pressure problems. The engineers will determine during their survey of how much pressure is needed in the lines to make sure sufficient water

reaches customers in all sections of the city."

The mayor said about 4,800,000 gallons of water will be stored within the city once the new storage facilities are erected.

Dot Hayes and Annie Murphy Fulton St., residents, wanted to know why the trash pickup service from the city was so erratic.

"I have had to call the city to get a trash truck out each time I had a pickup, Ms. Hayes said. "I've seen the truck go by, but they don't stop and make the pickups."

Annie Murphy said, "I've seen the trash truck pass by four or five times in a day, going to the city dump. Is it against the rules for them to stop and make a pickup?"

Commissioner King said, "Ed Dwyer, the public works superintendent, has informed me that he has drawn a new schedule for pickups of both garbage and trash to make sure the entire city is covered thoroughly and frequently. I don't know why the trash trucks have not stopped when they passed by, but I'll certainly ask."

William Green, Phillips Dr. resident, asked when the city was going to "start cleaning up the mess on my street. It's been seven months now and nothing has been done. I can't open my door for the mud and water."

The current argument over emergency services in the Kings Mountain area, may be forcing the county into complete ambulance service.

Last Monday the county commissioners signed contracts with both Kings Mountain Rescue and Shelby Rescue squads. The contracts, in effect, were drawn by the two units and agreed to by the county. The document guarantees that the county emergency services will bill ambulance transport patients for the two rescue units and will contribute \$1,200 monthly based on reports of unit expenses and depreciation of equipment.

From the transport billing bookkeeping expenses and EMT salaries are to be taken. Any overage is to be returned to the rescue units.

The county budget for this year also contains \$48,000 funds for both Kings Mountain and Shelby's units. Any citizen donations to either unit will be deducted in equal amounts of the \$48,000 budgets.

County Commissioner Josh Hinnant of Kings Mountain said, "We have signed the contracts with these agreements, which we have abided by under a verbal contract since July 1. That's the date the responsibility to provide emergency service fell on the county's shoulders."

Hinnant said until quite recently the county commissioners were not aware there was any dissension within the ranks of the Kings Mountain rescue volunteers. That dissension surfaced in the form of an application for chartering a brand new emergency unit in the city by former members of KM Rescue Squad.

The new group, Kings

To Begin Service

KMES Awaits Tax Number

Kings Mountain's second rescue squad, Kings Mountain Emergency Services, has only to wait for a tax number indicating a non-profit status before beginning operations, squad supporters learned Tuesday night.

Ben Hord told those attending a squad meeting that the squad received its charter last Friday and Bob Hope noted that three locations for squad headquarters are available and one would probably be chosen within a week.

A tentative board of directors was elected, with members including Hord, Tommy Ellison, Mrs. Haywood Lynch, Dick Ware, Chris Morrison and Jack Throver. Two others were nominated to fill one more seat, Roy Pearson and Nell Hullender.

The organization of KMES came about recently due to public disapproval of the \$20 ambulance fee charged by Kings Mountain Rescue Squad. The fee went into effect July 1 after the funeral homes in Cleveland County discontinued ambulance service.

The fees were approved by the Cleveland County com-

missioners after the existing rescue squad told them it could not provide voluntary manpower during first shift working hours. The commissioners hired three 40-hour per week employees, who also serve as volunteers after regular working hours. The fees go toward their salaries.

The new squad has had an ambulance donated, but Hord pointed out that it would take some time for the squad to offer as complete a service as the existing squad.

"But if we can get free service back to the people, that's all I want," he said.

Into Complete Ambulance Service

County Could Be Forced

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Mountain Emergency Services, Inc., want to return to the "no fee" system of all volunteers and under the charter application that's what they intend to do.

Hinnant said he was surprised to hear from the new group that non-paid volunteers are available to man the KMES, Inc. office during daylight hours, "when the commissioners were told earlier that such volunteers were not available before. We were told that the county would have to provide the manpower for the daylight hours in Kings Mountain."

Hinnant said, "The rest of the county board and I would like nothing better than to have had been told in the beginning that Kings Mountain Rescue Squad could provide manpower during the day and no fees would be required. The fees now being charged by the local unit were drawn by the unit itself and presented to the county."

The commissioner said he personally feels that volunteer services within any community should be encouraged. "Any services that people have dedication enough to provide means the tax rate doesn't have to be tampered with," Hinnant said.

"The thing I fear is that internal problems such as the one now brewing here, from a tax angle, could force the county into establishing a complete ambulance service and that would drive taxes sky high. Frankly, I don't know how much longer the county will be able to pay out close to \$100,000 to the KM and Shelby rescue units."

Hinnant said since the fee schedules were put into effect in July over \$13,000 worth of transports have been billed by county emergency services. He said to date a little over \$3,000 has been paid in, and that from Medicare coverage.

Hinnant said that presently the commissioners are aiming toward a public hearing on ambulance service and the possible adoption of an ordinance giving the county the power to franchise ambulance operators within its boundaries.

"I think that public hearing is scheduled for Mon. Oct. 3, the next monthly meeting of the county commissioners," Hinnant said.

Under "home rule legislation," the county commissioners have the power to adopt such an ordinance. Under ordinance provisions, which are governed by state statutes, the county board can designate

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