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Fees Are Going Up

By ELIZABETH STEWART
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Fees for city services are going up, for the first time since 1971. The city board of commissioners Monday night adopted, after long discussion while amending new proposals by the municipal service fees committee, higher water taps, sewer taps, cemetery lot and building permit fees. There were

many revisions, some fees are unchanged.

Indicating the city would like to get out of the grass cutting business and rental of city equipment, the board unanimously voted to cease the practice of renting city equipment but to encourage private industry to provide this service and tabled proposal for raising grass cutting fee from \$7 to \$50 per hour minimum until further study is

made.

"Are we not gonna scare people off with these kind of prices?" asked Comm. Bill Grissom who said he felt the proposed water tap fees were "steep" and suggested amended schedule which the board accepted. On recommendation of Comm. Jim Childers, the board also amended grass tap fees, cutting the proposed figure considerably.

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Airport Feasibility Study Ordered

By TOM McINTYRE
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A community has three methods to try for construction of an airport — federal funding; state and local funding or local funding.

There have been no airports constructed, at least since the North

Carolina Division of Aeronautics was developed in 1967, using only local funding. A few have been built using state and local funding, but most have been a three-way proposition between federal, state and local funding.

At this point Kings Mountain appears far down the list for con-

sideration of funding for the development of an airport, based on history and statistics.

However, based on a study showing the need for air service in this area and a solid application for funding could bring the city the beginnings of its own airport.

This was the gist of a special meeting of the Kings Mountain Airport Committee Tuesday night.

The committee met with Phil Stanley of Landmark Engineering, the firm supplying the basic airport design, and two members of the North Carolina Division of Aeronautics — Jarvis Pate Jr. and Eddie Leggett.

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Democrat Meeting Set At 8 Tonight

Democratic precinct members are reminded of a meeting tonight at 8 p. m.

West Kings Mountain Precinct members will meet at the National Guard Armory and East KM precinct members at the Community Center.

CD Projects For 1978 Are Approved

The city commission Monday night approved 10 projects for inclusion in a Community Development Block Grant for fourth year funding.

Eighteen project suggestions on how the city will spend \$696,000 this year were presented in three public hearings on the application.

Under the Community Development Block Grant program Kings Mountain received \$1,040,000 in 1975. Another \$1,040,000 was received last year and other equal amount for 1977. The sum drops to \$696,000 in 1978 and finally, in 1979, to \$247,000.

Six continuing programs share in the funding requests for 1978-79. They are Kings Mountain Aging Program, \$80,000; Home Based Child Care Center, \$15,000; Kings Mountain Development Office, \$20,000; expansion and improvement to Davidson and Deal Street Parks, \$30,000; and \$30,000 for continuing panometric and topographical program of mapping which was launched during the past year.

Also "carry over" projects are the housing rehabilitation program for which \$80,000 is budgeted and mini-park acquisition and development for which \$75,000 is budgeted for creation of recreational parks for youngsters in all areas of the city.

Urban beautification, curb and gutter, water and sewer, sidewalks, to renewal areas is budgeted to receive \$47,000 and a large share of the funds, \$196,000, is earmarked for sewer improvements on Parker St., a complete new sewer collection line

to replace one of the city's oldest lines, picking up a new line East of Watterson and running to a collector line down Parker and to Pilot Branch, refurbishing of the sewer system in all of northeast Kings Mountain.

Air-conditioning and re-roofing of the Kings Mountain Community Center, plus other expansion, is expected to receive \$80,000.

Program administration costs are budgeted at \$25,000 with planning and tools to carry out the program amounting to \$80,000.



THE CULPRIT — This rather large squirrel was the culprit responsible for knocking the power off for about 25 minutes Friday along W. Gold St., Kings Mountain Shopping Plaza, West Gate Shopping Plaza, the Kings Mountain Convalescent Center and countless homes in between. Harry (Dutch) Wilson, the city electrical department supt., found the squirrel at the foot of a 12,000 KVA line pole on N. Sims St. The squirrel walked along the line and touched the steel pole arm to cause the power outage and barbecued itself in the process.

Andrew Schorr Will Emcee Talent Show

Andrew Schorr, WBTB personality, will be master of ceremonies for the East School Talent Show to be held on March 21 at 7:30 p. m. in Central School Auditorium. Mr. Schorr hosts the popular "Carolina Camera" feature at WBTB in Charlotte.

Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.

Winners of the talent show advance to the city-wide Kiwanis Talent Show to be held later in the spring.

The talent show is sponsored by East School P-TA.

Dancing To Raise MD Funds

You can dance for those who can't at the Dance-A-Thon Muscular Dystrophy Benefit Saturday from 10 a. m. until 10 p. m. at KMSHS gymnasium.

A variety of exciting, special events sponsored by individual clubs at the high school will be taking place in conjunction with the Dance-A-Thon in or near the high school gymnasium with all proceeds earmarked for the Muscular Dystrophy Association of which Jerry Lewis is national chairman.

Highlighting the day's activities will be guest personalities, including Miss North Carolina Wheelchair, South Piedmont Muscular Dystrophy Poster Child, Channel Nine personality Brad Lacey and a Big Ways disc jockey.

There is no admission charge to all activities from 10 a. m. until 6 p. m. From 7 until 10 p. m. where will be a \$1 admission for those wishing to dance along with the Dance-A-Thon participants.

Kings Mountain merchants contributing to the benefit include Dellinger's Jewelry, Kings Mountain Drug, Stowe's House of Trophies, Starship Records, and Tapes, Kentucky Fried Chicken, McDonald's, Revco Drug, Winn Dixie, Harris, Teeter, The Clothesline, Joan Baker and Models, Willie's Jewelry, and Little Moo.

Schedule Of Events

10 a. m. — Kick off of the Dance-A-Thon by honorary chairman.

10 a. m.-12:10 — The Dynamite Disco Sounds of Denver, top Southeastern Disco personality. Rocking Chair-A-Thon; Bake Sale begins.

11:00 — Pack-A-Volkswagen competition begins (world record — 18 people packed in 46 sec.) Free-Throw shooting begins.

12:10 — Dunk-A-Teacher begins.

12:20-2:30 — Live Band Sounds of the Silver Streak Band and Time Piece Band featuring top local talent.

1:20 — Bust A Car begins.

2:30-2:40 — Wheelchair race and Crutch race competitions.

2:40-5:00 — Get Down to a Daytime Affair with WOHS Star, Eddie Bridges.

3:40 — Disco Encounter Fashion Show — Models by Joan Baker, Fashions by The Clothesline.

4:50-5:00 — Special variety acts (local talent featured)

5:00-7:00 — Disco Experience with Vince Gollo.

7:00-10 p. m. — Dance The Night Away with Big Ways Disc Jockey.

John McGill Presented Life Membership

John L. McGill, charter member of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club, was presented the club's first life membership at Charter Night ceremonies last week.

Mr. McGill has been an active member and officer of the civic club since it was chartered in 1940.

The surprise presentation was made by Kiwanis President Charles Edwards and Lt. Governor of Kiwanis Jim Jackson during the Thursday night dinner meeting at the Woman's Club.

Kiwanians also presented perfect attendance awards to two members — Paul Ham and Frank Van Story. Lt. Governor Jackson made the principal address.



Photo By Tom McIntyre

THE JOB BEGINS — Terry Arthur, construction supt. for Christman and Parsons of Spartanburg, S. C., looks over the site plans for a new family type steak house to be constructed at the corner of Piedmont and King Sts.

Yes! A Steak House Being Built

In answer to the many questions — yes, Kings Mountain will have a steak house at the corner of Piedmont and W. King Sts.

Land preparation and construction has already begun by Christman and Parsons Construction of Spartanburg, S. C. and Terry Arthur, construction supt., said this week the steak house should be ready to open in three months.

The site was formerly the location of a Catholic Church and was purchased in 1977 by R. L. Jordan, a South Carolina business man. Jordan's original plans were to have the steak house completed and open before Christmas of 1977, but it was delayed.

The steak house will occupy 7,200 sq. ft. of the property and the rest will be landscaped and prepared for customer parking.

Jordan told The Mirror-Herald several months ago that the majority of the employees of the steak house will come from the local area.

Jordan came to the city to build originally through contacts with the Kings Mountain Business Development office, a federally funded program created to bring new business and industry into the community.

City To Count Noses Next Week

Census taker will begin next week the task of counting the population. The city board gave approval Monday night to the taking of a census to give an accurate population figure beneficial in revenue sharing and in other funding programs based on population.

It is the first time in a number of years that a census has been conducted.

Mayor John Moss pointed out that the census would also properly number the residences in the city and "would be quite meaningful."

The census workers are expected to complete the job by April 15th and a representative of the N. C. Department of Administration will be in the city early next week to organize the municipal census and survey using enumeration district maps to determine actual population count.

Bethlehem VFD

Sponsors Supper

Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a barbecued chicken supper Saturday to raise funds for fire-fighting equipment.

Serving will be from 5 until 8 p. m. and plates are \$3 and include barbecued chicken, barbecue slaw, rolls, tea or coffee and dessert.

Guests can enjoy dining at the headquarters building or take-out orders are welcomed, said a spokesman.