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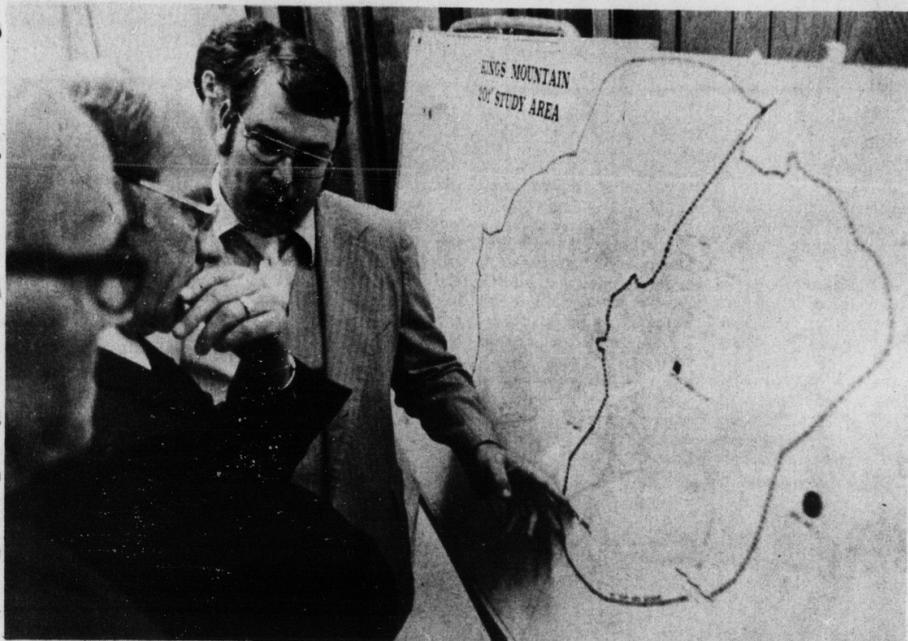
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Under 201 Wastewater Plan

City Considering New Waste Plant



By TOM McINTYRE
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The city commissioners voted Monday night to send a letter of intent to the Gaston 201 Complex lead agency that Kings Mountain will consider constructing a new 1.5 million gallon per day waste treatment plant.

Kings Mountain and perimeter is included in the Gaston County 201 plan, which is a federally legislated program to develop waste treatment facilities that will serve current and projected needs for the next 20 years.

Ralph Johnson and Thurman Horne, representatives of W.K. Dickson, the city's consultant engineering firm, gave the board an update on the local 201 study and made recommendations on plans to follow.

Horne said it has been found that economically feasible for Kings Mountain to be included in the overall planning for construction of waste treatment facilities in the Gaston 201 complex. It would be better for the city to remain alone in development a system, Horne said.

Several alternatives have been studied by Dickson, according to Horne and the most cost effective for the city would be to upgrade the Pilot Creek Waste Treatment facility and the Beason Creek pump

station and to construct parallel interceptor lines.

Another suggestion was to upgrade the McGill Plant and to divert Clevefont, K-Mills and any future industry waste to the Pilot Creek plant.

Horne said the two alternatives the engineering firm would recommend strongly is abandoning the McGill Plant and building a new facility at the juncture of McGill and Crowders Creeks along with interceptor lines. This, according to Horne, would make the area where the McGill Plant is located more desirable as a development property in the future.

Included in that recommendation is plans to construct either a 500,000 gallon per day or a 1.5 million gallon per day facility.

Commissioner James Dickey commented that "to consider a 500,000 gallon per day plant would mean by the time we got the hole dug, we would be wrong. It wouldn't help."

Johnson commented that Dickson recommends the city alert Gaston County it is considering a new 1.5 million gallon plant, but added that the EPA guidelines are so stringent in planning for 201 "that the plan will probably come back disapproved. They will probably tell us that based on population and use in the eastern

area of the city we should only build the half-million gallon facility."

Johnson said he could not say this would happen for sure, but it was an educated guess based on the stringency of the guidelines thus far in the planning study.

The new site - McGill and Crowders Creeks juncture 8 is approximately two "stream miles" from the present McGill plant. Johnson told the board that should they elect to retain the McGill Plant in its present site, it would have to be upgraded to primary treatment status.

The city's letter of intent to construct a new 1.5 million gallon per day facility will be sent to Gaston County and will be included in the overall complex plan.

The Kings Mountain portion of the Gaston 201 plan will also include the treatment of industrial and domestic wastewater from the Town of Grover. Johnson said this would not affect the plan for the east side of the community because the Grover waste would be pumped to the Pilot Creek plant, on the west side of the city.

The 201 Wastewater Treatment Plan came into effect in 1972 under federal legislation. The act also calls for the federal government to fund 75 percent of the cost of planning and construction of new facilities.

Photo by Tom McIntyre

TALKING ABOUT 201—City Engineer Alvin Moretz points out the alternatives open to the city in developing its 201 wastewater treatment facilities, as recommended by W.K. Dickson and Co. to Commissioners

Humes Houston and James Childers during Monday's board meeting. Kings Mountain is part of the Gaston 201 Complex study.

World Day Of Prayer

Observance Scheduled

Kings Mountain area citizens will observe World Day of Prayer Friday in two services of scripture, prayer and song at Central United Methodist Church.

Downtown churches are sponsoring the services, both of which will run 30 minutes, at 12 noon and at 5 p.m.

Leading the services will be Rev. Bob Boggan, pastor of Central United Methodist Church; Mrs. Connie Moss, Youth Director at Central Church; Rev. Gary Bryant,

pastor of First Presbyterian Church; Miss Pam Daniel, assistant pastor of First Presbyterian Church; Rev. Harwood T. Smith, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, and Rev. Gerald Weeks, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church.

"We invite the community to come during the noon hour on Friday shortly after they leave work at 5 p.m. for these special services of prayer and scripture reading", said Rev. Mr. Boggan.

To Distribute Funds

KM Bicentennial Group Is Dissolved

Directors of Kings Mountain Bicentennial Commission voted Tuesday to dissolve the corporation and to distribute remaining funds of \$900 in the community.

Upon motion of J.C. Bridges, seconded by Charles Hamilton, the board agreed to give \$1900 to KM District Schools for landscaping of the Junior and Senior High Schools, \$1,000 to the City of Kings Mountain for establishing a historical memorial plaque to heroes at the Battle of Kings Mountain, and remaining funds to Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library for reference and American history books.

The plaque will be enshrined appropriately and erected on the site of the new Government Services Facilities building on E. Gold St.

Chairman Howard Jackson, who presided, expressed appreciation to the KM Schools System for "invaluable assistance" in staging the successful Bicentennial Celebration in the city of 1976 and to all members of the Commission which included

Mayor John Moss, Co-chairman Pat Plonk, Bob Bradley, Virginia Hinnant, J.C. Bridges, Charles Hamilton, Emma Blalock, Corky Fulton, Marvin Teer and Sarah Faunce.

In a relation action, the commission voted to return to the Preston Goforth descendants their gift of \$200, a donation to a Goforth restoration project which did not materialize during the service of the committee which had been formed for several years and functioned to plan and conduct the Bicentennial observance.

Mayor Moss, who accepted the gift for the city on behalf of the city commission, said that he would appoint a committee of citizens to purchase and erect the memorial plaque and a committee to oversee "what will go in the 30,000 square foot masonry and steel City Hall to be constructed on a block of E. Gold, Lake and Spruce Sts. in downtown Kings Mountain."

Rezoning Is Approved Despite Protests

By TOM McINTYRE
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"We are not opposed to the Mirror-Herald locating on Canterbury Road, but..."

That was the tenure of opposition by residents of Canterbury Rd. at Monday night's public hearing on a rezoning request from The Herald Publishing House.

Following the public hearing the commissioners voted unanimously to grant the request.

A delegation of citizens from Canterbury Rd., who are in the Kings Mountain one-mile zoning perimeter, but are actually Gaston County residents, attended the hearing to protest the publishing firm's rezoning request from R-8 to LI in order to construct a centralized

news, business and publishing facility.

Alan Stout, who is director of the Schiele Museum of Natural History in Gastonia and a Canterbury Rd. resident, served as spokesman for the group. He stated the residents were not in opposition to the newspaper relocating, but were very much opposed to what "this piece of spot zoning could lead to in industrialization."

Stout said "A steering committee" from the residents had met on Feb. 7 and that the general consensus of that meeting was they were not diametrically opposed to the Herald, but were opposed to the trend of spot zoning.

"We're concerned that rezoning the entrance to Canterbury Road is the first step toward an eastward

advancement of business and industry," Stout said. He cited the city's installation of electrical lines down Canterbury, the rezoning for an industrial park at Canterbury and I-85, the pockets of zoning allowing light and heavy industry all around the eastern section of the city and the planned by-pass north of the city as the reasons for the concern.

"If the city's spot zoning plans also include building a waste treatment plant in our area, it would be hazardous to our deep wells," Stout said. "There is also a danger of the Crowders Mountain State Park losing development funding in the future if industrialization of the primary entrance road to the park (Canterbury) is developed."

Stout also said the city's rezoning of the eastern area, as far

as he could determine, was in opposition to the state's overall planning.

He suggested a committee of the local government, the Canterbury Rd. residents steering committee and a committee from Gaston County get together to look at the overall plans for development of the area in question. "We would like to be made aware of your intent for use of this property, so alternate solutions that will be mutually agreeable to all concerned can be found."

Harry Hurd, another Canterbury Rd. resident and member of the citizens steering committee, said, "I have seen such things balloon before in Indiana and lots of places. It causes controversy and I would think the local government would like to avoid controversy."

"I think we ought to go slowly on this, consider all the angles," he continued. "Mr. Stout has spoken clearly on what the consequences can be. I realize we have to consider business, but it would behoove us to sit it down and go over this to work out solutions beneficial to all."

Mayor John Moss told Stout that "the chair does not respond during a public hearing. These hearings are held solely to allow proponents and opponents of a proposed action and opportunity to express their opinions."

David Hunscher, Gaston County manager, and Gene Carson, a Gaston County commissioner, also attended Monday's public hearing, but did not make any comment during the proceedings.

James Boyce Garland of Gastonia, attorney for The Herald Publishing House and General Publishing Co., spoke briefly on the company's request. He said "This property is generally isolated from both residential or industry areas. Down Canterbury Rd. the closest residence, a trailer, is six-tenths of a mile. The nearest industry is the Sadie Mill. The only thing on the property now are some advertising signs. Excluding the right of way the site of the proposed publishing firm is approximately five and a half acres."



Photo by Tom McIntyre

MAKING A POINT—Alan Stout, spokesman for the Canterbury Rd. Steering Committee, makes his point in the group's opposition to rezoning a six-acre tract at the corner of E. King St. and Canterbury Rd. at Monday's

city board meeting. The site is to be the future home of The Mirror-Herald. The delegation made its opposition known during a rezoning public hearing.

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