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City Absorbs Gas Hike From Transco

The city board of commissioners Thursday in a special meeting at noon voted to absorb the natural gas increase to the city from Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation.

Transco, supplier of natural gas to the city, raised costs approximately six cents per decatherm effective Feb. 1.

"After reviewing with our auditing firm we feel the city can absorb these increases and not pass them on to our customers", said Mayor John Henry Moss in making the recommendation. "We hope there will be no further increases", he said.

In other actions, the mayor reappointed members and appointed new members to the Lake Authority Commission and announced several committee appointments.

Reappointed to the KM Lake Authority were C.H. Nicholson, five year term; Ray Cline, five year term; Mayor Moss, five year term and M.C. Pruette, one year term. New members are T.J. Ellison, three year term; Fred Dixon, three year term, and Paul Ledford, one year term.

Mayor Moss appointed Comm. Jim Dickey to replace

former commissioner Jim Childers on the personnel committee, and Commissioners Norman King and Curtis Gaffney to join Comm. Dickey and himself on the city utilities agreement committee and appointed Commissioners Humes Houston and Irvin Allen, Jr. to the liaison committee of Kings Mountain Planning and Zoning Boards.

The Mayor said that the utilities agreement committee expects to be quite active in the new year working on an "underground proposal with the phone people, 12,000 KBA Service power and increasing base gas allocation service." He said that the liaison committee working with the Planning and Zoning Board is also expected to be quite active working on long range objections and scheduling public hearings for citizen input as they plan a new base map and work closely with the Division of Community Planning and Region C.

The Board advertised for bids for chemical supplies for the Water and Sewer Departments and advertised for bids for tires for all departments.

Although they did not comment during the meeting, a Kings Mountain couple, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson, stopped commissioners as they left Council Chambers to complain that after nearly a year of waiting their zoning request had not been acted on. They say their request to have their property rezoned to allow for two mobile homes was tabled without explanation in September. The Johnsons claim that as compensation for the city's placing a sewer line on their property without an easement, they were promised free sewer hookup for their home and the two mobile homes placed there by their married children. The Johnsons say they did not know the property was not one zoned for mobile homes until their children were ready to move. The matter has been placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting.

City To Provide Office For Committee

The board of city commissioners last Thursday gave a shot in the arm to the newly formed Community Partnership Committee of the Disabled, a division of the Kings Mountain Aging Program.

The new city services branch will be provided with a new office in one of the two cabooses now located beside the Depot Center. Mayor John Henry Moss said that no funds are budgeted for the expense of the renovation but he expects the cost will be minimal. The Mayor said the move will "give the group greater visibility in the community and enhance the committee's ability to get funding through federal and state grants."

The program is currently staffed by volunteers with the Rev. L.K. Fannin as chairman.

"We too often think of our handicapped citizens as elderly persons but many of them are young people. By making this program an entity of city government, we can render a very helpful service", said the Mayor.

The Mayor said the program will utilize the caboose nearest to the Farmers Market which is equipped with a ramp for handicapped.

According to Aging Program Director Teresa Melton, who will head the new division, the committee was formed about a year ago as a private non-profit organization and is composed solely of concerned volunteers working out of the Community Center. As part of the city government, Ms. Melton says the committee may be able to acquire regular staff through grant money.

Martin To Speak At Kiwanis Club

U.S. Congressman Jim Martin, candidate for Governor of North Carolina, will bring his campaign to Kings Mountain Thursday.

He will be guest speaker at the Thursday night meeting of the

Bloodmobile

The Red Cross bloodmobile will come to Kings Mountain for a one-day visit next Thursday, Jan. 12th, at First Baptist Church.

Donors will be processed from 12:30 until 6 p.m. and goal of the one-day collection is 150 pints of blood.

According to a spokesman for the Kings Mountain Fire Department, which is urging citizens to give blood, the need for blood is critical.

Homemade vegetable soup will be served to each donor.

Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club at 6:45 p.m. at Holiday Inn.

Rep. Martin, a Republican, has been a member of the U.S. House of Representatives since 1972, and serves as a senior member of the powerful House Committee on Ways and Means. He has been chairman of the Republican Task Force on Health and a member of the House Committee on the Budget.

Kiwanian Grady Howard, Jr. is program chairman and invites other interested citizens to attend the meeting and hear Congressman Martin. Reservations are required for dinner and should be made by calling Mr. Howard. Those who don't want to attend dinner and want to hear the Congressman's speech should be at the Kings and Queens Dining Room at the Holiday Inn by 7:30.

DSA Fete Scheduled

The fifth annual Kings Mountain Jaycees Distinguished Service Awards Banquet will be held January 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.

The Jaycees will honor the Outstanding Young Educator, Outstanding Young Fireman, Outstanding Young Teenager (ages 11-14 and 15-18), Outstanding Young Rescue Squad Member, Boss of the Year, and Young Man of the Year.

For more information, contact Larry Hamrick Jr. at 739-3611 or Tom Bennett at 739-8620.

Lutz, Hunt, Goforth File For Re-Election

Rep. Edith Lutz, Rep. Jack Hunt and County Commissioner Coleman Goforth filed for re-election Tuesday on the first day of filing for the May 8 primary.

John Ingram, calling on North Carolinians to "dedicate our state to a New Voyage in Free Enterprise", said he will formally file for the office of governor on Jan. 5th. Ingram's mandatory filing fee of \$850 will be paid by his wife of 29 years, Gini, he said this week. The 54-year-old Asheboro native is the only candidate for governor to call for an elected Utilities Commission. The present Utilities Commission, which determines rates charged to consumers, is appointed.

Mrs. Lutz, who has served the 48th House District, for four and one half-terms, pledged to "serve the people to the best of my ability." Mrs. Lutz said she has been pleased to serve on 10 committees, as chairman of one and vice chairman of two. "I have filed for re-election and I want to continue to serve the people of this district," she said.

All three state senate seats and all three state representative seats are up for grabs. Now serving in the state Senate are J. Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain and Marshall Rauch and Helen Marvin of Gastonia. Serving now in the State House of Representatives are Jack Hunt of Lattimore, Edith Lutz of Belwood and Charles Owens of Forest City. All six seats are for two year terms. All the incumbents are expected to seek re-election. Only Lutz and Hunt filed Tuesday.

Of five county commission seats, the three four year terms expiring are those of incumbents Hugh Dover, Coleman Goforth and Chairman Jack Palmer. Goforth was the first to file. The four year terms of three of the five members of the Cleveland County Board of Education will expire. They are Chairman Bob Cabaniss, Hoyt Bailey, and Tom Hord. The May primary will also include the register of deeds race, Incumbent Margie Rogers is completing her second four year term.

The May ballot will also include three district court judge seats now held by Chief Judge George Hamrick, Judge James T. Bowen and Judge John Gardner, who was appointed to fill

the vacancy of A. Max Harris at Harris' death.

The May ballot will also include the two year term race for 10th District U.S. Congress.

Candidates for the judge and congressional seats and the gubernatorial races must file in Raleigh but district candidates file at the board of elections office in Cleveland County. Filing deadline is Monday, Feb. 6. The Elections Board office is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Democrat winners in May may face Republican challenges in November at the general election when local voters will also help elect the President of the United States and U.S. Senatorial and Congressional leaders from North Carolina and a North Carolina Governor.

"Gini Ingram has been my closest friend and partner for more than 30 years," Ingram

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New 74 Bypass To Open Friday

Kings Mountain's long-awaited U.S. 74 By-Pass will be open for traffic Friday afternoon, according to announcement by Mayor John Henry Moss, David Hoyle, member of the board of the N.C. Department of Transportation, and 12th Division Highway Engineer Ray Spangler.

A formal dedication date has not been set but Mayor Moss said that Governor Jim Hunt has been invited to cut the ribbon.

"Friday will be a big day for Kings Mountain", said the

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City Winterization To Get Underway

The city's winterization program will get underway this week, Mayor John Henry Moss and Energy Committee Chairman Jim Dickey announced.

Low income citizens can apply through the Aging Program at the Depot Center and volunteers on the Kings Mountain Energy Committee and members of the Sertoma Club will assist residents in winterizing their homes by installation of weatherstripping around windows and doors. The kits will be distributed and assistance in installation given to 40 eligible homeowners through the Energy Committee.

Teresa Melton, director of the Aging Program, will continue to take applications from citizens in need of help in winterization of



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their homes. Chairman of the Winterization committee is Scott Neisler with Hayes P. Hayes, Walter Ollis and Gene Waldroup as members.

Other Energy Sub-Committees at work on the project are: Conserving Energy, Things To Do, Donald Adams, chairman; Dr. Scott Mayes, Jim Dickey; Public information and awareness, Mayor Moss, chairman; William Davis, Larry Wood, William Hager, Rev. Leroy Cox and Jeff Grigg; Helpful Hint Card, Ernest Rome, chairman; Fred Dixon, W.K. Mauney, III and Jim Childers; and fuel assistance, Burris Ramey, chairman; David Plonk, Ned Lilly, Corbet Nicholson and Jimmy Maney.



Photo by Gary Stewart

LISTING TAXES - The busiest place in Kings Mountain during the month of January will be the lobby of the new city hall, where city and county tax listers will be listing taxes for all citizens who own personal and real property. Kings Mountain citizens are pictured above listing their taxes shortly after the city hall opened Tuesday morning.