

Grover Oks Ordinance

The Town Board of Grover adopted an ordinance Monday night which will require all residents and businesses in Grover to tap on to a new municipal sewer system.

Mayor Bill McCarter said that once the system is installed, failure to connect with the system within three months of the date of completion may result in termination of water service to the customer, a fine of up to \$50 and/or a jail term of up to 30 days.

The Mayor estimated that by July 1 the project would be put up to bids.

"You're going to get a lot of flack from some but this is the only way to be sure we have enough money to pay for the construction," said the Mayor in presenting the proposal, which passed unanimously. Voting "for" were Bill Camp, Donald Rich and Grady Ross, Jim Howell was absent.

"I don't see how it can pay for itself if we don't pass the ordinance," said Queen, who added, "If there's one thing worth getting thrown out of office for it's getting this sewer system. We need it."

Other commissioners were in agreement. Mr. Ross added, "I'm ready to hook up as soon as they tell me it's ready." The Mayor said the County Board of Health said once the sewer system is finished they would not allow any new septic tanks to be built or drain fields to be repaired and the decision would eventually force the majority of Grover citizens to tap onto the system in the long run. McCarter said that a number of municipalities, including Shelby and Kings Mountain, have passed similar

ordinances. State laws give municipalities that authority. "It is perfectly legal to do this," he told the board, reading from a state statute.

Commissioner Queen said the town can't afford to get the bill for its first loan payment on the system and only have 10 sewer customers.

After the action, the board passed a set of rules and regulations regarding sewer tap-on fees and monthly sewer rates.

The rules state that in-town residents will pay \$50 for tapping on to the system at the time of completion, expected to be close to a year after bids are let. That fee jumps to \$250 after contractors have moved from town. For out-of-town customers who will be able to obtain sewer service, a \$65 fee is required at the time of the system's completion and a \$350 fee is required for later tap ons.

The fees schedule states that sewer rates will be twice the water bill for in town residences. For out of town customers, the rate will be the water bill plus 30 percent times two. The average Grover customer will pay approximately \$8 per month.

Commissioners said the majority of residents in Grover complain about sewer problems. "It's the most exciting thing to happen here in a long time," said Queen, and "I'd like to see everyone go on in a unified system at the same time. It will save the customer money and the town."

In other action: The Board heard a report from Glenn Rountree about plans for development of a new section of Grover Cemetery and voted to survey the newly

cleared parcel of land. The new section will be divided into 10 by 10 sections and lots will be sold in pairs. Rountree suggested \$200 per lot but the board delayed, until after additional study, setting of fees.

The Board also approved an ordinance prohibiting the use of unlicensed motorized vehicles on the streets of Grover. Violators may be subject to fines of \$30 and or 30 days in jail. The ordinance was passed because of complaints of young people riding motorcycles on city streets without licenses.

The Board voted to contract with Cleveland County to provide all building inspection services for the town.



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CHORUS - Gene Bumgardner, above, directs the Kings Mountain Schools Chorus in patriotic numbers during the Freedom Shrine Dedication Service Monday at Kings Mountain Junior High School.

Robbery Charge Made

Matthew Smith, 33, of 101 Mickley Avenue, Bessemer City, was charged Saturday with armed robbery and remains in jail in Cleveland County jail on \$50,000 secured bond.

Kings Mountain Police arrested Smith after the robbery of Holly Farms, 105 York Road. Dale Martin, manager of the firm, said that a black male suspect entered the store, placed an order, then demanded cash from the cash register. He fled with an undetermined amount of cash. The incident occurred at 3:35 p.m.

Police are continuing to in-

vestigate the report of an armed robbery earlier Saturday at Pantry Store on King Street. Beverly Aland, manager, said that a black male entered the store at 4:35 a.m. and demanded money from the cash register and left on foot.

There were no injuries in either incident, police said.

Marty Blanton, Secretary to KMPD Chief Jackie Barrett, said that police were busy all weekend responding to calls and complaints which included the following:

John Malloy, Niles, Ohio, reported larceny of large quanti-

ty of merchandise from his automobile parked at a local motor inn.

Fred Wells, Route 1, reported theft of hubcaps from his car, valued at \$400.

Louise Ackland, Battle Forest Apts., reported damage to her flowers and flower pots valued at \$150.

Linwood Auto Sales reported the theft of a 1966 Chevrolet valued at \$3,000 and reported the attempt to take a battery from another car. The hood of a 1970 Dodge was damaged.

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