

# City Budget Approved

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this fiscal year's budget. Street improvements have a high priority in the budget with \$500,154 earmarked for maintenance and capital improvements of the city street system. The Lake Authority projected revenue for 1985-86 is projected at \$120,000 and Mayor John Moss said the beach area at Moss Lake attracted hundreds of citizens last weekend and that total planning of this year's budget anticipates 22 weeks of operation this summer with as high as 40 weeks of camping.

Childers questioned the \$20,000 earmarked for concessions at Moss Lake but Moss said that the "menu" would provide far more than "crackers and potato chips" and that a high increase in boating and fishing permits is also expected to contribute to lake receipts. He explained that the additional figure of \$27,500 for contingencies in the fire department budget is in compliance with the Fair Standard and Labor Act and said that all employees of the city received a three percent raise. Childers said he thought there might be a typographical error in the computation of salaries in the cemetery department but Moss said that the increase had been figured for all employees and was reflected in the budget. Childers questioned an anticipated \$72,000 to be spent for professional services but Moss said that this fee includes all consultants, auditors, engineers, legal services, etc. and covers the whole base of the city services. Childers said that since the city is installing its own central communications system in early July he questioned an expense of \$48,800 for telephones at City Hall but the mayor said this figure was only an anticipated figure and that with the installation of the new system and a new touch phone system later in the year that costs would be reduced.

Childers also questioned a \$20,000 figure for anticipated land sales, but Community Development Director Gene White explained that the city now has 11 residential lots available for sale and six

reasonably good business lots. "We have tried to be fairly realistic in the budget", said the mayor.

Childers said that the new budget authorizes 142 full time and eight part time employees but that currently there are 165 full time employees and nine part time employees. "Are 24 of these to lose their jobs July 1?" he asked the mayor. Mayor Moss said that currently some employees are working under projects not expected to last the entire year.

In the General Fund, the Police Department accounts for a big slice of the budget at \$547,570 with salaries for 24 employees expected to be \$335,464 with an additional 410,000 for emergency overtime, \$42,992 for group insurance and \$33,786 for group retirement. Uniforms are expected to cost \$10,000 and \$6,000 is budgeted for court appearance by city officers, a new item in the budget this year.

The Administrative Department Budget is \$245,252 which includes salaries for five people, plus six commissioners. Salaries for five people, including Mayor John Moss, City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Asst. City Clerk Judy Harmon, and Secretaries Katie Wilkes and Nina Cole, are set at \$97,160. Commissioners expense for six commissioners is budgeted at \$30,385. Professional services amounts to \$20,000, group insurance at \$7,991; retirement at \$8,035; travel expenses at \$3,000.

In the Fire Department the total budget is projected to be \$206,032 which includes seven employees plus 28 volunteer firemen. Salaries are anticipated for seven employees to be \$92,781 and volunteer firement will receive \$10,000. Contingencies are budgeted at \$27,500. Utilities account for \$10,000 and concessions for \$20,000.

In the Cemetery Department four employees will receive \$46,571 in salaries and a budget of \$74,749 will include supplies estimated at \$2,500, with telephone and postage estimated at \$500 and repairs and maintenance at \$1500.

In the General Department

professional services account for \$25,000 in the budget with building maintenance at \$15,000.

In Community Development, where two are employed, the salaries account for \$37,429 in the budget total of \$51,595 which also includes \$400 for telephones and \$1,000 for travel expenses and \$4,118 for retirement and \$2,657 for insurance.

Under general capital projects, paving, curbing and guttering is projected to cost \$172,000 with \$42,000 for general equipment and an estimated \$228,760 for the B.O.R. Project at Moss Lake. The Board also approved revenue sharing funds totaling \$141,149 with the police to share in \$59,282; the streets to share in \$50,814; and sanitation to account for \$31,043.

Revenues from water, sewer and gas are expected to total \$10,319,548.00 with \$30,000 from the Clean Water Grant. Charges for utilities amount to \$1,068,000 as compared to \$1,185,582 last year.

Capital improvements account for \$305,000 in the budget. The city expects to buy two aerators and one mixer at \$20,000 for the wastewater facilities; one titrator, four turbidity meters, CL two scales, and a storage building at cost of \$15,000 for the water plant; a \$12,000 pump station for wastewater pump stations; and spend \$155,000 in construction of a raw water pump extension, a water hydrant replacement, a water line to Fulton and Margrace Road, a water meter program, sewer to Kindswood Apts. and new water and sewer lines for a total cost of \$108,000; \$75,000 worth of new electric lines, transformers and poles and equipment and gas regulator stations, low pressure connector, gas line extensions and equipment for a total of \$75,000.

Moss said proposed 1985-86 budget takes into consideration the tight constraints of municipal funding from Washington and Raleigh.

The budget sets into place proposals for the development of programs to increase and replace lost revenues.

The Hydro-Electric Project, the Kings Mountain Utilities District, and the Annexation Program will provide the economic capability to sustain the operation of City Government for the Citizens of Kings Mountain.

The budget also provides for projected merit increases and a salary increase of 3% for permanent employees of the City of Kings Mountain, as of September 2, 1985; and continuing current fringe benefits.



NEW OFFICERS OF LIONS CLUB—Pictured are newly installed officers of the Kings Mountain Lions Club. Front row, from left, Tim Gladden, Howard Berrier, new president; George Thomasson, C.P. Barry and Luther Bennett. Back row, from left, C.A. Allison, Robert Davis, Edwin Moore, Johnny Reavis and W. Donald Crawford. The officers were installed Tuesday night.

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## Bill Stone Selected KM Lion Of The Year

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membership pin went to Lion Davis. The club received the coveted Governor's Award given to the club in District 31C for outstanding service and participation in the many programs of Lions International, including aid to the blind, the White Cane drive, the broom project, Boys and Girls Home activities. President Davis also received a plaque from Kings Mountain Lions for outstanding service.

New officers, in addition to President Barrier, include First Vice President Tim Gladden; Second Vice President Edwin Moore;

## Nationwide Is Now On City's Side

The city board of commissioners Monday night awarded the city's property and casualty insurance coverage to Nationwide at a low bid of \$61,151 plus \$29,177 for workmans compensation and upon recommendation its insurance consultant C.J. Spivey.

Other bidder was Travelers Insurance at bid of \$107,336.

In related action, the board voted to change its present group insurance plan to the new Pre-Admission Review (PAR) Plan which makes all employees who work at least 20 hours per week on a permanent basis.

Mayor John Moss said that 105 city employees attended a briefing on the insurance program.

Secretary Howard Bryant; Treasurer Connie Allison; Tailtister Dougle Davis; Lion Tamer C.P. Barry; Don Crawford, Luther Bennett and George B. Thomasson, directors.



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