

City Utility Bills Going Up

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dustrial, traffic signals and outdoor lights. He said the recommendation of the 10.8 percent increase are the minimum requirements for sound fiscal operations. "The city must maintain Duke's rate to be competitive", he said.

Replying to question of Comm. Norman King, he said that if the city continues to pay 22 percent hike to Duke Power until the new rate is established, that a refund would be made. He also estimated that if the city contracts with SEPA that a saving of \$8,000 per month could be realized but there would be a charge to the city for transmission of power Duke lines from the Richard B. Russell generating station in Georgia.

Little told the board that Duke Power Company had requested a 25 percent increase in wholesale rates to municipalities after completion of the McGuire Nuclear Station. He said the city of Concord intervened with the Federal Power Commission and indications were that a settlement rate had been reached at less than 22 percent. Little said he had not been able to get from Duke a copy of the proposed rate which has been filed but that he has been told that the rate will be approximately 14-15 percent, not 22, which the city is currently paying. "There's no way the City of Kings Mountain can absorb a rate increase of 14-22 percent", he told the board. He estimated that a fourth unit at Russell Dam would be operational by February and suggested that the city negotiate with SEBA

for a maximum of 2400 kilowatts KW at rate of \$3.75 as compared with Duke's rate of \$8.00. He said the city could realize a savings of \$8,000 per month.

Responding to question of Comm. Humes Houston, Little said that only two cities in North Carolina, Drexel and Morganton, had contracted with SEPA and that Kings Mountain is in the geographical location to take advantage of the program.

Mayor Moss told the board that he had attended a meeting recently with SEPA officials concerning the allocation.

As Mayor Moss prepared to adjourn the meeting, Johnny Beam said that a group of citizens present would like to see the commissioners raise their hands when voting on

issues. "We can't understand them when they vote and it should be their duty and yours to see that citizens are informed", he said. He pressed the board for an answer at Monday's meeting but the Mayor said he would place the item on the agenda of the Nov. 25th meeting. "This question won't go away," said Beam who said he is of the opinion that if a man sits "up there and is elected on the board he should not be ashamed to raise his hand when he's voting on any matter." Harold Phillips, newly-elected city commissioner from District 5 who was sitting in the audience along with 15 other citizens, asked why it would take so long to make a decision on the question raised by Mr. Beam. Mayor Moss said the board would take the matter up.



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Some Customers Get Break

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said that since the city cannot absorb the new electric rate increase, also adopted Monday night, that he is quite pleased that citizens on fixed incomes can get this special rate.

W.H. Little, Jr., who presented the rate study at Monday's meeting, said that the savings would amount to "probably as much as one dollar a month, maybe less", "not a significant amount but a reduction."

Mayor Moss, Engineer Little and Assistant City Clerk Judy Harmon said they saw no problem in additional bookkeeping except for the change in coding on city's billing machines. Mrs. Harmon estimated that several hundred people would benefit from the lower cost.

Little recommended, and the board approved, that to qualify for the reduced rate utility listing must be in the name of the eligible recipient.

All six city commissioners said they favored the reduction for those on fixed incomes but Norman King suggested that disabled citizens also be eligible. The original recommendation had included only those on social security and King asked how the board could justify the amount of reduction when some retired people draw more money than others. He said a life long handicapped person not on social security should also benefit from the new policy.

Mayor Moss concurred and said that the first step was to start the application process "and see where we are and find out how many people are in this category. I think this is an excellent thing for the city to do for those on social security and handicapped."

Commissioner Jim Dickey questioned the legality for a municipality to administer the rate. Little said that one area municipality, the City of Cherryville, adopted the lower rate for senior citizens and those on fixed incomes recently.

Special Services Wednesday

Rev. Dewey Smith, pastor of St. Paul and Galilee United Methodist Churches, will deliver the message in the traditional community-wide Thanksgiving Eve service Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. in the new sanctuary of the First Baptist Church.

A joint community choir from the various churches will sing a Thanksgiving anthem, under the direction of Allen Jolley, and Mrs. Allen Dixon will present a message in song.

The service is under sponsorship of the Greater Kings Mountain Ministerial Association and other ministers of the community will take part in the service. The offering will benefit the Kings Mountain Helping Hand Fund to provide food for the needy. The public is invited.

HAPPY 1st BIRTHDAY Kristie!

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KM Pee Wees Defeat Pal Two

Kings Mountain's Junior Pee Wees defeated PAL Two 13-6 Saturday at City Stadium to clinch second place in conference play. KM closed its regular season with a 7-2-1 record.

Sheldon Thompson rushed for 65 yards and one touchdown and Robby Ruff added 55 yards and one TD to lead the KM offense. Sherman Witcher had 30 yards and Kyle Sellers 20.

The KM team travels to East Rutherford High School Saturday to face an unbeaten Forest City team in the Harvest Bowl. Next Saturday, they play Winston-Salem in the Textile Bowl in Belmont.

Vandals Damage KMCC Golf Course

Vandals shot up the No. 11 and No. 15 tees on the KM Country Club Golf Course during the weekend and tore up a water cooler doing damages of \$400, according to Kings Mountain Police.

In other reports to KMPD: Max Baxter, Jr., Route 1, Bessemer City, reported that hubcaps valued at \$400 were removed from his car parked at the high school.

D.M. Burton, 209 E. Parker St., reported that the theft of a bicycle valued at \$100.

Douglas Mason-Fry, of Durham, reported that \$3750 worth of camera equipment was stolen from his parked car at Holiday Inn.

Hubert McGinnis, 1001 Sherwood Lane, reported that his mailbox was damaged and the post torn out of the ground.

Several storage buildings were broken into at Family Storage Center, 604 Charles St. Police said nothing was reported missing.

Bloodmobile To Visit

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"The people of Kings Mountain have expressed so much love and genuine concern for Tommy over the years and all of us do appreciate it very much", said his mother. "What can we do to help has been the question often asked by many people and a blood donation is something tangible that can help and is much needed, not only for our son but by many people in Cleveland County", said Mrs. Tate. Mrs. Tate pointed out that the Cleveland County Red Cross Chapter is short its annual goal by 500 pints of blood. Mrs. Tate said it is necessary that donors for Tommy Tate sign the pledge card in order to get sufficient assistance to make the visit worthwhile since it is a special visit of the regional blood collecting unit.

There will be a nursery provided at the church for those who need to bring small children with them and homemade chicken soup and homemade cookies will be served to all donors.

The young Kings Mountain man has undergone nine operations since his condition was diagnosed 10 years ago.

KM's Calvin Stephens To Play In Shrine Bowl

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Stephens gives all the credit for his success this year to his coaches and teammates. "I couldn't have done anything if it hadn't been for them," he says. "We're just one big, happy family. We've been together for a long time. We work hard together and like each other."

Stephens started playing football and track as a seventh grader and still holds the KM Junior High record in the shot putt (55 feet). He played jayvee ball as a 10th grader and broke the starting lineup with the varsity last year as a tight end.

On and off the field, he says he's appreciative to his brother, Chuck Gordon, a former Appalachian State football standout who coaches the KMHS defensive line. "He's helped me a lot, as well as my other brother, Ricky Gordon," said Calvin. "I'm real proud of both of them. Chuck has made me crack down on the books and both of my brothers are always there to help me whenever I need them. They're really like a father to me."

Stephens says he feels no pressure playing for his brother. "It's really fun," he says. "Some people might think that he'd let certain things slide with me, but I know I can't get by with anything."

Although playing in the Shrine Bowl is a dream come true for Stephens, he wants to put those thoughts in the back of his mind for now and concentrate on Friday's big playoff game at Shelby. "It's going to be a hard one," he says, "but I think we can pull it out. All of our players are going to concentrate on winning and playing with a lot of intensity. We really want this game."

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