

City Board Adopts 1988-89 Budget

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account for \$70,158. and professional services account for \$3,730., up from \$1,000. last year. Also budgeted is \$6,100. for travel and training, up from a request of \$2,000. and actual expenditures to June 1988 of \$172.

The Aging Department's budget totals \$114,529. and includes \$61,342. in salaries, down from Department head Monty Thornburg's request of \$67,476.; \$600. for professional services, \$2,450. for seminars and travel, up from expenditures of \$326. to June 1988; and \$5,000. for repair and maintenance of vehicles.

The Recreation Department budget includes \$75,000. for salaries, up from last year's budget of \$57,675. For seasonal employment, an additional \$12,505. is budgeted. The board deleted special activities, budgeted last year at \$14,000. and total expended at June 1988 of \$11,825. Early Memorial Parks received \$5,000. for capital outlay, a department total of \$175,938.

Kings Mountain Lake Authority has an overall budget of \$123,757., down from \$137,267. last year. Total capital outlay is \$5,100., cut from \$6,100. Salaries account for \$32,370., down from \$38,925., plus \$9,500. for life guard salaries and \$20,000. for seasonal employees., up from \$14,000. The department's budget includes \$1,575. for uniforms, \$8,000. for concessions, \$600. for travel, up from \$300., \$250. for postage, down from \$500., \$11,000. for electric services, up from \$8,270. Actual expenditure in 1986-87 was \$69,801 and the 1987-88 budget was \$93,257.

Kings Mountain Community Center's budget totals \$77,280. and includes \$37,400. for salaries; \$3,000. for concessions, up from \$1,500.; \$9,800. in electric services, cut from actual expenditures at June 15, 1988 of \$19,017. and a 1987-88 budget of \$16,000. Special events projections are not included in the budget figures but equipment is budgeted at \$3,000., up from \$1,500.

In Purchasing and Warehousing, the total appropriation is \$43,023., up from \$12,637. in the 87-88 budget and down from the requested \$59,194. Salaries account for \$24,592., down from \$35,828. requested. Budgeted in 1987-88 was \$4,770. for salaries. The new administration has combined purchasing and warehousing. Capital outlay equipment accounts for \$5,000.

The Personnel Department, where a new Director of Personnel is being hired, has a budget of \$46,775 with \$32,000 for salaries and \$2400 for travel. Repair and maintenance accounts for \$2500.

In the Administrative Department, which includes all employees at the new City Hall, the Mayor and six councilmen, salaries account for \$189,960. of the total budget of \$360,456. Salaries of the Mayor and six councilmen were approved at \$29,900., which includes \$6,500. annually pay for Mayor Kyle Smith and \$3,900. for each of the six councilmen. These figures include a month's Christmas bonus pay. For City Hall staff, including the city manager, city clerk, assistant city clerk and secretaries, salaries amount to \$189,960., down from \$204,520. as requested. Total professional services are budgeted at \$34,000. in this department, up from \$13,000. Supplies estimated to cost \$14,460., down from \$26,000. and legal services are budgeted at \$37,000.

Salaries of meter readers are budgeted at \$61,985. and capital outlay equipment for meters is \$20,000.

In the Electric Department the approved budget is \$6,916,159. including \$185,000. in salaries, \$40,000. in Professional services, \$137,648. in supplies and materials, up from \$81,760. in last year's budget; purchase of Power is expected to cost \$4,600,000., up from \$4,400,000.; Free utilities at Mauney Memorial Library amounts to \$18,000., up from \$12,150.; free utilities at the Chamber of Commerce is \$2,300., up from \$2,300.; free utilities at the Rescue

Squad, \$1,000. The budget includes \$129,600. for N.C. sales tax on electricity, down from \$138,025.; and administrative services of \$36,000., up from \$34,500. There is no capital outlay projected in the electric department budget since city officials are intending to include those Projects in a multimillion dollar bond issue request to voters. Last year capital outlay improvements were budgeted at

\$305,590. in the electric department and actual expenditures to June 15, 1988 were \$228,250. The new budget estimates \$40,000. in bad debts and capital outlay equipment of \$20,000. Mauney Memorial Library's operating budget is \$81,483., down from their request of \$123,778. Salaries account for \$54,110. and supplies account for \$6,000., down from \$12,600. Total operating cost is budgeted at

\$6,000., down from \$19,650. Capital improvements are budgeted at \$26,155. The Water and Sewer Department's budget is \$415,077., cut from the requested \$459,315. Approved salaries are \$30,470. and \$60,000. in professional services, \$34,650. for general insurance, up from \$30,130., and \$36,000. in administrative services. A total of \$12,000. is budgeted for equipment.

Capital improvements at the water plant include \$20,500. for equipment, \$20,000. for improvements and \$70,000. dam improvements for a total capital outlay of \$110,500. Salaries at the Water Plant are \$88,996., up from \$69,200.; professional services are estimated at \$10,000., up from \$6,000.; purchase of power, \$390,000.; maintenance and repairs, \$15,000. In Waste Water Department,

\$132,000 is budgeted for salaries, \$40,000. for professional services, \$3,000 for travel and training; \$220,000. for purchase of power; \$25,000. for maintenance and repair of equipment for a total of \$596,456. Expenditures at the Pump Station total \$84,700. for salaries, \$15,000. for supplies, \$48,000. for purchase of power, \$11,000. for capital outlay, for a department total of \$259,962.



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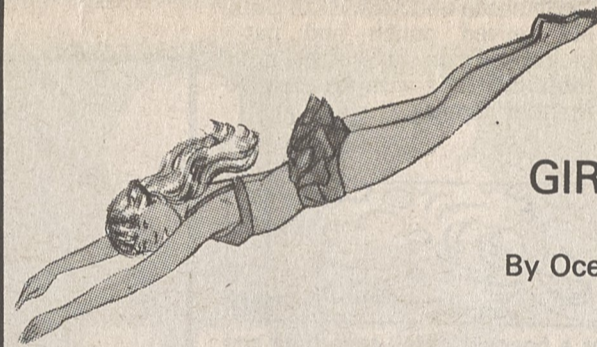
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KM Employs Rec. Director

Dave Hancock of Elkin has been employed by the City of Kings Mountain as the new Director of Parks and Recreation.

Hancock will begin work with the city the first week in August.

Elkin holds a B. A. degree from High Point College and a Master's degree from the University of North Carolina. With 12 years experience, he has been employed as Parks and Recreation Director at Elkin since March 1, 1983.

Darrell Whetstone has been serving as interim director since the resignation of George Adams.