

# Budget

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Commissions to better publicize the economic advantages of locating or expanding a business in Kings Mountain. The city has been working closely with the Chamber of Commerce in recent months on how best to structure the economic development activities. One of the most glaring deficiencies identified is in the area of brochures and publications specifically about Kings Mountain. A large part of the effort will be having accurate, timely information that is specific to Kings Mountain.

A big change projected this year is in roadside trash collection. The city currently uses a payload and two flatbed trucks to pick up and haul limbs and large objects other than garbage. Wood said this is very inefficient, especially given the 36-mile round trip to the county's landfill. A knuckle-boom loader and trailer, which can be operated with only a two-man crew, is a new piece of equipment he recommends which can clean the entire city quicker than the current four men, two trucks and payload.

Also projected in the budget is \$15,000 to build a new walking track by the Community Center, \$12,000 for two voting tabulator machines which are expected to be put in use in the October municipal election; \$19,800 for lease-purchase of a new garbage truck; \$13,200 for the lease-purchase of a trailer and loader for trash collection; \$2,700 for rental uniforms for city public works and utility personnel and the debt service fund of nearly half a million dollars for \$7.3 million in water and sewer bonds.

The budget includes funds for one-half the cost of rental uniforms for public works and utility personnel. Wood says that uniforms will improve the image of the workforce and the morale of the employee. In addition, it would allow citizens to readily determine if persons on or near their property are actually city employees. Most cities use uniforms for these type personnel for these reasons, he said.

The budget reflects the first full year of funding in the new personnel classification and pay plan that was implemented by the city in early September 1988.

The budget reflects the \$7.3 million in water and sewer bonds approved by voters in February.

The budget recommends abolishing the capital projects fund which has been used to fund capital improvements before last year. The capital improvements are now budgeted within the appropriate fund, which more accurately reflect if one fund is subsidizing another, he said in his budget summary. This budget also recommends establishing a debt service fund to pay for all long-term bonded indebtedness. The revenues from this fund come from the water and sewer and the electric funds and from interest on the water, sewer and electric bonds while construction is underway, he said.

Appropriations in the General Fund total \$4,347,397; the debt service fund totals \$762,204; cemetery perpetual care trust fund totals \$29,550 for capital improvements and equipment; water and sewer fund totals \$3,376,348; electric fund totals \$6,790,642 and gas fund totals \$4,105,051.

Department by department the appropriations are: Non-Departmental, \$112,389; Administration, \$238,295; Personnel, \$45,763; Board of Elections, \$16,060; Purchasing, \$30,935; Garage, \$52,669; Property Maintenance Division, \$50,000; Police Department, \$994,368; Fire Department, \$335,437; Library, \$128,450; Public Works, \$191,101; Streets and Grounds, \$762,579; Sanitation, \$435,409; Cemetery, \$80,438; Planning and Economic Development, \$191,014; Aging Program, \$148,955; Recreation, \$278,976; Lake Authority, \$139,777; Community Center, \$106,782; Transfers to Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Fund, \$9,000.

The Water and Sewer Fund includes the following appropriations: General and Debt Service, \$354,788; Water Plant, \$705,577; System Extensions and Maintenance, \$7,989,543; Wastewater Plants, \$737,245; Industrial Pretreatment, \$80,434; Mechanical and Electrical Maintenance, \$240,185; Transfers to Debt Service Fund \$458,576.

The Electric Fund: Electric System, \$5,474,351; Metering Division, \$37,274; Transfers to the General Fund, \$1,250,000; Transfers to the Debt Service Fund, \$29,000;

The Gas Fund: Gas Systems, \$3,680,051; Transfers to the General Fund, \$425,000.

The anticipated revenues: General Fund, \$4,347,397; debt service fund, \$762,204; cemetery perpetual care trust fund, \$29,550; Water and Sewer Fund, \$3,376,348; Electric Fund, \$6,790,642 and Gas Fund, \$4,105,051.



TIFFANY SHOCKLEY

## Tiffany Notes First Birthday

Tiffany Elaine Shockley, daughter of Shane and Sheryl Shockley, celebrated her first birthday June 5. A birthday party was held at her home Sunday and friends and relatives attended.

Tiffany's grandparents are Jim and Dianne Odoms and Danny and Sandi Shockley, all of Kings Mountain.

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# Chamber

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franchise for this area on motion of Claude Suber and set date for a Chamber-sponsored bloodmobile visit for June 29. Donors will be processed from 1 until 6 p.m. by the American Red Cross at First Baptist

## Street Resolutions Approved

City Council approved street assessment resolutions Tuesday night on Oakland Street, Hermitage Court, Sandhurst Drive and Country Club Circle pending a review of the costs and after questions were raised by some property owners who asked for a waiver under a state statute which covers corner lot exemptions.

"How do you determine these costs?" asked Steve Belt of Oakland Drive who said the city "is not keeping up with the amount of gravel and our costs for improvements should be no more than what is charged on Sandhurst Drive which is cheaper."

City Manager George Wood said he would be happy to meet with all property owners concerning the costs and that the city would review its policy on corner lot exemptions. City Council members could not recall the city had a policy. City Attorney Mickey Corry said the Council has an option to waive some of the costs. William McGill said his lot was over assessed and Mike Gaffney questioned drainage costs added to the assessments.

Wood said some of the confusion arose because drainage costs were added to some of the bills for street assessments. A property owner is billed for 50% of the cost

of street improvements, including curb and gutter.

"Ideally before a construction job is started an estimated cost figure should be given to property owners. Apparently that has not been done in the past but will be done in the future," he said. One property owner said he had never been notified until the street improvements were in place. Wood said if the city has made clerical errors that the corrections will be made and that a breakdown on materials costs will be given in each case.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Patrick and Sam Tesenair, representing Patrick Yarns, on Hawthorne Lane, questioned additional costs for storm drainage which Tesenair said was the city's responsibility over the past five years. "Patrick Yarns has paid up to \$100,000 which rightly the city should pay due to storm drainage problems which ruined our yard," he told the board.

City Council did not hold public hearing on the Hawthorne assessments, although it was on the agenda. Councilman Al Moretz made the motion that a recheck of the figures was in order. "It appears the total pavement is included in the assessment cost and in the past when a street was already paved the city widened the street and the

Church. The goal is 150 pints of blood. "Since the blood give-in falls on the Thursday before July 4th we really want to encourage donors to come out since blood is urgently needed in the summer months due to heavy incidence of wrecks on highways by summer vacationers," he said.

Fourteen officers and directors attended this week's Chamber meeting.

total resurfacing was not included. Until the costs are back in line we need to delay action on the Hawthorne road resolution," he told the board.

Moretz, who did not vote when Mayor Kyle Smith called for a vote after public hearing on the other assessments, agreed with the property owners. "If the city exceeded six inches of stone and two inches of asphalt on these streets the city is losing control of the construction process by doing the work themselves. To take care of the traffic situation there should be no difference between one street and another," he said.

Wood said he would recheck the city's waiver policy but if the city hasn't granted exceptions in the past he recommended staying with the policy. "We don't want to treat one person better than the other," he said.

Wood suggested that further amendments could be taken care of at the June 27 meeting.

In other actions, Council adopted a proclamation honoring the Kings Mountain High school baseball team, which won the 3A state high school baseball championship last week and approved proposals from W.K. Dickson Co. to conduct a citywide hydraulic system study

## Brett Thomas Wease Baptized

Brett Thomas Wease, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Wease, was baptized at June 4 worship services at Central United Methodist Church.

His name was placed on the church preparatory roll.

Tommy, Kim and Brett reside at 124 Plantation Drive.

The City Of Kings Mountain is currently seeking qualified applicants for the following vacancies. Interested applicants should contact the Employment Security Commission, 208 N. Cleveland Ave., Monday-Friday, June 19-23.

**1. Administrative Ass./Gas Controller** - Must be able to type at least 50 wpm. Will greet public and answer telephone inquiries. Will maintain records for the gas division, maintain daily charts and readings, maintain valve books, assist with purchasing and handle customer complaints. Must be H.S. graduate and have some experience in gas office operations. Salary \$15,350/year.

**2. Codes Enforcement Officer** - Performs responsible technician work in the inspection of all phase of building plans and construction; work is performed under the supervision of the Chief Codes Enforcement Officer. General knowledge of all types of building construction materials and methods required. Must be H.S. graduate with considerable experience in the building construction trade. Drivers license and probationary certificate or level I certificate required. Salary \$16,140/year.

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