

Grover residents complain to Town Board

GROVER - Although the beer and wine election is now history in this small town the emotions still run high and some of them spilled over during the Monday night Town Board meeting.

Grover KJo's owner Kay Saltz told the board that she was appalled that a person living in Grover would hire a private detective to check out the residence of a Grover Republican elections judge.

"People in Grover should be more concerned about each other," said Saltz who did not accuse anyone in the council chambers, but said she wanted everyone to know her opinion.

Saltz took the board to task for not installing lights, as she said they had promised, on Main Street but the board, on motion of Sandra Ellis, decided against it.

Saltz and her daughter, Cindy, and several other citizens asked that the board recant on a decision to allow citizens at board meetings

to be recognized only once to speak three minutes on an issue. "We pay taxes here and we pay your salaries," Kay Saltz said.

Saltz asked why she was denied copies of the board's minutes. "It's public information and I'm willing to pay for them," she said. She also said sidewalks on Main Street are chipping and are in serious need of repairs and streets need swept. Saltz said that both she and her daughter sweep Main Street but they thought that maintenance employees should be responsible for the job.

Saltz also suggested that the trees lining the streets in front of the businesses be trimmed or cut down and that a parking area be lined off, as she said the board had promised over a year ago.

Jack Pollock asked the board to stick to its policy of not allowing heavy trucks to park for long periods of time on Main Street. He referred to a big flatbed truck that held two wrecked cars and advertised the recent beer and wine referendum. "What's good for the

goose is sauce for the gander," said Pollock, who said the board had sent the police to tell other truck drivers to vacate the premises but shortly before the recent election changed their minds. "You are discriminating," he said.

The board set a two-hour parking policy for trucks over 3/4 ton and voted, on motion of Sandra Ellis, not to install lights on Main Street. Ellis said that the board is responsible for all streets in Grover, not just Main Street, and there are no funds to put up the extra lights.

Max Rollins, a newcomer, said he is interested in zoning and wants the town to adopt zoning ordinances similar to Cleveland County or at least look into zoning. Mayor Ronald Queen said he would invite county planner Bill McCarter to a meeting to discuss steps to pursue the matter.

Queen said the holdup of the street lights in front of KJo's and other downtown businesses is that Southern Railway is charging a one time lease agreement of \$5762 plus

the additional cost of the lights from Duke Power at \$1200. Queen said there are no funds in the budget to pay for the lights.

Saltz argued that the town can't afford not to put lights on Main Street. She said one accident could cost more than the initial cost of the lights.

"You spend money on the ball park and no one uses it and you endanger people's lives by inadequate lighting," she said.

Spokesmen agreed that the mayor had been liberal in allowing them to speak more than once on the same subject and at length. However, other commissioners said the time limit should be maintained and that citizens should ask to be placed on the agenda.

"If everyone had 10 items to present like you have talked about tonight, we'd be here all night," said Ellis to Saltz.

After pushing the board for a decision on sweeping the streets, the mayor volunteered to do the job himself. "I object to that," said Ellis.

Attorney Colin McWhirter said that minutes of meetings don't become public record until they are approved by the board.

"Grover is not a billion dollar town," said Queen, defending the question about not spending money for more street lights.

"I think you're doing a terrific job to spread the money," said Saltz.

The preliminary budget of \$249,000 was adopted by the board without comment.

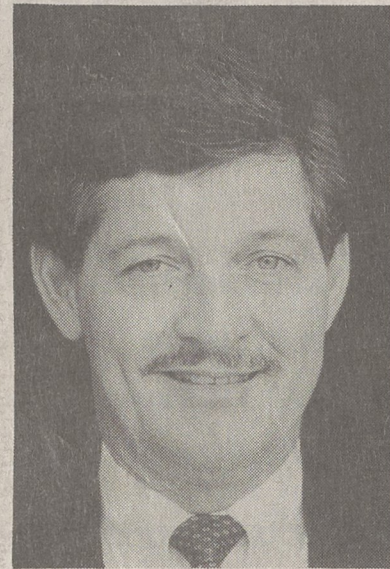
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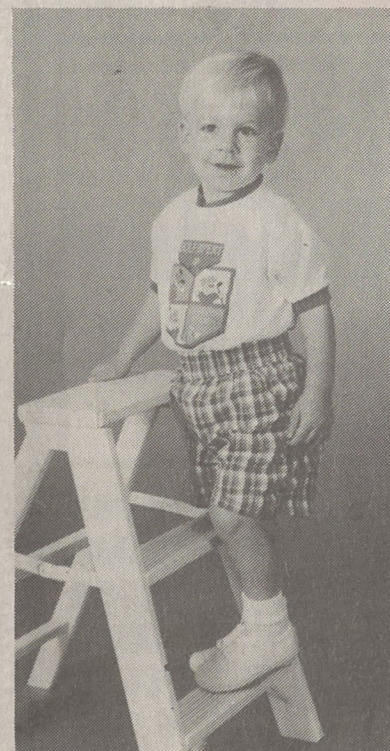
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Ware, a 19 year veteran of the Calhoun based carpet manufacturer, was formerly general sales manager for Carriage. He has held various sales and management positions.

He and his wife, Kathy, and their two children, Scott, 22, and Tyler, 15, reside in Chattanooga, TN.

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HOGAN SELLERS

Hogan Sellers two years old

Hogan Lee Sellers celebrated his second birthday June 5 at his home with a Barney Pool Party.

A Barney cake and ice cream were enjoyed by 35 guests.

Hogan is the son of Rodney Lee and Beth Sellers.

Grandparents are Bill and Brenda Sellers and Larry and Linda Ellison of Kings Mountain.

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