

Council orders demolition of house

City Council Tuesday night ordered the demolition of a burned house at 208 West King Street.

"We have had no success in contacting the owner and must take this formal, legal action," said City Manager George Wood. He said the owner, Mary Meeks, will be billed for the demolition cost and/or the city could take a lien on the property.

Building Inspector Jeff Putnam presented petitions and complaints from adjoining property owners and supplied notes from a hearing required by law.

In other actions involving property matters the board:

Tabled until next month action on paving a portion of Oakland

Street between Meadowbrook and Hillside Drive to give property owners time to present street assessment petitions. Becky and Ken Cook had asked that the street be closed or paved. Sixty-two people living in the area signed a petition opposing the street closing.

Mrs. Cook said the road level is higher than her basement and results in flooding. She said calcium chloride on the road may keep the dust down.

"We've inherited a lot of problems like these tonight from former city boards," said Councilman Phil Hager, who said he hoped city council and future councils would require citizens and builders to adhere to sub-division regulations.

"These folks bought and built homes in good faith and now they can't open the windows for the dust. I hope and pray other councils won't permit these things to happen."

Councilman Al Moretz said that closing the street won't remedy the problem, that part of the street would have to be left open for access to the backs of garages. Barricades and ditches would mean added costs which Moretz estimated would be more than paving.

Mrs. Cook asked the board to set a date for fixing the street but Commissioner Jim Guyton reminded that other petitions for street repairs and assessments were ahead of her. "What will other people say if they hear that we fixed your street first?" he asked.

City Manager George Wood asked the board to prioritize streets to be repaved under CDB grant applications and suggested that asphalt for the Cook request and also for paving of an unpaved portion of Downing Street be included to get a better price for the materials.

The request for paving by Jim Lybrand, held over from last month, was approved 4-1 if Lybrand and the city halve the cost which would amount to \$1750 for the city. Councilman Finger stipulated in his motion that the \$1750 be paid to Lybrand after the first house is built on his property. Guyton voted against the motion and Moretz asked to be excused due to conflict of interest. Councilwoman Norma Bridges was in the mayor's chair for about 60 minutes of the nearly two hour meeting. Mayor Scott Neisler said he had experienced delays on his trip home from San Francisco.

Councilman Phil Hager said adhering to subdivision regulations would prevent similar problems cropping up.

WEBBER

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which was also a part of the responsibility of his office.

"I feel like our 172 employees are treated fairly and they feel better about the personnel process," said Webber. "They know they can appeal decisions and have an opportunity for promotions."

A native of Cleveland County, Webber is a graduate of UNC at Charlotte where he is working toward a Master's in Public Administration. He is married to

Audrey Ross Webber and they have one daughter, Lakeisha, a senior at Crest High School, and are expecting their second child in April. The family is active in Washington Missionary Baptist Church in Waco where Webber is a deacon. Webber is a member of the board of Cleveland County Girls Club board, the Transportation Administration board of Cleveland county, Kings Mountain United Fund, Cleveland County United Way and the Kiwanis Club.

The family resides at 419 Fulton Drive but will be moving to Union County in future months.

Permanent historical display approved for City Hall lobby

Something new will soon be added to the lobby of City Hall.

The Kings Mountain Historical Museum board of directors got approval Tuesday night from city fathers to put up a permanent display of artifacts of significant historical

interest to citizens.

Locked cabinets will hold the materials and the public is invited to enjoy them when they visit City Hall, according to Patricia Plonk, president of the Historical Museum.

HARRIS

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as its mission the development of a comprehensive, long-range strategic plan for early childhood development more commonly known as the Smart Start program. Harris said that money is allocated in 12 Congressional districts and Cleveland County's share will be over \$1 million.

"I think Smart Start is really the place that we'll have to start with the problems and the ills we have," said Cashion, who is chairman of Cleveland County Board of Social

Services.

Cecil Dickson, chairman of the county board of commissioners, and Alma Watson, of Community In Schools, coordinated the application process and also went to Raleigh for the governor's announcement of the counties picked for the new day care reforms.

"These counties truly represent North Carolina," Hunt said at the press conference. "They are rural and urban, rich and poor, east and west, large and small."

The state received 81 applications, covering 89 counties for the Smart Start program.

Harris said the 12 programs are to develop their plans by the spring of 1994 under the guidance of the NC Partnership for Children. He said Hunt plans to ask the General Assembly for additional funds to expand Smart Start to at least eight more counties next year. The allocated funds also provide more than \$1.5 million to all other counties--about \$18,000 each--to conduct intensive needs and resources assessment.

SMOKING

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smoking except in the hallway adjacent to the bathroom. Garage: no smoking.

Pilot Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant: no smoking ex-

cept in the chief operator's office and the belt press operator's office, and outside the buildings.

Community Center: no smoking except in the area near the vending machines and outside the building. Moss Lake Office: no smoking.

Moss Lake Boathouse and restaurant: no smoking except in the restaurant.

FIGHTS

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halls ready to go home Thursday when a fight erupted between a group of students," said Lavender. No one was hurt.

Canipe was injured a few minutes after school ended during a confrontation on the lawn outside the school building, said Lavender.

Kings Mountain Police were called by school officials Thursday at 2:30 p.m. According to Captain Bob Hayes, a large crowd had gathered and one person had been injured.

"The complainant was a 17-year-old white male who said school had just let out and he heard his brother was jumped on and was in the office," said Hayes. "The subject was walking toward the office to check on his brother when a black male approached him and asked him where he thought he was going. Another black male came up and the victim was hit in the face with fists and feet," according to the report. Hayes said a faculty member broke up the fight and called EMS to transport the injured male to Kings Mountain Hospital for cuts on the right cheek bone.

The police report said the suspects were a 16-year-old black male and a 18-year-old black male. Police said they advised warrants but neither of the suspects has been charged.

Lavender said both suspects were suspended from school.

"We're working very hard at Kings Mountain High School to do everything needed to provide a safe environment for our students and acknowledge the tremendous cooperation of faculties and the Kings Mountain Police Department," said Supt. Dr. Bob McRae.

"We sincerely regret the incident of fighting by students on Thursday and the assault of one student, a situation that we do not condone and will continue to take whatever steps necessary to deal with and leave our options open," said McRae. "We will do what we have to do to make school safe even if it means that some students are denied the privilege of going to school."

According to police reports, at 5:15 p.m. Thursday a man called police to report that his 12-year-old son had been assaulted. The report stated that the victim was walking past the tennis courts at the high school after he had attended a soccer match at the Middle School and was struck in the face. Police charged Michael Shane Schronce, 17, of 415 Fulton Street, with simple assault. Schronce's bond of \$300 was unsecured.

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