

Reserves' Christmas bonus cut Tree seedlings are available

Kings Mountain City Council voted 5-2 Tuesday to pay a \$25 Christmas bonus to all part time employees.

It was the only vote on agenda items that the Council disagreed on.

Council members Norma Bridges and Jim Guyton said they couldn't agree to cutting Christmas bonuses from \$65 to \$25 for reserve police officers.

Finance director Maxine Parsons said the board had budgeted the same amount of money, \$25, for all part-time employees, including reserve officers, school crossing guards, and volunteer firemen.

Parsons said the board had previously approved the payment of the same salary, \$7.71 per hour, to volunteer firemen

and to the 10 reserve policemen. Previously, reserve police were paid \$4.60 per hour.

Captain Bob Hayes said that volunteer firemen are paid for the number of hours they work and reserve officers are paid for only 10 hours a month and work 40-50 hours a month.

"This is a big dip in my opinion," said Bridges.

Guyton agreed. He said he didn't recall that Council approved a change in the Christmas pay schedule.

Councilman Phil Hager said the city had tightened its belt and he agreed with Commissioner Jerry White that some part time employees also hold full time jobs and that gift certificates go to all employees.

Also voting no were

Councilmen Rick Murphrey, Ralph Grindstaff and Dean Spears.

Previously, Hager made the motion and Murphrey seconded it that the city authorize the payment of Christmas bonuses to all employees and set the holidays for December 23 and December 26.

In other actions, the board: Extended the corporate limits to welcome a new business citizen, Mike Heath, on S. Battleground Avenue and rescheduled a public hearing for November 29 on Heath's request for a zoning change for Lots 4 and 6.

Set the date for the December Council meeting on December 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Set public hearing on

November 19 at 7:30 p.m. and referred to the Planning Board for recommendations the following requests:

To consider an ordinance regulating adult-type establishments

To consider changing the name of Lake Street to Regal Drive.

Request from Brenda Belt to rezone property from NB to GB at Map 4, Block 6, Lot 15.

Request from Hubert Toney to rezone property from L-1 to NB at Map 20, Block 5, Lot 4.

Request from Charles and Virginia Greene to rezone property from NB to GB at Map 13, Block 2, Lot 20.

Appointed Willis King to the board of adjustments representing the Gaston County area of Kings Mountain.

The Gaston Soil and Water Conservation District is taking applications through December 31 for tree seedlings.

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