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and electric departments," he said. In his letter Anderson said he is amazed that only three field personnel in the gas department reporting to the gas supervisor perform all the duties of a system as large as Kings Mountain which serves 3200 people and 85 miles of main.

Maney said that in 15 years his staff has been cut 50 percent but the customers have tripled.

Anderson has given City Council 30 days to respond with plans to correct the noncompliances noted during an inspection November 28.

The inspection report listed these areas of non compliance:

The city has failed to update a operation and maintenance manual and since the 1994 leak survey only two of the 24 class II leaks have been repaired. Maney said that money has been budgeted to update the manual and the 1995 leak survey is almost complete.

Each operation shall establish and maintain liaison with appropriate fire, police and other public officials. This has not been done within the last 12 months. Maney has asked Clemmer to set up a meeting with representatives from the fire and police departments.

Each operator shall conduct periodic sampling of combustible gases to assure proper concentration of odorant. The city maintains to sample the gas on a bi-monthly basis, however, the testing has only occurred in January, March May and June of this year. Maney said

that authorization of overtime or additional personnel will bring this back into compliance.

Operators shall inspect the hazardous pipe locations at intervals not exceeding 4 1/2 months but at least four times every calendar year. The records inspected stated that the department only inspected the locations three times in 1994 and in 1995 they were inspected only in January, March, May and June. Maney said additional personnel will bring this back into compliance.

The operator must inspect and maintain critical valves within the last 15 months but at least each calendar year. The gas department maintains 32 critical valves. The last time these valves were main-

tained was in July 1994. This time frame exceeds the 15 month criteria. Maney said the city has over 200 below ground and natural gas valves. These valves must be kept clean and serviced annually. He says an immediate replacement program must be initiated and old valves that won't operate must be replaced.

Each system that is protected by an impressed current rectifier must be inspected six times a year not to exceed 2 1/2 months to insure that it is operating. The city has six rectifiers to protect its gas system from corrosion. Four of these were inspected four times, the last was in June 1995. The others were inspected last in November, however the previous

inspection was in June, which exceeds the 2 1/2 month interval. Maney said additional personnel will bring this back into compliance.

The cathodic protection level

to achieve protection must be at least .85 volts. The system serving 929 Church St. only had a reading of .75 volts. Remedial action is needed to meet compliance. Maney said the service should be replaced

or the short causing the problem corrected.

Above pipeline or portion of pipeline must be coated or jacketed to prevent atmospheric corrosion.

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Mullinax, in his remarks, thanked supporters and pledged his efforts in behalf of all citizens. He expressed his willingness to work with all Council members and he challenged them to help create a better town. He invited concerns and complaints from the citizens and said his door would be open to all.

Neisler praised Guyton for his long service as chairman of the utility committee, saying the utility committee represented "the life blood of the city."

Bridges said she was honored to be reelected to the At-large commission seat. She said she would continue to do her best for all residents.

Hager said he was committed to working for all citizens of the community and the past four years had been rewarding and good experience. "When I get to the place that I am up here to satisfy my ego then I don't need to be here," he said.

The mayor challenged citizens to be positive.

"We've had our trials and tribulations but Kings Mountain is the best place to live and raise a family on this earth and you see that when you travel to other places."

"Being a part of this city is the proudest thing I have ever done," he said.

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