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City looks at Bojangles site plans

City Planning Director Steve Killian said the city has looked at a site plan for a proposed Bojangles and negotiations are still underway by the company for property acquisition.

Meantime, Killian said that construction is well underway for a permanent Doctor's Clinic on Cleveland Avenue in the same area that Bojangles is looking at property for a restaurant. A temporary Doctor's Clinic is operated presently on Cleveland Avenue by Gaston Memorial Hospital.

Other proposed construction projects are taking shape.

Landscaping contractors started clearing away underbrush and old trees last Wednesday at White Oak Manor in preparation for a \$48,000 landscaping project in line with neighborhood requests for more buffering. White Oak plans a 60-bed expansion and City Council gave approval to the rezoning request last week.

Killian said that grading is underway at the site of the proposed assisted living retirement complex across from the Kings Mountain Middle School in Southwoods Development. "With good weather we should see more progress there," he said.

The city's \$2 million peak generation plant is also taking shape at the North Gaston Street Substation.

Killian said the city planning department has had no contact with developers of the proposed Ingles Super Market on Oak Grove Road. He said Ingles has not submitted a request for a building permit nor a site plan. However, Killian said Ingles has the option to seek an amendment from City Council to the portion of the recently adopted zoning ordinance Ingles questions or to request a variance to the Kings Mountain Board of Adjustment. Ingles has raised objections to a provision in the new ordinance requiring more trees, citing safety reasons to prospective customers.

Killian said the planning board will take a look at a rezoning request from Phillip Elam of Mars Hill, formerly of Kings Mountain, at the February 18 meeting. Killian said that an Indiana company is eyeing the 80 acres off Crocker Road to build manufactured homes that could employ up to 250 people.

Shelby Realtor John Barker has submitted the Elam application for rezoning from residential to light industry.

Short Sleeve Weather



Members of Brownie Scout Troop 984, sponsored by the North Elementary School PTO, took advantage of Monday's sun and 69-degree temperature to have some fun on the sliding board at the North School playground. The temperature will be much milder the rest of the week with highs in the mid-fifties.

Part-time officer to supervise Grover Police Department

GROVER - The Town of Grover currently uses an honor system to employ three part time police officers and sometimes it poses a dilemma, according to Mayor Ronald Queen.

Queen on Monday appointed veteran officer and Grover resident Ed Pheagin to supervise the present staff of part-time officers Jerry White and Debbie Arrowood and run the police department.

The mayor said the dilemma arises when the three officers, who are employed full time by Cleveland County Sheriff's Department, must report to their full time jobs first and there is none to meet Grover schedules.

"We're working with volunteers but I am going to push for a full time officer in the upcoming budget," Queen said at Monday night's board meeting as the board took his suggestion

to name veteran officer Pheagin as supervisor in charge of the police department.

"We need a person in charge to be sure that the accident reports and other paperwork are handled and sent to Raleigh," said the mayor, who is a full-time supervisor at Grover Industries.

But Robert Roper and William Farrell questioned the need for a Grover Police Department, saying that per-

haps the county could take over the responsibility. Farrell compared the population of Grover with neighboring Patterson Springs which operates no police department.

But Councilman Robbie Sides, a former county deputy and a former city policeman, and Grover native Martha Hicks Turner said a local police department is a real need.

"People think the streets roll up at night but there is crime in

this area," said Sides, who said county officers can't possibly cover every town in the county at the same time.

"We are a municipality and we pay taxes for police protection," Sides said.

"Our goal is to make people feel safe and I'll do what I can to keep the police here."

Turner said she was proud of the good service she sees from police on a daily basis.

Grover may consider farming out garbage collection

GROVER - Town Council may look at farming out the garbage collection business to an independent hauler, Mayor Ronald Queen said Monday.

The matter surfaced at the Town Board meeting when Queen said the town must reduce by 40 percent the amount of garbage it hauls to the county landfill in the next 10 years.

Queen was directed by the board to send out a letter to all residents strongly encouraging

recycling.

"I am concerned that we are spending quite a bit of money to do the job ourselves when we may be able to get a contractor to do the work cheaper," he told the board.

The town owns its own garbage truck and pays for the labor to haul the garbage to the county landfill.

Queen said that residents are using the recycling bins at City Hall mostly to dump newspa-

pers.

Board member Elizabeth Throop said she usually loaded her car with recyclables and took them to the recycling center at Midpines in Kings Mountain.

"There is also a county recycling center in Earl that Grover residents could use," she added.

In a related action, Council member Robbie Sides made the motion and the board agreed that the city offer to pick up re-

cyclables at the homes of elderly residents. Councilman Jack Herndon agreed, saying that most senior citizens recycle but have difficulty getting the items to Town Hall.

In other actions, the board:

Approved a \$1,000 per month payment to the Grover Fire Department for fire protection. The town gave the department a 100-year lease for \$1 a year and that contract is up for renewal in 2008.

Authorized City Attorney Mickey Corry to draft an ordinance to regulate parking on Main Street, at the railroad side and curbside. Violation would mean a civil penalty. Councilman Noel Spivey was asked to contact the Department of Transportation for signs.

Approved a \$1500 grant to the city recreation department for a basketball league.

Kings Mountain People

Edith likes being neighborly

Edith Queen Crow, 85, never dreamed she'd be a minister's wife.

"My husband brought me flowers one day and then proposed after a courtship of two months," said the petite grandmother and widow of retired Baptist minister Rev. C. C. Crow.

She said she listened to his sermons from the pew but never critiqued them during their nine years of marriage.

Mrs. Crow was introduced to Rev. Crow by his former wife who died after an illness. "She used to come and visit me while C.C. was on preaching missions all over the Kings Mountain Baptist Association and we became great friends," said Edith Crow.

Mrs. Crow has a reputation with her West Mountain Street neighbors as being a caring homemaker who shares vegetables almost year round from her

garden, cakes from her oven and beautiful handmade quilts she can turn out from her quilting frames in quick time.

The winter months are Crow's favorite times to quilt and one of her favorites now on her frames is a blue and white star quilt. Another quilt features dessert plates.

At an age when her contemporaries relax in their rocking chairs on the porch, Edith Crow mows and rakes her own yard, with assistance at times from friends like Mary Adams, tends her own garden with assistance in preparing the soil from friend John Beam and drives her 1985 Ford Station Wagon. Crow used to drive to the mountains about four times every year but admits she doesn't take quite as many trips now.

She served her last tomato from her winter garden this week but her freezer is stocked with homemade soups and oth-



LIKES BEING NEIGHBORLY - Sharing with her neighbors and friends her hobbies of gardening, quilting and doll collecting keeps Edith Crow busy.

See Crow, 8-A