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councilman James A. Childers, says she has observed the political process of local government for several years and is making her first bid for elected office. If elected, she said she will work toward recreational programs intensified with improvements of building facilities and playground equipment for children of all ages. She will push for general cleanup and code enforcement of properties, she said, in particular to all entrances to the city.

Clean up and beautification of the downtown area, finish the projects started downtown and continue street resurfacing and maintenance and continue drainage programs are her priorities.

Childers said she would work toward maintaining the lowest possible tax and utility rates, a program to help disabled persons and senior citizens on a fixed income with utility payments and work toward expanding utilities where needed.

"More industry is needed in and around the city and I'd like to see us have more jobs to keep our young adults at home," she said.

Owner and operator of J. P. Cloth Company, Mrs. Childers is mother to four and grandmother of 10. A member of Temple Baptist Church, she is president of Southern Arts Society, on the board of directors of the Kings Mountain Woman's Club, a member of the Charlotte Art League, and Consortium of Progress and holds an inactive real estate license, inactive nursing license and has a degree in business accounting.

Retired City of Kings Mountain Planning Director 1972-94, White served as secretary to the Moss Lake Authority, the Planning and Zoning Board and Board of Adjustment and was chairman of the Cleveland County Planning Board. He is a former member of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club and served in the U. S. Navy in Korea and

Vietnam. He is married to Betty Dru White and they have two children, Neil and Lisa, and are active members of Central United Methodist Church.

White earned his B.S. in Business Administration from the University of South Carolina at Columbia, SC and his municipal administration, subdivision and zoning administration degrees and industrial development certification from UNC at Chapel Hill.

Basic services of garbage pickup, street and drainage, pot hole repair and utilities maintenance are top priorities, says White. He wants to see a resolution of the long-term Moss Lake

issues including a comprehensive examination of the long range needs and concerns at Moss Lake including control and administration of the lake, recreation, development issues, failing septic tanks and pollution, storm water and fertilizer runoff, silting, motorized craft, low level drawdown, landfill and annexation of Moss lake and city owned property.

Other priorities will be a resolving of the Deal Street/City Pool situations, long range capital improvements program, economic and industrial development recruitment, planned purchases and cycling of city vehicles including enough

back-up vehicles to provide regular garbage and street services and utility repairs and electric and gas deregulation concerns. He would favor no increases in taxes and utilities unless absolutely necessary.

The candidate list to date:
Ward 1 - Phil Hager and Rev. Howard Shipp.

Ward 2 - Jerry Mullinax and Jim Guyton.

Ward 3 - Ralph Grindstaff.

Ward 4 - Pat Childers and Eugene White.

Ward 5 - Rick Murphrey and Jim Norris.

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