

POLICE

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ing," she said. Childers said the petitions are still out.

City Manager Jimmy Maney said Stewart-Cooper Architects are within 60 days of going out for bids on the construction of the new law enforcement center and drawings fit the present site. "We are looking at another five months if we change plans," he said.

Architects at a recent meeting at City Hall estimated the new building would be up and ready to occupy by December 1998.

Maney said the ad hoc committee working on plans for the new building for a year had researched the feasibility of repairing the current police department but turned down the idea. Looking at current city properties, they settled on the current police station property rather than adjoining properties at City Hall which would have meant a two story addition off

the back of City Hall.

Law Engineering corp tested at the city hall site and said it would cost an additional \$50,000 because of the poor foundation qualities of the soil. The estimated cost for a building adjacent to city hall was \$1,355,000. In evaluating the two sites they said parking would also be a problem and recommended that the old building be demolished and the communication equipment and tower relocated. Cost of the new facility at the present police department site was estimated at \$1,095,000 including costs for demolition of the old building, a difference of a quarter million dollars in the two sites.

Maney said if Council should reconsider the building site that the project would take another 18 months to complete and once the present police department is vacated and the building left standing that it would be difficult to restore it. Water damage and termite damage since the early 1970s has caused severe

deterioration. He estimated repairs to the present police department at \$50 a square foot for 8,000 square foot. The new police department is proposed to be 13,500 square foot.

Mayor Scott Neisler said he also likes to preserve old buildings where possible but agreed with the police ad hoc committee.

"That building has been renovated so many times over the years that it has lost its original historic content," said Maney.

Maney said plans are to retain the cupola from the top of the building if possible to add to the new building as a piece of history.

Several years ago when Council first started talking about a new police station the intent was to move police to the old post office building and use the present police station for a historical museum. That idea was shelved and the Kings Mountain Historical Association is planning to put a new roof on the old post office as their first project for their new home.

Members of the police ad hoc committee are Ken Cook, John Reavis, Captain Houston Corn, Joe King, Jerry White, Jerry Mullinax, Ralph Grindstaff and Bob Hayes.

McDonald's to build at I-85 and York Road

McDonald's Restaurant has signed a long-term lease with Jim Testa of Kings Mountain for property on York Road at I-85 for a new restaurant expected to open in February.

Testa said he signed the lease with Tim Walters, realtor handling the transaction.

Bill Sherwood, franchisee for two McDonald restaurants in Shelby and one in Kings Mountain, will also operate the new business. Sherwood could not be reached for comment about the new business.

Testa said it is his understanding that McDonald's plans

to invest up to \$1 million and plans to continue operations at both locations in Kings Mountain if the community supports two McDonald's. The lease on the current McDonald's is not up.

Testa said he has been told that construction will start at the new site next month and the company will begin taking applications for jobs.

Steve Killian, the city's planning director, acknowledged that the new building plan is good news for the city. McDonald's is expected to submit a site plan for the new construction soon.

An employee at the Shelby store said that Sherwood has been in meetings this week with McDonald's officials and would probably announce plans for the new store in the next week or so.

Current McDonald's Restaurants in the area are located at Kings Mountain Plaza, Shelby Rd., in Kings Mountain, 2001 East Dixon Boulevard and 206 E. Dixon Boulevard, both in Shelby, and at East First Street in Cherryville.

Council sides with P&Z on Chesterfield rezoning

By vote of 6-1, City Council Tuesday voted to rezone only the portion of the property that Chesterfield Arms Apartments sits on and not the entire parcel of land from R-10 to R-6.

Ward III Councilman Ralph Grindstaff's substitute motion to zone all the parcel owned by Dr. and Mrs. Charles Hutchins died for lack of a second.

"I don't like to go against the Planning and Zoning Board's recommendation but I don't see a problem in permitting Dr. Hutchins to rezone his property and see only pluses in his ownership and upgrading of these apartments," he told the board.

"We need to allow him to go ahead and develop his property," said Grindstaff.

Councilman Dean Spears,

who had made the motion to zone only a portion of the property, said he was not against future development but he thought Hutchins should present those plans to the planning board first. Spears also asked about buffers to separate the housing development from the adjoining property owners.

"I am in sympathy with Hutchins wanting to expand in the future and think this board would be receptive to those plans after they are presented to the planning board," said Spears.

Hutchins said he has no current plans to expand but wants to zone the property for multiple family dwellings instead of single family dwellings.

Gaston attorney Doug Robinson said the city zoned "the property out from under Dr. Hutchins and never notified him of the change in zoning." The attorney said the property on Margrace Road was originally in Kings Mountain's extra-territorial jurisdiction.

"There is a need for housing for lower income residents and these apartments were built before the change in zoning," he said. "Rezoning the whole tract will offer my client the incentives to improve his property which he bought in 1983 and has renovated extensively."

Robinson said the new zoning would reflect the current use of the apartment complex.

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RE-ELECT **JERRY MULLINAX**

WARD 2

PAID FOR BY CANDIDATE

TOWER

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in what is zoned light industrial.

"I was really upset when I found out about the moratorium," he said.

"Since we have operated under good faith and met all regulations we should be grandfathered in and allowed to start our construction now," he said.

Corry said that area municipalities are currently studying tower ordinances.

VOTE BOB HAYES
CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE
NOV. 4TH

SCHOOL

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Rev. Billy Houze, incumbent vice-chairman representing the outside district, is mounting a write-in campaign for reelection to his seat.

Houze missed the filing deadline. He said he was out of town and because of a threatened United Parcel strike his papers were to be delivered to the Board of Elections by Federal Express. Houze's name does not appear on the school ballot but he says he and his supporters are working to instruct voters how to write in his name in the proper space.

Candidates have been pumping hands and visiting various fall festivals and school events

during the past week. The Bethware PTO sponsored a "Meet the Candidate Night" which gave all candidates an opportunities to talk to parents and teachers in an informal setting. Most candidates have political signs up in various areas of the city, Bethware and Grover communities.

School board members are elected to four year terms. Members with terms not expiring this year are B.S. Peeler and Shearra Miller. Incumbent Connie Allison did not seek reelection.

More than 11,000 people are registered to vote in the board of education race. Polling places are East Kings Mountain precinct at the American Legion building; West Kings Mountain precinct at The Armory; Grover precinct at Grover Town Hall; Waco precinct at Waco Town Hall; and Bethware precinct at David Baptist Church fellowship building.

GROVER

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regular school district election ballot. Two candidates, Gene C. Ballard Jr. and Melony Clark Bolin,

are running for one at-large seat on the board and four candidates, Larry Allen, Dee Byers, Edgar Guy and Ronnie Hawkins are running for two outside seats on the board. A write-in campaign is also underway for an outside seat by Billy Houze, former Grover resident.

ELECT GENE WHITE WARD 4

- The Qualifications are Clear
- The Platform is Clear
- The Experience is Proven
- The Choice is Clear

It is Our Government and Our Vote.

Can one person really make a difference in City Government? Yes, if that person is qualified, experienced in the areas of the office sought, has demonstrated integrity over the long haul and is motivated only in serving the best interest of citizens in the ward and the city at large. Serving of no special interests and the ability to ask the right questions at the right time in public sessions is critical in serving the best interest of all citizens. *That is my pledge.*

My Qualifications

Education

University of South Carolina, B.S. Degree (Business Administration)
Municipal Administration, UNC Chapel Hill
Subdivision Administration, UNC Chapel Hill
Zoning Administration, UNC Chapel Hill
Industrial Development Certification, UNC Chapel Hill
Community Development Administration, Univ. of GA

Positions Held

- ✓ Executive Director, Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission
- ✓ Community Development Coordinator
- ✓ Planning Director (Retired Dec. 1994)
- ✓ Secretary To Moss Lake Authority
- ✓ Secretary To Planning and Zoning Board
- ✓ Secretary To Board of Adjustment
- ✓ Chairman, Cleveland County Planning Board

Issues Facing The City of Kings Mountain For The Next 20 Years

1. Resolution of the long term Moss Lake issues.
2. City Recreation Master Plan including the Deal Street City Pool situation
3. Capital Improvements program -- long range
4. Economic and Industrial Development Recruitment
5. Expansion of Revenue Producing Utilities
6. Planned Purchases and Cycling of City Vehicles including enough Backup Vehicles to provide regular garbage pickups, street and utility repairs
7. Electric and Gas Deregulation
8. No increases in Taxes and Utilities unless absolutely no other alternative

Personal

Married - Wife - Dru, Children - Neil and Lisa
Church - Central United Methodist
Civic - Kiwanis Club
Military - U.S. Navy (Korea and Vietnam)

Note: I Fully Support The Council - Manager Form of Government.
I Have No Personal Agenda Except The Legitimate Issues.
I Have No Special Interest Agenda.

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Gene White

Paid by Candidate.

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