

MURPHREY

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suitable." Mayor Murphrey, who spent six years as a Councilman prior to being elected mayor two years ago, said he felt good about the results and looks forward to continued progress.

"We have a great team - Council, administration and associates," he said, "and support from the citizens."

With the economy downsizing, Murphrey said it is important for Kings Mountain to keep utilities well-maintained and seek quality industry.

"We need to aggressively market Kings Mountain," he said. "We'll continue to work with the Department of Commerce and the county to bring in more jobs."

Carl DeVane, reelected to his second term in Ward 5, said he considered his big victory over Jerry Bostic a vote of confidence "in me and the administration of the city. We're going to continue to move the city forward

in the next two years." DeVane said the Council needs to continue its effort to bring a new 36" water line from Moss Lake to the city, either in phases as it is doing now or through a bond issue.

Rick Moore said jobs should be the Council's main focus over the next two years.

"My goal is to keep industries here and bring in more," he said. "We need incentives to help them stay here. If you don't have a job you can't buy goods."

Moore said he appreciated his family and supporters. "I appreciate the voters putting their trust in me and I'll serve to the best of my ability. I think we have a good Council and I'm just glad to be a part of it."

Dean Spears, who defeated Kay Hambricht by 115 votes in Ward 4, said the vote reflected the voters' satisfaction with the current Council.

"Everybody went back in," he said. "If we can accomplish as much in the next two years as we did in the last two we'll be in great shape."

Spears said the Council and

City Manager Jimmy Maney are cost conscious, but except for the continued expansion of the water line he doesn't foresee any major capital projects in the next two years.

"I think everything's going to be good," he said. "Most people do, too, because they put us back in."

Gene White, whose narrow victory over Chappell was his closest race ever, was happy with his victory but said he would have felt good even if Chappell had won.

"I would have been pleased because she is extremely well-qualified," he said. "But, of course, I wanted to win too."

Like the other incumbents, White said the next two years may be tougher than the last two because of the current economic situation.

"I think we will need to have a close examination of our financial situation and look over all capital projects and make absolutely certain we know where we are. Even though we're in a recession we're still in a good financial situation and we want to stay that way."

Howard Shipp, who won his second term as Ward 1 representative by 221 votes over Lamar Fletcher, said the city must continue to work hard to bring in more jobs.

"And I want to do more for seniors and young people, and to continue to work on revitalizing downtown. We just need to continue the progress we've had going for the past two years. I appreciate the people supporting me and I'll do everything I can to not let them down."

Ward 2 winner Jim Guyton said he was happy with the election, but wished more people had come out to vote.

"I'm going to be glad to serve the citizens for the next two years, and if any of them need me all they have to do is call me," he said. "I think we need to take stock and make sure that we keep the budget balanced with all of these people out of work. My biggest concern is that we don't over-spend."

Health

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consultant to study the issue at the Health Dept. and Brown characterized the process to developing a picture.

"What you're seeing is what showed up," he said about the Tuesday presentation.

Harry

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he was grateful for the town's trust.

"I was very happy they trusted me enough to give me this position," he said.

BEN

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- A law in New York went into effect which would ban the use of cell phones without a hands free device. I wish North Carolina would do the same thing. Granted the ban would not make everyone a better driver, but it would at least take one driving distraction away.

KINGS MOUNTAIN CITY COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

MAYOR	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	ABSENTEE	TOTAL
BELT	160	136	139	67	2	504
HAMRICK	17	15	16	15	0	63
MURPHREY	253	501	486	112	24	1376 ✓
WARD 1						
FLETCHER	16	26	1	4	0	47
SHIPP	57	134	5	68	4	268 ✓
WARD 2						
GUYTON	97	43				140 ✓
LEONARD	42	7				49
ROSS	101	25				126
WARD 3						
COOKE	31		48	35		114
HAMRICK	6		12	14		32
KELLY	81		47	51		179 ✓
WORCESTER	2		7	3		12
WARD 4						
HAMBRIGHT			164	9	4	177
SPEARS			280	16	6	302 ✓
WARD 5						
BOSTIC	53	36				89
DEVANE	253	39			11	303 ✓
AT-LARGE						
CARROLL	52	111	79	22	4	268
CHAPPELL	94	266	258	86	13	717
MOORE	205	281	325	86	13	910 ✓
MULLINAX	182	182	160	58	3	585
WHITE	162	250	264	60	3	739 ✓



Mayor Rick Murphrey, left, and Councilman-elect Rick Moore are all smiles after learning results of Tuesday's election.

Downturn

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outside that box," McIntosh said. "Now's the time for us to put our heads together."

Many ideas from a sports complex, increased telecommunications presence, and a greater link with the Charlotte area were written down on a sheet of paper, then were prioritized by the end of the session.

"To attract new industry to Cleveland County, we must prove the strength of our work force," Ray Denny, with the North Carolina Department of Commerce said.

"The most difficult part of what we have to do is to prove we have the right stuff as far as work force," Denny said. "It's a moving target, it's always changing."

Increased cooperation be-

tween county and municipal governments was another thing officials and business leaders said could lead to more jobs.

"I'd like to see a better working relationship with the municipalities," Shelby City Councilman Andrew Hopper said.

John Harris, owner of Harris Funeral Home and County Manager Lane Alexander, agreed with Hopper.

Commissioner Mary Accor said companies in Cleveland County need to do more hiring locally.

"If we're going to help Cleveland County, we need to hire Cleveland County," Accor said.

McIntosh said information from the meeting will be compiled and further prioritized. The Economic and Development Commission will look at it and bring it back to the commissioners.

of the people in Kings Mountain that are in Gaston County," Smith said.

A resident of the Gaston County part of the city, Smith said he was not able to cast a vote for the Gaston County bond issue since he has not participated in the county's school system.

Grover

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- The State of North Carolina has increased its scrutiny on municipality sewer use ordinances specifically addressing deposits of grease in sewer systems. Currently, Corry is researching the issue, and is expected to be discussed in December.

- The town's annual Christmas Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 1 at 1 p.m.

Blanton

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appointed board member, said school system goals had not changed.

"I felt good about the election," McClain said. "I'm glad the community supported me. I just hope to continue the work we've been doing"

Some of the other things McClain said he would like to work for is closing the achievement gap, safe schools for teachers and children, and defeating the merger.

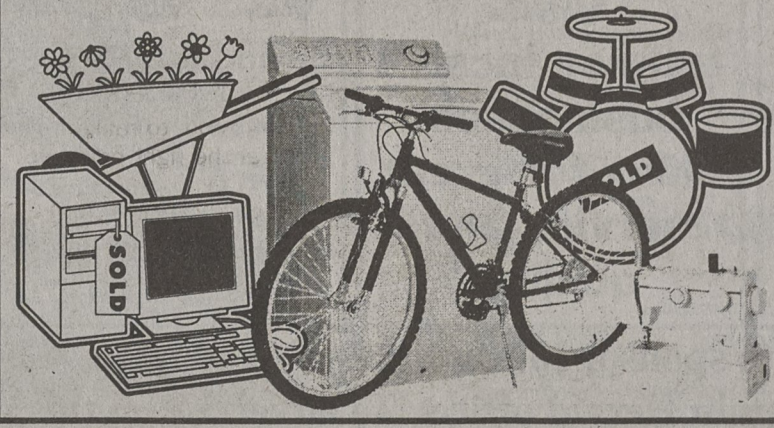
Smith, who taught in the Kings Mountain school system for about 25 years, said he would be accessible to discuss concerns or suggestions.

Smith said he would like to see the merger defeated because of the voting rights for a group of Kings Mountain citizens.

"If they were successful they would have violated the rights

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