

Grover Board sets Monday planning session

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GROVER - Town council members want to get their money out of a \$45,000 grant issued in 2002. It provided a capital improvement plan to the town.

During Monday's council meeting, members decided to again use the capital improvement plan to locate water and sewer, park, main street improvement and other grants.

"We would like to pick it back up, utilize it," said Mayor Pro-tem Bill Willis.

In other business, the council voted to have a planning session Monday night at 7 p.m. at the town hall. The public is invited.

Council members voted to allow its members the option of refusing payment for serving. Council member Jackie Bennett asked for the vote because the \$100 monthly payment would cause her rent to increase and would interfere with her eligibility for prescription drug assistance.

The council voted to charge \$225 for planning permits, appeals, variances and interpretations. The bulk of this money pays for public notices of hearings.

Mayor Robbie Sides reported that there is still a minor problem with grease in the sewer system.

He reported drainage problems on Dogwood Street. Culverts are filling with leaves.

During the public comment period, a town resident asked for help with the heavy and dangerous traffic in front of Grover Elementary School.

Resident Jean Francis asked the city to contribute money toward having information on Grover's history included in a Cleveland County Genealogy Society book.

The council approved using \$400 from the beautification fund. According to Clerk Barbara Barrett, that money was available because no bulb replacements nor repairs were needed on holiday decorations this year. Max Rollins abstained from the vote. The Grover Women's Club contributed \$200.

The council authorized the mayor to price storage buildings. The building would be used to store Christmas decorations. These are currently stored in the park building.

Council member Max Rollins suggested storing the decorations in the garage as has been done in past years.

Mayor Pro-tem Willis said the minutes of December's meeting were incorrect. He and council member Bennett did not vote against the reappointment of Clerk Barbara Bennett. Instead they abstained. This also was reported incorrectly in the Herald.

The council held the vote again with Bennett and Willis abstaining. Bennett was reappointed.

KM WEATHER REPORT

(Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

	Dec. 31-Jan. 6	Year Ago
Total precipitation	.51	.49
Maximum one day	.51 (5th)	.27 (2nd)
Month to date	.51	2.36
Low temperature	17 (6th)	24 (3rd, 6th)
High temperature	73 (3rd)	60 (31st, 1st)
Avg. temperature	48.6	46.7

ALAN

From 4A

came in the yard and proceeded to open up a can of 'whup something' on Little Weasel. The big cat had Little Weasel in the corner of the porch and was wearing Little Weasel out. JoJo was walking around in the yard and saw this assault and in an instant he was transformed from JoJo the Fat to JoJo the Terrible. He ran over and body slammed the other cat and then he got down on his side and started kicking his back feet and claws like a stump grinder and tore quite a bit of fur off the other cat who jumped up and ran away post haste and Little Weasel went over and gave JoJo a big kiss and said 'my hero.'

Here's another cat tail. Once we lived in a house that had aluminum heating ducts that ran under the floor in the crawl space. One night cats got under the house and one started making an ungodly noise that sounded just like a baby hollerin' and I was about 10-years-old and it woke me up and I had no idea what it was I just knew it sounded like the devil himself and I laid there frozen with fright and soaked my Daniel Boone shorty pajamas wet with sweat.

No sooner had the first cat started up wailin' than a second one cranked up and their diabolical chorus really had me shaking with fright. About the time the screeching built to a crescendo and my nerves were at the breaking point the cats both flew at each other across the ductwork and the noise that ensued sounded like someone had rolled a garbage can loaded with dynamite under the house and set it off.

Well, I know you have your own cat stories. Maybe they revolve around how they keep folks company when no one else is around or how they have a habit of walking with muddy paws across the hood of a freshly washed car so that you want to make a hat out of them. How ever you feel, just remember one thing- they are watching you.

ANDIE

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too much importance on going and doing. There is merit in staying and being, sitting quietly, reading, talking with friends and family. Winter offers us a chance to slow down and do just this.

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KINGS MOUNTAIN POLICE REPORT

Robberies reported

Kings Mountain police are investigating an armed robbery that occurred Monday at 8:29 p.m. at Mountain Market General Store at 506 Waco Road.

According to Det. Sgt. Lisa Proctor, two black males entered the store wearing dark clothing and ski masks. One suspect displayed an unknown type of handgun. The suspects left with an undisclosed amount of money. There were no injuries.

The suspects were described as being 5-7 to 5-9 in height, and medium build. One suspect was wearing a black jacket with white stripes down the arms with an emblem on he back. He was also wearing a black, red and white colored weave type cap on his head.

Proctor said police are also interested in a vehicle that was seen in the area. It is an older model Chevrolet Impala, possibly light blue to primer in color with silver colored rims.

Anyone with information about this crime should call KMPD at 734-0444.

Police are also investigating an armed robbery that occurred December 31 at 8:50 p.m. at Linwood Produce, 805 Cleveland Avenue.

According to Det. S.D. Shockley, three black males entered the business and pulled a handgun and demanded money. Store workers complied and the subjects left on foot.

There were no injuries. One suspect was described as six-foot tall, weighing 190 pounds and wearing blue jeans, a blue jacket and a toboggan.

Another suspect was described as 5'5" tall, weighing 110 pounds and wearing blue jeans and a gray coat.

The identity of the third suspect is unknown. Anyone that may have been in the area and has any information is asked to call Det. Shockley at 734-0444.

ARRESTS

Marcus Curry, 20, 712 N. Cansler St., assault on government official, \$800 secured bond.

Blanch Thrift, 29, York, SC, felony possession controlled substance (cocaine), resist, delay or obstruct, driving while license revoked, \$4,000 secured bond.

Homer Wyatt, 33, York, SC, felony possession controlled substance (cocaine),

resist, delay or obstruct, assault government official, \$4,000 secured bond.

Chad Byrd, 27, Shelby, failure to appear for unauthorized use of conveyance, \$400 secured bond.

Keon Baker, 23, 609 Belvedere Cir., misdemeanor larceny, \$500 secured bond.

Lenora Bridges, 128 Bridges Cir., DWI, \$1,000 unsecured bond.

Brian David Arnold, 23, 116 Bill King Rd., driving while license revoked, \$1,000 secured bond.

Phillip Hughes, 32, 201 Fulton Dr., felony restraint, resist, delay or obstruct, possession of drug paraphernalia, assault on female, no bond.

Billy Wade, 63, 102-A E. King St., felony assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, \$5,000 unsecured bond.

CITATIONS

Charles Bowen, 54, 909 First St., carrying concealed weapon.

Jennifer Phillips, 29, Bessemer City, speeding 63 in 45 zone.

Darryl Ford, 37, 908 Stoneymead Dr., speeding 50 in 35 zone.

John Bullock, 78, Charlotte, speeding 56 in 35 zone.

Donnie Biddix Jr., 24, 204 Benfield Rd., speeding 55 in 35 zone.

Patricia Brown, 52, Belvedere Cir., speeding 54 in 35 zone.

Amy Blalock, 27, 613 Landing St., speeding 56 in 35 zone.

James Simmons Jr., 68, Shelby, speeding 54 in 35 zone.

Robert Sparrow, 24, 116 Trotter Ln., failing to stop at stop sign.

Lynn Holland, 37, 117 Oak Grove Rd. Trl. A3, driving while license revoked.

Nelson Smith, 23, 612 Charles St. Apt. 27, driving while license revoked.

Jacqueline Hoey, 42, Shelby, speeding 58 in 35 zone.

Paul Nichols, 31, 124 S. Cherokee St. Apt. A, driving while license revoked.

Beverly White, 48, 125 N. Railroad Ave., larceny.

Dennis Garey, 26, 131 Glory Dr., expired registration plate; expired inspection sticker.

Melissa Price, 33, 108 Hardin Dr., speeding 55 in 35 zone.

Walter Cooper, 37, Shelby, speeding 51 in 35 zone.

Gary Webb, 33, Shelby, speeding 51 in 35 zone.

Joe Harper, 67, 102 S. Tracy St., speeding 57 in 35 zone.

Clyde Cumberlander, Shelby, stop light violation.

Teri Greene, 30, Cherryville, speeding 65 in 45 zone.

Richard Lilly, 41, Shelby, speeding 48 in 35 zone.

Jamaal Byers, 21, 102 Chestnut Ridge Church Rd., speeding 79 in 65 zone.

Charles Feemster, 34, Shelby, speeding 80 in 65 zone.

Angela Johnson, 27, Shelby, speeding 79 in 65 zone.

Michael Mick, 37, Bessemer City, speeding 59 in 35 zone.

Laura Jacobsen, 30, Shelby, speeding 83 in 65 zone.

Daryl Kennedy, 33, Grover, speeding 80 in 65 zone.

Keith Frix, 25, 624 S. Railroad Ave., speeding 69 in 55 zone.

Laquinta Garvin, 18, 304 Long Branch Rd. Trl. #3, speeding 59 in 35 zone.

INCIDENTS

John Grier, 500 Margrace Rd., reported larceny of a clothes dryer valued at \$50.

Nacole Tillman, 230 Morris St., reported break-in and larceny of a TV valued at \$100, Play Station II valued at \$200, and 37 games and movies valued at \$780.

Janne Fugate, 612 Charles St. Apt. 61, reported that someone used a blunt object to put a dent in her vehicle. Damage was \$500.

Roger Wilson, Georgetown Apts #11, reported being assaulted at a bar and grill.

Olivia Lipscomb, 612 Charles St. Apt. 25, reported a breaking and larceny of jewelry valued at \$650.

Cherish Adams, Gastonia, reported being assaulted at a home on Margrace Rd.

City of Kings Mountain reported meter tampering at a home on Morris St. and at a mobile home on W. Gold St.

Equity Pay Telephone Co., North Guyton, GA, reported break-in of a coin machine on S. Battleground Ave. A pay phone was damaged \$1,500 and money was stolen.

LaShonda Hopper, 200 Spruce St. Apt. 2B, reported break-in and \$100 damage to a window in a back door.

Winn Dixie, W. Spring St., reported larceny of steaks.

Southern Convenience, 511 Linwood Rd., reported larceny of gasoline.

Rachel Wingard, 215 Morris St., reported larceny of a dog valued at \$100.

Letita Adams, 131 Lake Montonia Rd., reported break-in and larceny at the home of Jessica Adams, 200 Spruce St. Apt. 2D. Stolen items included a cordless phone, television, DVD player and karyoke machine, total valued \$955.

Food Lion, 1320 Shelby Rd., reported larceny of cigarette.

Michael Fredell, 1314 Long Creek Rd., reported that someone rode a four-wheeler and hit the corner of a shed at Faith Baptist Church, 1009 Linwood Rd. Damage was \$500.

Felisa Bess, 200 Spruce St. Apt. 5B, reported break-in, larceny and damage to property. Damage was \$400 to a door frame and two windows. Stolen were a Play Station 2 valued at \$200 and an NFL Game Day game valued at \$50.

Bobby Smith, 401 Chestnut St., reported being kidnapped on Old Homestead Rd. and robbed of a wallet containing money, social security card and ID.

Marlon Byers, 122 Branchwood Cir., reported that someone damaged the side of a vehicle while it was parked at KMHS.

Donald Lovette, 711 Cleveland Ave., reported being robbed of currency and medication.

WRECKS

A vehicle driven by Kenneth Burris of Kings Mountain struck a curb in the parking lot of Pine Manor Apts. Damage to the vehicle was \$2,700.

A vehicle driven by Paul Nichols of Kings Mountain struck a utility pole on Linwood Rd. Damage to the vehicle was \$2,500. Nichols was charged with driving while license revoked and failure to report a crash.

Vehicles driven by Brandy Dunovant of Gastonia and Harry Hughes Jr. of Kings Mountain struck on US 74 Business at Cansler St. Damage to the Dunovant vehicle was \$2,500 and damage to the Hughes vehicle was \$1,000.

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York airports recently. He smokes a good cigar once in a while, and he purchased an expensive butane lighter for those occasions. At the airport, security told him he had to give the lighter up. They would not make any arrangements to

let him ship it to himself. When he asked for the security agent's name, the jerk told him he would give him a citation that would cost him \$1100. Jeff said, "Fine, now can I have your name?" The guy went berserk. At any rate, my son left the lighter, went on through security, then stopped at the first little merchandise

stand. The first thing he saw was lighters exactly like the one security had taken away from him. The rule on butane lighters is that security must empty them of fluid and return them to the owner. I'd say, that particular rent-a-cop didn't know the rule. Such is life in this time of homeland security.

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