

SIDEWALK SURVEY

BY EMILY WEAVER
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Do you think smoking should be banned in all public places?



Brian Odums, Kings Mountain
"People that smoke should have that freedom. I don't think it should be banned in all places, especially in bars. Because if you're drinking, you're probably going to want to smoke."



Kay Hawkins, Kings Mountain
"Yes. I feel like cigarette smoke is very bad for your health and children should not be subjected to cigarette smoke."



Clayvon Kelly, Kings Mountain
"Yes, I think it should be banned. Because I used to smoke and now I have COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) and Emphysema. It's a bad habit."



Laura Gonzalez, Kings Mountain
"Yes. It smells really bad and I don't want to have to breathe it. I can't stand the smell of it and people shouldn't be forced to be around it."



Xaveyon Bradford, Kings Mountain
"Yes. People shouldn't smoke because it is bad and it gives you cancer. I think people should quit smoking because it is bad for you."

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funds are spent." After some debate, the amended agreement was approved 5-1 with Councilman Jerry Mullinax opposing. Dean Spears was absent.

This renewed agreement will give MPI a chance to qualify for a state main street downtown program. "While a lot of people think we'll never get that done (revitalize the downtown area), at least a handful of people think we can," said Larry Hamrick.

All items on the consent agenda were approved by a unanimous vote. These items included adopting a resolution that authorizes Sellers and City Risk Manager Ray Wilson to file requests for state and federal assistance in times of disaster; approving a revised Network Integration Service Agreement with Duke Power since the installation of the new Delivery Substation No. 4, on Margrace Road; approving the addition of a Workplace Harassment Policy to City Personnel policies; approving "No Parking" signs to be put up along Mountain Street between Waterson and Goforth streets, for the safety of students at West Elementary; adopting a resolution to approve an extension of the sewer system for Johnson Development and Associates, Inc.; adopting a resolution to accept the water, sewer, street, curb and gutter improvements that have been installed in accordance with the City's ordinances; adopting a resolution to approve a "major subdivision preliminary plat"; and to appoint John Houze to the Planning and Zoning Board and Board of Adjustment to fill the unexpired vacant seat of Angie Richardson, ETJ resident to the board.

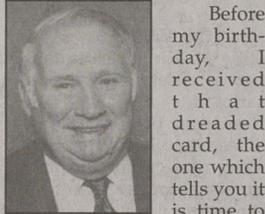
Murphrey presented Becky Lineberger of Crisis Ministry with a check of \$10,000 for the ministry. Electric Utilities Director Nick Hendricks was recognized for 20 years of service to the City. Other service awards went to Shane Woodard, LaVerne Smith, Ann Sessom, Vickie Rhyne and Brandon Blanton. Mark Anthony Parsons was recognized for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

September 16-20 was proclaimed Fall 2006 Litter Sweep.

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Cracking down on diabetics

My mid-August birthday meant several things to me, most of them pleasant, but not all.



Jim Heffner
Guest Column

Before my birthday, I received the dreaded card, the one which tells you it is time to renew your driver license, and, yes, the correct term is driver license. If you don't believe that, look on your driver's license.

I've always been uneasy about renewing my license. I think most people feel the same. I always study the signs while I'm waiting my turn, hoping to refresh my fading memory.

The examiners at the Mount Holly branch of DMV called me and I went back, sat down and pressed

my forehead against the little box for the eye examination. That was a mistake.

I am a diabetic, and sometimes, if the sugar is up, the eyesight is affected. My eyes, however, have some scarring due to retinopathy. I've had diabetes for 24 years, and the only part of my body, that I know of, which has been affected is my eyes, to a degree.

The examiner told me I tested 20/40. He also told me I would have to get a field vision test, and that DMV was "cracking down" on diabetics.

I made an appointment with my eye doctor for the field vision test. The examiner gave me a form to take along that would have to be filled out and signed by the doctor.

The test cost me \$77. Insurance will not pay under those circumstances.

I took the form back and the examiner wanted to

know why I wasn't given a prescription for glasses. I told him glasses would not correct my vision, and it was so noted on the form.

I could be wrong, but I think he got angry, or at least annoyed. He instructed another examiner to give me a road test. After I returned from my first road test in 54 years, he handed me a thick sheaf of forms with instructions to have my primary care physician complete them. He also told me if I didn't get the forms to Raleigh within 30 days, my license would be revoked.

Before I left, I was issued an unrestricted driver license.

Among the forms was a duplicate of the form for the eye doctor. I called and asked if that wasn't a mistake. I was told no, that I needed to get that form filled out again.

Now, I was getting a slow burn. I called my state representative John Rayfield, and he told me he would talk to

somebody in Raleigh.

My doctor, good guy that he is, filled out the forms while I waited. The people at the eye doctor's office told me they thought DMV was jerking me around. I called Mount Holly DMV and told them to make a copy of the eye form for me and I would use that.

"OK," the guy said, "but they may revoke your license."

The next day, a lady called from DMV in Raleigh. She told me the examiner had the right to provide forms for my doctor, but not the thick stack of forms he gave me, nor should he have told me DMV was "cracking down" on diabetics. She also said the extra vision form was unnecessary.

As it turns out, my doctor was just supposed to complete a single form about my diabetes. The lady from Raleigh told me the DMV also has the right to have heart patient doctors complete forms.

That's all just plain nuts. A diabetic knows enough not to drive when he's having problems. Besides, how about people who have aneurysms while driving? That can happen to anyone.

I told Raleigh DMV I felt harassed and I felt I was a victim of discrimination. She told me, the Mount Holly office would definitely hear from the commissioner.

I ran out almost a full tank of gas, spent the money for the field vision test, and lost at least a day's work simply because a DMV license examiner, who knew just enough about diabetes to be aggravating, got perturbed because he could find no legal way to restrict my license.

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GROVER

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use to the county's Planning Board. From there, the board would make recommendations and send it back to the Grover Town Council for a public hearing and final decision.

Council members also reviewed their current utility billing policy, which states that bills are due on the 1st of the month, past due on the 15th of the month, a 10 percent penalty is applied to the bill on the 15th after 5 pm, customers then have a 10-day grace period, after 12 noon on the 25th the meter is locked and a \$35 administration fee is applied with no second notice being issued. This policy is printed on the utility bills.

After the town started giving second notices on the 25th, their records showed

that since February, the late utility customers were habitual offenders. "We're dealing with the same customers every single month. So delivering them (the notices) or making the phone calls, we're wasting the gas and the time to call because it's the same people. And now they're saying 'Oh well, you're going to send me a notice before you cut me off, and you won't be out until Monday to take my meter out, so I'll wait until then to pay it.' That's what we're

looking at and the biggest deal is it is the same people over and over and over," Sides said. The Mayor suggested that a second notice could be sent out on the day of penalty (the 15th) to remind people of their billing obligations and as a final warning. He said that they started giving the cut-off notices on the 25th for those that may have forgotten, but records show that it is not the forgetful that have the problem.

"I know when my bill is

due. I don't expect someone to come and tap me on the hand when I've been cut off. There's no sense in getting mad about it. You forgot to pay the bill, something happened and that's the end of it," Sides said.

Councilman Calvin Huffman suggested the possibility that within a 6-month period if a person receives three or more notices then they will be considered "habitual" and not be sent any further notices for a year

or six months. City Attorney Mickey Cory suggested that they could also start requiring a deposit for utility bills. Councilwoman Jackie Bennett suggested that the town keep sending notices just in case new people come in to the area, but agreed that if a person receives final notices three months in a row then there is something wrong. The Council approved that a second notice will be mailed out on the 15th every month as a final reminder.

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2x10	7.79	10.56	14.39	16.95	19.95
2x12	12.79	14.99	19.45	21.45	25.95
1x4	2.39	3.19	3.95		
1x6	3.99	4.89	5.99		
5/4x6	3.89	4.69	5.55	6.36	8.20
2x2	1.99	2.39	2.89	3.39	3.69
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