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# Grover Council makes plans for future growth

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Grover Town Council met in a special called work session recently to discuss the town's plans for future growth.

Creating an official town website, dangling commercial development bait on the world wide web, circulating petitions for Grover's growth, beautifying the town, rehabilitating the park and trying to open a closed chapter on a community library were some of the ideas discussed for economic development.

Mayor Robert Sides said he hopes the current cleanup of Minette Mills by new owner Scott Grigg will make Grover Industries more attractive to new businesses. The council agreed to start drawing up some preliminary figures for an incentive plan to attract new businesses. Each of the council members was given petitions to circulate for economic development.

The petitions list that those

who live in or around Grover would be in favor of and support a pharmacy, branch bank and grocery store. It will spread the word that Grover is ready to grow, said Town Clerk Tricia Willis.

The more signatures, the more businesses may see that coming to Grover would be a profitable or at least supported endeavor. Sides said that he has spoken with Walgreens hoping to get them interested in coming to town, but nothing official has happened yet.

He mentioned the various lots and properties in town that are or will be up for sale in the near future. Sides said he has forwarded those listings to the Chamber of Commerce, which has posted them on its website through a Charlotte commercial development site, to get the word out. One of those properties is an attractive 53 acres close to the interstate and railroad, he said.

Councilwoman Jackie Bennett said she would like for the town to attract a Super Wal-Mart. "You're on the interstate

so the 53 acres would be a prime location for something like that," Sides added.

Councilman Cobia Goforth said he would support a store like Wal-Mart coming to town, but he doubts that dream will come true. He said most of the big chain stores would not settle in an area with less than 10,000 people. As for grocery stores, he suggested they keep their expectations simple. Goforth said they just need one that carries the basic essentials.

But Bennett argued that if Grover had a big chain, people could go and get whatever they needed in one location. Goforth suggested that they look into the Independent Grocer's Association to see what's out there.

"I think it's only going to take one thing to click the trigger, you just have to get the right thing to get the rest to follow and that's the hard part," Sides said, admitting it has been tough trying to get in contact with the types of industries the town would like to attract. Councilman Adam Green sug-

gested that Sides speak with Shelby commercial broker John Barker, who conducts research on properties to market and sell to bigger industries. He also asked if Grover could get a counter to measure the amount of traffic that travels through town on a daily basis, adding that those numbers may help in marketing as well. The mayor said that he has requested one, especially to count traffic on Highway 29, in an effort to get a drive-up ATM machine in Grover.

Sides said he would like to try to establish a Beautification Committee and set aside money in the next budget to begin some projects around town. The council talked about cutting back the trees along Main Street and maybe eventually removing them. Sides said they are also looking into getting some lamp posts downtown in an effort to maintain the integrity of Grover's small-town charm. A town-wide litter cleanup day was also discussed. Goforth and Councilwoman Cynthia O'Brien said they could make

the beautification efforts a contest between citizens.

Rehabilitation work is also being done at the park. Sides said they are looking into grants to remove the trees on the lower side and to lower the bank. He said they are waiting on a quote to see how much it would cost to make the gate at the park electronic so it would open and close automatically, like the one at the cemetery. The mayor said he also wants the town to do some work on the park's ball fields in hopes of attracting tournaments.

O'Brien asked if they could get a sign at the walking track which would tell exactly how many laps equal a mile for park-goers. Councilman Brent White said that about three-and-a-quarter laps equals one mile. Sides said that he would look into getting some signage.

Sides asked Goforth on an update for a Grover library. "We are at ground zero," Goforth said, "and the possibilities of getting above ground zero are about zero."

## Senior Games slated April 14-18

The annual Cleveland County Senior Games will be held April 14-18 at various sites in the county.

Cleveland County residents age 55 and over may sign up to participate in a number of games including badminton, basketball shooting, billiards, bowling, putt-putt, shuffleboard, spin casting, golf, horse-shoes, swimming, tennis and more.

Opening ceremonies will be held Monday, April 14 at 9 a.m. at Gardner-Webb University. Games will be held at GWU, the Neal Center, Cleveland County YMCA, Shelby City Park, Kings Mountain High School and Pine Grove Golf Course.

Persons interested in participating must sign up by Monday, April 7. Entry packets, rules and other information are available at the Neal Center in

Shelby, the Patrick Center in Kings Mountain, Shelby City Park, and Dover YMCA in Shelby.

For more information call Lisa Abernathy at the Neal Center at 704-482-3488 or Terrie Lewis at the Patrick Center at 704-734-0447.

## FOOD INSPECTIONS

Cleveland County Health Department inspected the following facilities during the week ending March 28. \*\*Denotes 2 extra points when an employee attended an approved food-handling course. SF denotes that the facility is smoke-free.

### Restaurants

Kings Mountain Hospital cafeteria, W. King St., 97.5\*\*

Linwood Restaurant, Cleveland Ave., KM, 93.

Applebees of Shelby, Earl Rd., 99\*\*

Bridges BBQ, Shelby, 98\*\* SF. Fisherman's Feast, E. Marion St., Shelby, 94.

Jackson's Cafeteria, Hamrick St. Shelby, 95\*\* SF.

Kates Skating Rink, Cornwell Rd., Shelby, 95 SF.

Shelby Fish Camp, E. Dixon Blvd., 95.5\*\*.

### Food stands

Town and Country Catering, Parkgrace Rd., KM, 97.5\*\*.

Shady Side Drag Way, Honey Haven Farm Rd., 97.

### Institutional food service

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