

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Kings Mountain City Council

One for At Large



BRIAN CLONINGER

I'm a newcomer to politics, KM native running as a man of the people...



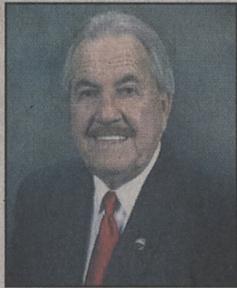
BOBBY HORNE

My name is Bobby Horne and Kings Mountain has been my home for 52 years.



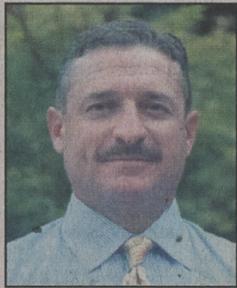
KEITH MILLER

In Kings Mountain 22 years. Served on City Council, Planning Board, Adjustments Board, and Finance Committee.



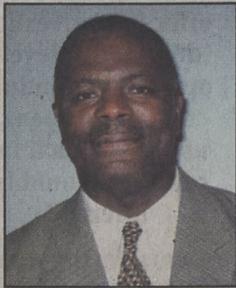
JERRY MULLINAX

KM native, I want to come back after a two-year absence on the board because I love Kings Mountain and I have always strived to represent all the people.



ROY 'BUTCH' PEARSON

Born at KM Hospital to Roy and Elvia Pearson, married to Margaret, 20 years, raising two sons here in KM.



CURTIS PRESSLEY

Married to Evelyn Roberts, we have three sons. I am a graduate of Gardner-Webb University.

One for Mayor



GILBERT HAMRICK

KM native, disabled veteran, former taxi operator, former MP in the Army, is running for change and last challenged the incumbent mayor in 2003.



RICK MURPHREY Incumbent

KM resident more than 35 years. I'd like to thank the citizens for the honor and privilege to serve Kings Mountain for the past 18 years.



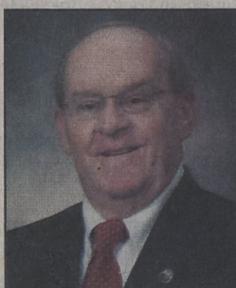
HOWARD SHIPP Incumbent

Assistant Pastor of New Life Christian Church, incumbent councilman Howard Shipp has served 12 years from Ward I.



RODNEY GORDON Incumbent

Life-long resident of KM, attended KM Public Schools, graduated from KMHS, then from Gaston College.



RICK MOORE Incumbent

Ward V Incumbent Rick Moore has served eight years on city council and seeks a fourth term.

What these candidates envision for Kings Mountain

The Kings Mountain Herald asked all of the candidates, currently running for city council, their views on things such as offering incentives to industries, helping those in need, and the biggest issues they believe the board will face in the next few years.

Q1) Why do you want to serve on city council?

BRIAN CLONINGER - I want to serve on City Council because I believe the citizens of Kings Mountain have been unfairly represented for far too long.

RODNEY GORDON - I serve on City Council to bring a high level of professionalism and trust that the citizens deserve.

prohibit me from serving with a high level of integrity. I will continue to bring fresh ideas and serve with moral courage.

GILBERT "PEE WEE" HAMRICK - The reason I am seeking the office of Mayor of Kings Mountain, is so I can help the people.

BOBBY HORNE - The last four years I have been committed to downtown growth and revitalization.

KEITH MILLER - I can best serve the city (and the Lord) by making my education, experience, gifts at administration, knowledge of municipal finance and utilities, analytics skills, and Godly focus available to guide our decisions, policies, finances.

taining professionalism.

JERRY MULLINAX - I served a total of 10 years (in Ward 2 and Ward 3) as council member. I feel I still have plenty to offer.

RICK MURPHREY - I'll continue to work in close harmony with citizens, city council, city manager, and staff, county and state Department of Commerce to ensure that Kings Mountain continues to prosper and provide a better quality of life for all residents.

ROY "BUTCH" PEARSON - Service is a noble cause - I will not profit from serving the Citizens of Kings Mountain. I will represent the entire city, not a particular area that benefits my bank account.

CURTIS PRESSLEY - I believe the citizens of Kings Mountain need a person like me, who will listen to the issues and will address the issues that are important to the citizens of the city, who will always be responsible, always be accountable, always

be accessible, fair in their vote.

Q2) What do you think are the big issues that the council will face in the next few years? What's the number one goal you would push for if you're elected?

BRIAN CLONINGER - Kings Mountain has the potential for huge growth in the next five years; City Council will have to find a balance between responsible growth and the city's zoning codes.

RODNEY GORDON - One of the biggest issues is replacing underground water lines. Other big issues we face are retirement of tenured department heads and employees, preparing for future growth and generating additional revenue without tax/utility rate increases.

good for the entire city.

GILBERT "PEE WEE" HAMRICK - To try and get textile and other companies to come to Kings Mountain, after all we have all the necessities to offer them: electric, natural gas, sewage and water.

BOBBY HORNE - The new water lines are a big concern and continuing to recruit new businesses and therefore jobs for our citizens.

KEITH MILLER - \$35 million in bonds to upgrade spillway, water/sewer lines, treatment plants and electric grid; conversion to a high pressure gas system; taxpayer funding of downtown renovations.

JERRY MULLINAX - With the Federal Government broke and the state broke, we as City Government need to tighten belts, stop useless spending, make

an emergency fund for disaster and a complete water line to the city.

RICK MURPHREY - Jobs; new waterline into town; Fiber Optics to strengthen our system and save our money; attracting new industry to bring new jobs; assist existing industry to expand; maintain competitive utility/tax rates; our 10-year land development plan; infrastructure upgrades; promote on-the-job education for our associates; continue to upgrade city support services; and financial stability.

ROY "BUTCH" PEARSON - We must focus our energies on securing jobs for the Citizens of Kings Mountain. My children are fifth generation residents but our youth are moving away.

CURTIS PRESSLEY - Unemployment, growth, utility rates. I would push for more activities/recreation for all of our youth. I believe that industries not only want good schools and safe neigh-