

City honors businesses for Small Business Success



Pictured are representatives of some of the businesses honored by the city Tuesday. From left, Jan Harris, Main Street Director; Judy Ford, owner of Judy's Wild Science; Marie Jackson, owner of Chloe's Boutique; Karen Walls, owner of Sweet House Bakery; Nancy Tucker, new Business Librarian; and Mayor Rick Murphrey who made the presentations.

Photo by **HALEY WILSON**

City fathers took the occasion Tuesday to honor 11 businesses in downtown Kings Mountain for a Small Business Success project that resulted in a Library Services & Technology Act Grant which hired Business Librarian Nancy Tucker to work with small businesses to improve their confidence, skills and abilities.

Mayor Rick Murphrey said that Mauney Memorial Library, Main Street, and

Planning and Economic Development partnered together on the grant to hire the new Business Librarian at Mauney Memorial Library.

"The work of these small businesses is evidenced through 75 plus consultations and Fussiness Center visits, 10 new logos, three new business Facebook pages created, five business websites created, seven small business seminars and eight security and

Secret Shopper reports," said the mayor in a proclamation of recognition and appreciation.

The businesses honored were: Sweet House Bakery, Ingram's Barber Shop, Chloe's Boutique, The Anointed, Judy's Wild Science, Mommie's and Maw Maw's, The Sub Factory, Gentle Moon Cafe, Everything Under the Sun, Trackside Trader and The Middle Room @BBG.

Dredging underway at 'mining' site at Moss Lake



DREDGING UNDERWAY AT MOSS LAKE - The two photos show city workers dredging in an area on Buffalo Creek known as the city's "mining area" because it was permitted to occur with a state mining permit. While the water was down for spillway repairs city forces removed over 1,000 tons of silt. With the purchase of a new backhoe, the city can be even more proactive, according to Mayor Rick Murphrey.

Photo by **DILLON LACKEY**

The city's ongoing dredging program at Moss Lake is underway 10 months of the year, according to Mayor Rick Murphrey and City Planner Steve Killian.

But Murphrey said that with the purchase of a new backhoe the city can be even more proactive in this project to remove silt from the fore-bay area of the 'mining' site on Buffalo Creek. The working area is known as the "mining site" because it was permitted to occur with a state mining permit.

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Killian explained that sediment flows into the lake from its three tributaries with the main tributary, Buffalo Creek, being the main source of sediment.

This is where the mining operation is which includes a fore-bay that allows the sediment's heavier particles to settle out where Water Department workers scoop them out with a track hoe and move them by a dump truck to a permitted waste site.

In addition to the mining site on Buffalo Creek the city has had three private dredging efforts while the water level was lowered for

spillway repairs, the estimated value of the dredging work to have been worth over \$400,000 if one had to pay a private contractor, said Killian.

Rainfall is below normal for this time of year and although the city is letting out the minimum amount of water to flow downstream that it can the water level is about one foot below its pond level. That is more than enough water for the operation of the water plant and needs of all the city's customers whether they be businesses, industries or residents, says Killian.

City of KM employees honored at July city council meeting

Kings Mountain City Council honored six employees, including three policemen, for years of service or finishing special education courses at last Tuesday's regular meeting at city hall.

Mayor Rick Murphrey presented plaques to Ptl. Christopher Graham and Cpl. Paul Alexander for receiving their advanced law enforcement certification from the state and Cpl. Kenneth Lance Hamrick for 15 years of service.

Clarence Wingo was recognized for 10 year service to the city and Danny Keith Davis was recognized for 15 years service with the City of Kings Mountain.

Ricky Duncan, who was promoted to superintendent over both water/sewer distribution systems maintenance and pump collections systems maintenance, was awarded the North Carolina Cross Connection System Operator certification May 28.

In other actions, Council:

- +authorized the mayor to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Kings Mountain Historical Museum for the loaning of the Battle of Kings Mountain mural to the Museum.

- +awarded financing of a 2003 E-One Saulsbury Heavy Rescue Vehicle with low pressure electric motor to Carolina Alliance bank in the amount of \$205,943.25 with interest rate of 1.67% with financing term of 7 years.

- +donated 60 chairs and two rolling carts to Kings Mountain Historical Museum.

- +set public hearing for July 28 on request of Jeffrey Hirsch (Gordon Greene property owner) for a portion of property located at Broadview Drive from Residential R-6 to General business.

- +set July 28 for public hearing on request by Jemyrae Weaver to rezone property at 1044 Margrace Road from residential 10 to Conditional Use R-20.

- +set July 28 for public hearing for a request by Curtis McCree to rezone property at 1046 Margrace Road from Residential 10 to Conditional Use FR-10.

- +set July 28 for public hearing for Michael Vance to rezone property at 1042 Margrace Road from Residential R-10 to Conditional Use R-20.

- +set public hearing for July 28 for decision for an industrial incentive grant to Project Chip.

- +amended the capital fund project for the expansion for the H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Life and Conference Center at \$1,880,548

- +adopted an ordinance to budget the 2015-16 health insurance financial plan to \$2,124,261.

- +adopted ordinance to appropriate funds for the Workers Compensation Internal Service fund for 2015-16 to \$179,333.

- +amended the capital fund water system improvements project for 2013-14 to \$34,466,790,

- +amended the budget ordinance for 2014-15 to \$40,474,768.

- +granted a modification of the City of Kings Mountain subdivision ordinance on request of William P. Davis to



Mayor Rick Murphrey, right and Cpl. Lance Hamrick



Mayor Rick Murphrey, right and Cpl. Paul Alexander



Mayor Rick Murphrey, right and Clarence Wingo and Mrs. Wingo



Mayor Rick Murphrey, right and Ptl. Christopher Graham



Mayor Rick Murphrey, right and Ricky Duncan
Photo by **JAN HARRIS**

allow construction of a single family residence on a currently unoccupied portion of the property off Pepper Drive in the Oak Grove Community.

- +adopted a resolution authorizing the mayor to submit a building reuse grant application for Bulldog Metals. The grant will likely have a 5% or less local match of the total cost of the building upfit construction.

- +Okayed a request by

Bhogilal Mistry to withdraw the application for the request to amend the site plan for property at 716 Cleveland Avenue.

- +reappointed current members of the John H. Moss Reservoir Commission. They are Bill McMurry, Tyler McDaniel, Steve Marlowe and Ernest Rome, representing the City of Kings Mountain, and Russell Wingfield and Jim Burk, representing Moss Lake Property Owners Association.

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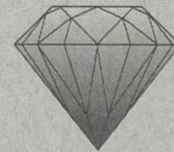


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