Annexation Discussed Monday Night

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A public hearing on paving, curb and guttering assessments on Maner Rd. raised the matter of voluntary and involuntary annexation in the City Commission meeting Monday night.

When the public hearing was held, a resident of Maner Rd., Tony Wells, told the board the contractor who poured the curb and guttering, Skidmore, had taken a concrete saw and "cut through my driveway".

Mayor John Moss said he knew of "four or five" similar noted the contractor had apparently cut the driveways anticipating curb and guttering further back from the street than it was actually poured.

The matter of assessments continued into annexation when one resident asked if

assessed the same as city dwellers.

City clerk, Joe McDaniel said, "yes, we assessed

Jack White, city attorney, noted he had been instructed by the city board to send registered letters to residents outside the city limits asking them if they if they wanted to come into the city voluntarily or go through the procedures of involuntary annexation. White said he had not sent the letters because "I have talked with several of the residents and the feeling seems to be that if we insure them immediate sewage facilities, they would be willing to come

into the city voluntarily. White then turned to a spectator, Betsy Allen, and asked if his impression were

'Not in my case," she said. "I don't receive city water rates and do not have my garbage picked up by the city

come into the city."
Attorney White stated, 'annexation is something a city can do under law to insure orderly growth of the city. He noted there were several "spotty" areas in the city where one lot was inside the limits and an adjoining lot was

Another resident, High Lancaster, asked how the assessments were determined and said at one point "I found myself in the city surrounded the county. I didn't know I had a choice or I would have stayed in the county."

City clerk McDaniel noted an estimate of the total job was taken and divided by two. The city pays 50 percent of the cost with the residents paying the other 50 percent. Then

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front footage is totalled and divided into the 50 percent to determine "cost per foot" assessments.

As far as assessing non-city dwellers, Jack White said, "the point we are debating tonight is whether we can legally assess non-city residents." The attorney said under state law residents cannot be billed for more than 50 percent of the toal cost of paving, curb and guttering and that it was his recommendation the board draft a petition for voluntary an nexation and those who would not take it, be brought under

the involuntary annexation procedures. Following the Commissioner Corbett Nicholson moved the

city have Skidmore repair the driveways that had been cut with the balance the city owes and then repair the rest with city money. A request by Fred Finger of Lambeth Roper to be reimbursed for \$976 in

water lines that firm laid was

also approved. In other business the board:
- held a public hearing and passed a resolution adopting sessment rolls for Caldwell St. to Maner Rd. More driveways in this area also

adopted a resolution declaring cost incurred at street intersections and orpreparation preliminary assessment rolls for Charles St. from York Rd.

- transferred one taxi

franchise from Frank Price of Price Cabs to James E. Dellinger.

- sent to the zoning board a request by Richard Owens to rezone property off York Rd. from R-20 to Heavy Industry and a request from Martin Harmon Jr. to rezone property off York Rd. from R-20 to

Heavy Industry.
- tabled for study three bids on cathodic protection of the city's natural gas system.
- granted a request from the

Kings Mountain Housing Authority to meter electricity at six future public housing sites rather than meter individual units.

- named the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad the "lead emergency agency at the John

from the school board to donate \$15,000 for seating at the Barnes Auditorium on the school campus. Superintendent of schools, Don Jones said the request had been made before the school board discovered the procedure would be very complicated and long. Instead the superintendent urged the city board to initiate a

program to beautify the area

around the auditorium including curb and guttering. - voted to expend \$1,700 in covering exposed catch-basins in the Southwoods development and continuing investigating to determine of the developer has any liabilities

from Jack White concerning water drainage in Southwoods. White said he had numerous complaints from citizens asking for drainage water. White said the people built their homes at the bottom of hills knowing drainage would come into their yards and I don't think it's a responsibility of the city

in these cases." scheduled a meeting concerning bowling facilities

in the city for April 22. - voted to retain the policy of giving city employes with five years service or more, two

weeks paid vacations. - approved budget of \$25,000 submitted by Kings Mountain Lake Authority.



ANYBODY SEEN DUFFY? Duffy is an Irish Setter and he

has been missing from 403 Neisler Dr., Kings Mountain, since Wed., Apr. 3. In the above photo Duffy is the dog on the right and that's David Neisler with him. Hayne Neisler (left) holds Riley, Duffy's son. Parks Neisler is in the middle. Duffy was een near the hospital. Henry and Marilyn Neisler have had Duffy for six years and they want him back. There's a \$25 reward for his return. Call 739-5058.

KM Taxpayers Get

Fee-Break At Lake

(From page 1A) Public launching area-

Total- \$25,000 The annual schedule of fees presented shows the break Kings Mountain taxpayers will receive:

Annual boat fee- \$25 for regular, \$15 for KM'ers Daily boat fee-\$4 regular, \$2

for KM'ers. Fishing licenses- \$10 annually regular, \$5 for tax-

payers.
Daily fishing license- \$1 regular, 50 cents for taxpayers. (Fishing license for 12 years and older. Under 12 is

Pier and-or dock fees- \$25 Ramp for single residential

Ramp for muli-use- (to be determined by negotiation).

Lease for single residential up to 300 feet- \$125 annually. Additional footage- 20 cents per foot.

Lake Authority member M.C. Pruette read the budget and stated, "the fees here sound mighty cheap to me."

Member Ray Cline said, "well we're just getting

started with this and things can be changed if need be. On a motion by Corbett Nicholson and seconded by Brooks Tate, the proposed budget was adopted subject to

city commission approval. The mayor then presented a map of the lake and noted the leasing committee needed to start working on leasing agreements with lake property owners. Moss said the city owns "eight vertical feet around the lake for pollution and flood control as provided by state law and the leasing committee needs to begin setting rules and regulations for that area." The mayor also indicated some areas should be "non-leasable" and kept for

Mayor Moss expressed pleasure over the budget committee's work and said the next order of business would be getting a leasing committee report and then safety

committee recommendations. The Lake Authority then discussed the matter of Lamar (Buddy) Young and his creosote pier piling. In their Mar. 7 meeting the Authority voted to allow Young to keep his wooden pilings but then on Mar. 10, the city board voted to have Young tear then down according to regulations adopted. The regulations called for concrete pilings.
Jack White recommended the Authority rescind their approval of creosote pilings and ask Young to comply with the "concrete" regulations.

In other business the board: Glee Bridges, Jack White and Ray Cline named to the leasing committee. designated the KM Rescue

Squad the lead emergency and rescue agency for the lake.

Bridges Service Is Today

Funeral services will be conducted today at 4 p.m. for Howard Bridges, 35, of Rt. 1, Kings Mountain, who died Tuesday in Charlotte Memorial Hospital after an illness of several weeks.

Rites will be conducted at Shady Grove Baptist Church, of which he was a member, by the Rev. Frank Taylor, Rev. Allen Morrison and Dr. rites and burial will follow in the church cemetery.

A Gaston County native, Bridges was a former partner in Bridges Barber Shop in Kings Mountain, a graduate of Tryon High School and mason and former master of Fairview Lodge Number 339

of Kings Mountain. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bridges; his wife, Mary Lou Mauney Bridges; one son, Timothy Bridges; one brother, Dennis Bridges; and one sister, Mrs. Leo Myers, all

of Kings Mountain. In lieu of flowers. memorials may be sent to Oxford Orphanage in Oxford,

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

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