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For Low Income Housing

\$1,800,000 Going Into Construction

By TOM McINTYRE
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The city commissioners Monday night approved plans for the Kings Mountain Housing Authority to purchase four parcels of property from the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission for the construction of 78 units for low income dwellings. Final approval is expected by Dec. 16 with bids being let the first week in January 1976.

Tom Harper, director of the housing authority, said he expects the contractor to be hired and construction to begin in February. The completion date is November 1976.

"We will ask for bids on 90 and 82 units," Harper said. "We have \$1,800,000 earmarked for this project. If the 90 units bids are more than we have budgeted, we will go to the 82 unit bid."

The four parcels contain approximately 11 acres of land and the purchase price is \$62,200. The plans and the price have been approved by HUD and Monday night by the city.

The parcels are designated as lots one, 75, 77 and 78 in the Cansler St. project. Lot one is located between W. King and Railroad Ave. and contains about 2 1/2 acres. On this site the housing authority proposes to construct 36 units for the elderly. The units will be 0-1 bedrooms. Zero indicates one person bedroom and one indicates a two-person bedroom.

This site, near the downtown business district, was selected for units for the elderly because of its proximity to the shopping district and doctors' offices.

Like Topsy, Yule Parade Just Grew

Like Topsy, the Kings Mountain Christmas parade just grew, said Jerry White. Last week White announced a "mini-parade" for the youngsters of Kings Mountain. The best there would have been for six units, plus Santa. "Something happened — guests began coming in everywhere. We suddenly found ourselves with more than 60 units for Wednesday's parade," White said. "This was really something. Each time anyone connected with preparing the parade got a call they told the other just to show up about 3 p.m. Wednesday down around Main Ave. and they would be lined somewhere in the line."

White said sometimes you can plan a parade for a month and not come up with as much enthusiasm as has been shown for yesterday's parade down Mountain St.

"I think people really felt closer to Wednesday's parade," White said. "Much more than they did for the big bash we had here on Oct. 7. With Vice President Rockefeller here the parade took second place."

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to the Wednesday afternoon press deadline of The Mirror-Herald, parade coverage and photos will appear in next week's edition.)

Wednesday's parade lineup included the following units:

- CHRISTMAS PARADE 1975
- K. M. Police Chief—Lead car
 - Sgt. Van Hoy—Sheriff Allen
 - K. M. Fire Chief's car
 - Mayor Moss car
 - City Commissioners car
 - Senator Harris—Senator Mauney
 - K. M. Rescue Unit
 - Carrousell Princess—Karen Robbs
 - Homecoming Queen — Tara Timms
 - U. S. Marine Color Guard
 - K. M. School Officials
 - K. M. High School Band
 - Scout Troop
 - Little football princesses
 - Little football cheerleaders
 - Float
 - Scout troop
 - Burlington Mill Unit
 - Jane's School of Dance
 - Mrs. O. O. Walker-Senior Citizens-Old car from Bug Shop
 - Mission Friends—Temple Baptist Church.
 - Jr. Police Group
 - K. M. Jr. Rescue Unit
 - Lance Cracker company Unit
 - Shrine vehicle
 - Shrine vehicle
 - Shrine vehicle
 - Scout troop
 - Old car
 - Old car
 - Old car
 - Bessemer city Chief of Police car
 - Kings Mtn. color guard
 - Bessemer City High School Band
 - Verlee Mask's truck
 - Shelby City Police car
 - Scout troop
 - Standard Trucking company car
 - Specialty Welding Co. clowns
 - Scout troop
 - Crest High School Band

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Lot No. 75 is located between N. City and N. Cansler Sts. and is about two acres. No. 77 is between Ridge and Cansler St., 2 1/2 acres, and No. 78 is between Childers, Tracy and Morris Sts. and contains about four acres.

The three parcels will be for about 42 units of one to five bedroom family dwellings of low income housing.

Also Monday night the redevelopment commission asked that portions of Morris and Tracy Sts. be closed "because there is no need for streets in the planned use of the property which is being conveyed to the housing authority," said Bill Carver of Ralph Whitehead and Associates, planners.

Council approved the request.

Grover Council Is Sworn

W. W. (Bill) McCarter took the oath of office as Grover's new Mayor and Tommy Keeter, Martha Byers and incumbent Comm. Bob Hambright, were sworn as councilmen Monday night.

The board met for the first time in a newly-designated town hall, the old fire station. Town Clerk Marjorie White administered the oaths as a small crowd of Grover citizens looked on.

Major business of the first meeting was appointed by Mayor McCarter of a citizens study committee to make a long range study of recreational needs of the town. Named to the committee were P. A. (Tippy) Francis, Judy White, Phillip Harry, June Morgan and J. D. Bolin.

McCarter, a former alderman, succeeds veteran Mayor C. F. Harry, Jr., who did not seek re-election and retiring after more than 30 years at the helm of town government.

Santa's Special Visit....

Santa made a special visit Wednesday.

After fulfilling his duties in the Christmas parade downtown he has his float taken on to the home of Shirley Moore. Shirley, 9, lives on Compact School Rd. The youngster is afflicted with terminal leukemia and cannot stray far from her bed.

Plans were made to have her ride in the parade, but physically she is unable to do it, so other arrangements were made.

It was no hardship for Santa. After all, that's what he is all about.

Mailing

Suggestions

Are Made

Postmaster Charles Alexander today urged all residents of Kings Mountain to please comply with the following suggested method in addressing envelopes for intra-city delivery.

Use the complete address of Kings Mountain and not just city. Using just "city" causes a delay in the delivery of the mail.

The complete address should be used on all correspondence.



Photos By Tom McIntyre

THE NEW TEAM — Magistrate Roberts administers the oath of office to the city's six new commissioners at Monday night's board meeting. Taking the oath are Commissioners

James Childers, Humes Houston, Corbet Nicholson (later named mayor pro-tem), Norman King, Fred Wright Jr. and Bill Grissom.

Nicholson, Pro-Tem

New Board Is Sworn

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Mayor John H. Moss and Commissioners James Childers, Humes Houston, Corbet Nicholson, Norman King, Bill Grissom and Fred Wright Jr. were sworn in Monday night.

The ceremony, conducted by Magistrate J. Lee Roberts, was held following a final meeting of the former board and a brief recess.

Families and friends of the new administration filled council chambers to witness the ceremony and following the rites the new board met in a short session to name Corbet Nicholson, district three, Mayor Pro-Tempore.

Nicholson was the single highest vote-getter in both the Oct. 7 election and the Nov. 4 runoff election.

David Flaherty, secretary of the N. C. Department of Human Resources, was scheduled to speak Monday night, but he was unable to leave New York City because of inclement weather.

Instead, Flaherty sent his "best wishes to the mayor and commissioners" and commented that his office "stands ready to assist in helping the city carry out effective government."

Mayor Moss made brief remarks, again underlining the importance of "citizen participation in government" as the key to effective and progressive government.

Meeting nights were again set for the second and fourth Mondays at 7:30 p. m. and holidays for city employes were set for Thursday and Friday, Dec. 25-26 and Thurs., Jan. 1. All city employes will receive a bonus for Christmas based on tenure. All department heads were rehired for a period of 90 days during which evaluation of performances will be made. The city will continue using the four banking institutions — First Union National Bank, First Citizens Bank and Trust, Home and Kings Mountain Savings and Loan associations — for fund deposits.

Following adjournment there was a reception and refreshments for the new city administration in council chambers.

Winter Concert Set

Annual Winter Concert of the Kings Mountain High School Junior Band and the Kings Mountain Senior High School Blazer Band will be presented Thursday night, Dec. 18, at 8 p. m. in B. N. Barnes Auditorium.

The program will include seasonal music as well as other selections. There will be no admission charge.

The KMJHS Band consists of the Eighth and Ninth Grades.



MAYOR TAKES OFFICE — Mayor John H. Moss takes the oath to begin his sixth term (and first four year term) as mayor. Magistrate J. Lee Roberts is shown administering

the oath to the mayor at Monday night's regular meeting at city hall. Moss was elected during the Oct. 7 balloting from a field of four candidates.

Parking Lot Contracts Awarded Monday Night

Bradley-Jenkins of Gastonia has been awarded the contract for construction of a 78-space municipal parking lot off Cherokee St. during Monday's city commissioners meeting.

The low base bid from Bradley-Jenkins was \$38,570.95. The original cost estimate drawn by Dennis Fox, city engineer, was \$40,180, which is four percent higher than the low bid.

Not included in the base bid is underground electrical wiring, lighting, water, sewer and gas main installation.

Bill Little, representative of Southeastern Engineering, recommended the electrical contract be awarded Burnup and Sims of Charlotte. These bids have been on file with the city since September.

"The low bid is in excess of \$179,024.50," Little said, "and the job will be spread over two fiscal budgets."

Little said the electrical job will not be finished until September of 1976. He said the contractor will be paid only for the work finished. During the current fiscal year the city's community development funds will provide \$92,000 on the electrical contract.

Fox said he expects work to begin on the Cherokee St. lot about mid-January 1976 and be completed by late Spring.

In other action the city awarded a contract to Acoustics, Inc. for acoustical work on the Kings Mountain Community Center. The contract is for \$15,980 and the funds will come the community development grant.

City commissioners approved a final plat for the Quail Run subdivision off Phifer Rd. during Monday's action.

The subdivision is in the one-mile perimeter and a community water system, which falls under the county's authority, and a street system to be maintained by the State Highway Department, are planned in the area. This leaves no responsibility on the city, such as it has in the North and South Woods developments.

The project is being developed by BDF Construction, Inc.

PEANUT SALE

The Peanut Sale sponsored by Kings Mountain Kiwanians reaped \$1,100 in proceeds for community projects. Peanuts left over from the sale are being presented to churches and schools for distribution.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations may still be submitted to any minister for candidates for Kings Mountain Layman of the Year. Letters of nomination should be submitted prior to Dec. 18 and Rev. Gary Bryant is chairman.

The board approved a request from the police department to place a stop sign at the intersection of Spies St. and Edgemont Ave. Also a motion by Commissioner James Amos that a warning line be painted on the street and that bushes and weeds be trimmed at the blind corner.

Voted to resubmit a request from Harley Gore that his property at the corner of Walker and Cansler Sts. be rezoned from R-8 (residential) to NB (neighborhood business) to the city planning board.

This is the third time this request has been before the city council. It has been withdrawn twice. A spokesman for Temple Baptist Church appeared at Monday's meeting to ask the board to consider the church property before voting on the matter. The church members have petitions against the rezoning request on file with the city.

Transferred a taxi franchise from Billy T. Whetstone to Horace G. Barrett.

Notice To Readers And Advertisers....

In order to give readers and advertisers full mailing and street sales service during the coming holidays, The Mirror-Herald will publish one day earlier than usual.

For Christmas, Wed., Dec. 24.
For New Years, Wed., Dec. 31.

This will necessitate moving all deadlines back in order to maintain the publishing schedule. The social and women's news

items must be by 10 a. m. on the Monday preceding the Wednesday dateline. Regular news items must be in by 10 a. m. on Tuesday before the Wednesday dateline.

The Mirror-Herald advertising staff will call on accounts earlier during these holiday schedules in order to assure service to businessmen and merchants.

The early deadlines are being observed as a service to our readers and advertisers and we appreciate your cooperation.