

GENERAL NEWS

City tax under fire

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 several services as a natural gas company to the city. It is hoped that the city will find additional sources of gas to be purchased by the city at lower rates, with the savings being passed on to all gas customers. Council member Betty Barton voted against the motion on a roll call vote.

According to City Superintendent Garle Vandendriessche, "We have a contract through 1987 with Columbia Gas." He also said that Columbia Gas would still be a supplier for the city, but other sources would be sought.
 Council member J. H. Barlow was appointed to the Planning Commission by a Council vote. Betty Barton voted against the reappointment.

The appointed Board of Adjustment members are A. V. Allison for two years; Dow Garrett for three years; and Lawrence "Doc" Marshall for four years.
 After Industrial Authority members Mark Mattox, Franko Hubler and Spot Marshall spoke to Council, members voted to pledge \$10,000 to the authority to be used toward potential industrial development.

Mayor Potts reported on Governor Morris L. Letcher's visit to the city building apartments which was coordinated by Charles Scanlon, was completed.
 The Mayor is suggesting that one day a week the city will accept any trash, large or small, for citizens. He appointed Gene Kelley as city coordinator, to be assisted by Betty Barnett, Jeff Tyree, Tommy Vaughn and Betty Barton.
 The Mayor, Council and Kelley attended a meeting on this project in Franklin January 21.

Unemployment shows gain

An increase in trade and manufacturing jobs was offset by a sharp drop in the number of agricultural jobs in Kentucky, driving unemployment rates up in 1986. The Department for Employment Services monthly survey of non-farm employers showed 90 more jobs in December than in November.
 Kentucky's rate jumped from 11.7 percent to 12.7 percent in December.

Figures released by the Cabinet for Human Resources show service industries had fewer unemployment rates in December than in November, while in four counties the rates were unchanged.
 Despite the month-to-month increase, it remains reported lower rates than they had in December 1985, when 26 counties had higher rates, and two had the same rates as they did year earlier.

The level jobs figures were a reflection of the statewide rate surrogates that revised 1.8 percent in November to a preliminary 4.7 percent in December.
 That rate remained well below the 5.3 percent figure recorded in December 1985. The national rate decreased from 6.8 percent in November to 6.3 percent in December.
 The comparable state and national rates are not necessarily adjusted. State labor market adjusted Ed Blackwell said December unemployment figures reflect the normal drop in farm jobs we see each year.
 Seventy counties reported job gains of 10.8 percent or above in December, compared to 56 in November and 77 in December 1985. The median labor force addition available non-military population are

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Sen. Jake Dale discusses the business license tax with City Council member Cameron Cook Monday night as the pair and her husband were leaving the regularly scheduled meeting. The pair argued before Council questioning the reason for the tax bill they received. — Tom McManis.



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