

**Mount Holly City Council
Work Session
February 5, 2001**

CALL TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR

The work session meeting of the City Council of Mount Holly was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by Mayor McLean. The following were present:

Mayor Frank McLean
Councilman Michael Helms
Councilman Jim Hope
Councilwoman Phyllis Harris
Councilwoman Pat Hubbard
Councilman Bryan Hough

Mayor Pro-Tem Bobby Black
City Manager David Kraus
Administrative Services Officer Jamie Guffey
Planning & Zoning Director Danny Jackson
City Attorney Kemp Michael

Item # 1 on the Agenda – Purchase of Hodgeson Property.

City Manager Kraus stated that our original offer of \$175,000 was rejected by Clariant. He also stated that the company is looking for an offer closer to tax value which is in the \$305,000 to \$350,000 range. He then asked Council if they wanted Staff to negotiate with the company on a price. Councilwoman Hubbard asked what staff's use to the building would be. City Manager Kraus said that the building would be used as a Public Works center and Recreation could possibly move into part of the building.

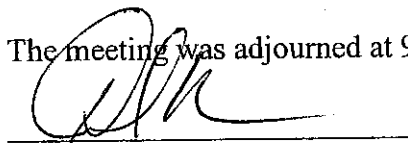
Councilman Hope asked how much money would be needed to upfit the building to make it usable by the City. He stated that if done, he wanted it done right. He then suggested that we get an architect to look at the building and give us a rough estimate of cost. City Manager Kraus stated that we will do this and bring this cost back to council.

Council gave permission for City Manager Kraus and City Attorney Michael to begin negotiating with Clariant on a purchase price for the building.

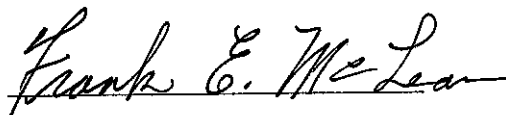
Councilman Hope then brought up the topic of co-existing vendors. He stated that he would like to see the topic added to the council retreat. He is concerned about the proposal to give the authority to grant co-existing permits to the board of adjustments. He thought that the final decision on granting permission should reside with Council. City Manager Kraus said he would put this on the retreat agenda.

Councilman Hough **MOVED** for adjournment at 9:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black and passed with no objections.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.



City Clerk



Mayor