

Special Meeting
Mount Holly City Council
January 22, 1996

This special meeting was held in City Hall, and was called to order by Mayor Frank E. McLean at 7:00 P.M. Those present were Councilmembers Phyllis Harris, Jim Hope, R. L. Duke, Andy Stewart, and David Hostetler, Jr., as well as Mayor Pro Tem Michael Helms, City Manager Phil Ponder, City Attorney Kemp Michael and City Auditor Trent Wilson.

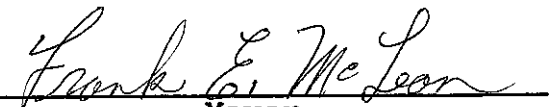
The purpose of the meeting was to provide Council with an overview of city finances. City Manager Phil Ponder initiated the discussion by discussing general fund revenues and expenditures. The City Manager stressed that the general fund was quite healthy financially, but that growth issues could soon impact the overall health of the fund.

Public Works Director Eddie Nichols provided an overview of water and sewer fund revenues and expenditures. Mr. Nichols stressed the need to consider raising sewer rates, due to increased costs associated with providing the service. Mr. Nichols noted that the City charges \$.95 per 1,000 gallon of treatment, while the actual cost of providing treatment was \$1.16 per thousand. Mr. Nichols also warned Council that the \$10 million dollar upgrade/expansion of the sewer plant was looming on the horizon, and that we would need to begin accumulating revenue to address these costs.

City Auditor Trent Wilson provided an overview of the debt service fund and capital reserve fund. Mr. Wilson pointed out that funding set aside in the capital reserve fund for future capital needs had increased in recent years. Mr. Wilson also pointed out the need to examine the possibility of refinancing some debt currently owed by the City.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


City Clerk


Mayor
