

that the City of Mt. Holly would be responsible for \$196,275. Mr. Guffey stated that as of January 1, 2008, per the directive of the State, our entire 911 fund balance will be converted to our General Fund for this one time only. Currently, we have \$220,000 in General Fund and our Substance Abuse Tax balance is \$55,000. Mr. Guffey stated that the City won't have to pay anything out of the General Fund for this system because of this directive.

Motion: Councilperson Hubbard made a motion to move forward with the E-911 and 800 MHz system as proposed by staff. Councilperson Harris seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no other business to discuss, Mayor Whitt entertained a motion to go into closed session to discuss matters of a contractual nature.

Motion: Councilman Hope made a motion to go into closed session to discuss matters of a contractual nature with Councilman McLean seconding the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Councilman McLean made a motion to come out of closed session. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Councilman Bishop made a motion to table the Town of Stanley's request for wastewater flow acceptance for the Stanley Commons Commercial Development. David Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Councilman McLean made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.


Mayor Robert Whitt


Eric Davis, City Manager

**CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, December 10, 2007
Tuckaseegee Community Building
105 Sports Lane, Mt. Holly, NC
7:00 pm**

Call to Order

Mayor Robert Whitt called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following were present:

Mayor Robert Whitt
Mayor Pro-Tem Phyllis Harris
Councilman David Moore
Councilman Jerry Bishop
Councilman Jim Hope
Councilperson Pat Hubbard
Councilman Frank McLean

Eric Davis, City Manager
Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Danny Jackson, Assistant City Manager
David Belk, Police Chief
Dale Oplinger, Fire Chief
Kemp Michael, City Attorney
Greg Beal, Planner

Newly elected Council members to be sworn in:

Councilman Perry Toomey
Councilman Bennie Brookshire
Councilperson Carolyn Breyare

Judge presiding at swearing in:

Senior Resident Superior court Judge Jesse Caldwell III

Invocation

Because Rev. Bob Winecoff of the First Baptist Church was not present, Rev. Max Pendleton, Retired, Catawba Heights Baptist Church, led the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Boy Scout Troop 59 of the First United Methodist Church in Mount Holly led attendees in the Pledge of Alliance.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Whitt asked for any changes or amendments to the Agenda.

Motion: Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman McLean seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

2. MINUTES

Mayor Whitt asked Council for any corrections to the Council Work Session Minutes of November 12, 2007. There were none.

Motion: Councilman Hope made a motion to approve the minutes of November 12, 2007 as presented. Councilperson Harris seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Whitt invited Council to go to the floor for Employee Awards and Recognitions.

3.EMPLOYEE AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Whitt stated that at this time, those employees with 5 years of service will receive their 5 year award. He asked that they come forward as their names are called.

The following employees received their 5 year award:

- *Lloyd Addis, Detective, Police Department*
- *Thomas Bell, School Resource Officer, Police Department*
- *Jim Benfield, Captain, Police Department*
- *Ann Bowen, Records, former Dispatcher, Police Department*
- *Joel Crisp, Maintenance Supervisor, Administration Department*
- *John Freeman, Street & Solid Waste Worker*
- *James Rankin, Street & Solid Waste Worker, former Utility Maintenance Worker*
- *Brian Reagan, Sergeant and Canine Officer, Police Department*
- *Lisa Stivala, Administrative Assistant, former Dispatcher*
- *Paula Wright, Deputy City Clerk, former Customer Service Clerk*

The following employees received their 10 year award:

- *Suzette Harper, Human Resources Director, former Customer Service Clerk*
- *Shannon Harris, Captain, Police Department*
- *Kelly Hoyle, Lieutenant, Police Department*
- *Buck Shuler, Deputy Director, Street and Solid Waste Department*
- *Scott Wright, Corporal, Police Department*

The following employees received their 20 year award:

- *June Barker, Administrative Assistant, Planning and Public Utilities Department, former employee of the Catawba Heights Sanitary Sewer District, former Tax Collector for the City of Mt. Holly*
- *Danny Jackson, Assistant City Manager, Community Development, former _____ and started with the City in the Recreation Department*
- *Miranda Pennington, Records Supervisor, Police Department, former Dispatcher Supervisor*
- *James Stancil, Wastewater Plant Operator, Grade 4 Operator which is the highest grade one could achieve*

Mayor Whitt stated that this year, there are two *Employee of the Year* award winners.

The Employee of the Year Award Winners are Dan Jackson, Maintenance Supervisor, Parks and Recreation Department and June Barker, Administrative Assistant with Planning and Public Utilities Department.

Mayor Whitt stated that Ms. Barker was nominated because she willingly helps other departments as needed. She is a dedicated employee who is revered by our elected officials for her positive interaction with them. She has mentored many new employees and leads by example.

Mayor Whitt stated that Mr. Jackson is exceptionally gifted in that he can build things that save city money and he is very knowledgeable in carpentry, plumbing and electrical and can handle a tremendous work load by being the caretaker of all City parks and buildings. He also leads by example and is very job conscious and dedicated.

4.RECOGNITION OF OUT-GOING COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Whitt invited Councilmembers Harris, Hope, and Hubbard to stay on the floor with him as the rest of the Council returned to the dais.

Mayor Whitt stated that he has had the pleasure of serving two years with Councilmembers Harris, Hubbard, and Hope. He highlighted some of Council's activities they have been involved with in the past two years and they are as follows:

The City has had a Moratorium

We developed and adopted design guidelines

We developed and are about to finish the Strategic Plan

We finished the Streetscape

We are designing the Linear Park

We are in the midst of constructing the Citizens Center

We are at work with the Mt. Holly Community Development Foundation on Greenways

We are adopting Greenway Plans

We are looking at putting a new water tank in downtown to help with water pressure and supply

We are looking at fair System Development Fees

The fund balance is a protected account

We are in the process of conducting a study with Charlotte Mecklenburg Utility Department for potential wastewater collaboration

We have acquired 220 acres of land for a conservation easement from downtown to Mt. Island Dam and partly around Mt. Island Lake

We have agreed to tie in with the City of Belmont for emergency water needs for the City

We are in the process of expanding Tuckaseegee Park and the first part of our Greenways is located here thanks to Council

We have made stormwater fees fair

We hired a new city manager

We have had our first Alive after 5 event here in Mt. Holly

Mayor Whitt stated that these activities just encompass the past 2 years whereas these Councilmembers have served far longer than that. Councilperson Hubbard has been in office for the past eight years. Councilman Hope has been in office for fifteen and a half years. Councilperson Harris has been in office for sixteen years. He added that this has been a long time for each of them and it is due in a large measure because of their love of the City of Mt. Holly.

Councilperson Hubbard has served ten years as Director of Springfest. Councilperson Harris did a great job with the Alive after 5 events and she did it with just the help of her sponsors - this is just one example of her dedication. Councilman Hope has worked tirelessly on the Construction Committee and because of them working 15 - 20 hours a week, the City has saved thousands of dollars. These Council members have made a massive contribution to this community and we will continue to see them working for the benefit of Mt. Holly.

Mayor Whitt read the Resolution honoring Councilperson Pat Hubbard for her time in office from June 14, 1999 to December 10, 2007.

Mayor Whitt read the Resolution honoring Councilman Jim Hope for his time in office on the Zoning Board from 1989 - 1992, and for his time in office as Councilman from June, 1992 until December 10, 2007.

Councilman Hope thanked his family and he said that he appreciated the staff and thanked all of them. He thanked the citizens and asked them to support the new Council and Mayor. He thanked Council and the Mayor. He learned from Kemp Michael that as he entered office that it is not about you....it is about the citizens of Mt. Holly. He thanked Mr. Michael.

Mayor Whitt read the Resolution honoring Councilperson Phyllis Harris for her time in office from December 9, 1991 to December 10, 2007.

Phyllis - email - speak from your heart > Very emotional time for her. Her husband - Ronnie - 16 years and he never complained. His son Gary was 17 when she started out. Her sister was helpful, Cindy Hayne her best friend in the world - thanked to them all. It has been a joy serving. She is so proud. Staff - fantastic staff. New Council - stay true to your heart.

Pat to speak. Thanks to staff, family, and the opportunity

A Day in the life of Mt. Holly

Eddy Nichols - a framed copy of the fire and rescue building.

Swearing in Ceremony of Newly Elected Officials

Senior Resident Superior Court Judge Jesse Caldwell III

Whitt practice law 32 years and they have known each other for 32 years.

Judge Caldwell gave a few words.

Carolyn Breyare was sworn in (and granddaughters)

Benny Brookshire was sworn in (and daughters)

Perry Toomey was sworn in (and his wife)

Mayor Whitt was sworn in (and his wife)

15 minutes recess

8:00 recess

Mayor Whitt called the meeting to order.

Consent Agenda

Nothing

Presentations

Nothing

Public Comment – 3 minutes

Nothing

New Business

Appointments:

Mayor Pro Tem: David Moore

City Clerk: Eric Davis

City Attorney: Kemp Michael

City Auditors: Collis & Assoc.

City Tax Collector: Kim Sturgis

Motion: McLean, Toomey, All

New Meeting Schedule

Work session on a Tuesday then City Council on Monday

Action at both meetings – get some space.

Second Monday to be changed to the 4th Monday – suggestion.

Moore – makes sense, staff recommended

2nd Monday and the 4th Monday – 14 and the 28 p Work Session

Motion: Benny, Carolyn, All

Other Business

Recreation Commission 7 members of it 2 women, 2 year term. Prepared? Appointments at the next meeting.

Recommendation – from Benny Livingston –

See outline – 7 people.

Whitt – appoint the Commission and they will appoint the Chairman.

Moore – opinion – leave it the way it is. Marshall Huffsteteler should be on the list. Need to look at.

Whitt – we will have the amend the ordinance

Motion Moore – Jackson – 12 members now.

Amend the Ordinance to increase the number to 10.

Kemp – change the number then the nomination.

Motion: Moore that we increase the number to 10 – Council change the Ordinance to 10.

McLean seconded the motion

Benny – he thinks they can serve with 7.

Moore – 10 people – you should attend the meeting to see how these members lead. These people have helped our city for years.

Amending the City Ordinance to 10 member, 2.39, increasing – delete any two of them must be women

3, 3, Mayor does a tie, defeated

Bishop, Moore, Mclean for and rest

Marshall Huffstetler will be added to the nominations. Benny closed the nominations.

Kemp – written ballot – sign your name at the bottom and it is open to the public. Each of you would vote for 7 people. Those with the highest number will be appointed. Tie, another vote.

Kemp – please fill out and pass back to him

A tally was taken

(a pause)

Kemp – second ballot must be passed out.

Vote of these two nominees, McCarty and Huffstetler and sign your ballot.

McCarty was not elected.

Motion: Moore, McLean to delete 2 women

3 MMB, 3 Mayor does a tie – vote we delete the requirement, motion carries. Carolyn to be a liaison to the committee.

Non voting, Belmont, Mt. Holly representative – Board of Dir Belmont Chamber of Commerce
2nd Tuesday 8:00 meets – learn about developments. Whitt can't represent – do we have any one to volunteer? No one to volunteer – City Manager will do it.

Mike McCurry – Manager of Freightliner. Jan or Feb for luncheon – Eric to coordinate schedule for this luncheon

Mr. Toomey – one matter – order of business, new plaque on the citizens center, we need to represent our view. Two handouts, exhibit 1 – adopted at the last city council, exhibit 2, recommendation of city staff?? Begin 2007 and April 2008 completion date – he thinks it is the most appropriate. Newly elected thinks the plaque should say just dedicated to the citizens of Mt. Holly.

Whitt reconsider

Motion: Toomey - Our first choice is dedicated to the citizens of mt. Holly, no names

Brookshire, seconded

Moore – it was talked about in depth, former officials, he liked what we did – he liked staff on it. Former council did for the Firedepartment and he thinks it should be about the same.

McLean – dedicated to the citizens

Carolyn – dedicated to the citizens

Bishop – no preference

Whitt – no problem – citizens of Mt. Holly – would like the plaque to be more inclusive – no one is excluded.

Toomey Brookshire - for

Moore, McLean, Bishop, Breyare – against

Mr. Toomey – exhibit 2 – city staff recommendation – three new councilmembers and others.
Begin date and end date.

Motion by Mr. Toomey, Benny seconded

Moore if we go with this, Danny Jackson and Jamie Guffey – can these be added

Toomey – he would need more information. No at this time

Breyare, Toomey, Brookshire

Bishop, McLean, Moore, - Mayor voted for it. – exhibit 2

Toomey – one other concern. At our last meeting, the new elevated water tank on Huitt Street. He has some questions – wants an engineer present. If it adds 20 psi – he wants to know more information on this. Whitt – the size of the tank, really

Whitt – Utility com. Was split on the decision

Moore – agree with the information but the former tanks were too small. Reason for the size is important. McLean pressure is the same with either. It is for the future. McLean – appropriate at our next work session.

Benny – wants to know about the turnover rate. How often the water is turned over. McLean is thinking about the future.

City Manager will have engineer on January 14.

Adjourn

Toomey, Brookshire, All