

City Council
Regular Meeting
December 8, 1997

CALL TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR

The regular meeting of the City Council of Mount Holly was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor McLean. The following were present:

Mayor Frank McLean, Jr.

Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Helms

Councilwoman Phyllis Harris

Councilman Andy Stewart

Councilman Jim Hope

Councilman R. L. Duke

Police Officer

Adm. Services Dir. Sherry Borgsdorf

Public Works Director Eddie Nichols

Planning & Zoning Dir. Danny Jackson

City Attorney Kemp Michael

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Rev. Reggie Parker.

POSTING OF COLORS

The Gaston County Firefighters Association Honor Guard was to lead the Posting of Colors, but were not able to attend that evening.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor McLean led the Council and audience in the ceremony of the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The minutes of November 10, 1997 were approved as written upon **MOTION** by Councilman Helms, seconded by Stewart, with all in favor.

PROCLAMATIONS

A Proclamation by Mayor McLean to David Hostetler was read and presented to him, honoring his service on the City Council. (copy attached)

A Proclamation by the Mayor to Dr. Robert L. Duke in appreciation for his 20 years of service on Council was read and presented to him. (copy attached) Dr. Duke said it has been an honor for him to serve the City of Mt. Holly.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

The swearing in ceremony of elected officials was presided over by Judge Harley B. Gaston, Jr.. First, Mayor McLean was sworn in, with his wife, Colleen McLean, at his side, along with other family members.

Next, Michael Helms was sworn in as a Councilmember by Judge Gaston.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointments.

- a. Mayor Pro-Tem: Councilman Helms **MOVED** that Councilwoman Harris be accepted as Mayor Pro-Tem for the next two years pursuant to guidelines adopted on February 12, 1996 by the City Council. Councilman Hough seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- b. & c. City Manager & City Clerk & City Treasurer: Councilwoman Harris **MOVED** to appoint Phillip G. Ponder, Jr. as City Manager, City Clerk, and City Treasurer; motion seconded by Councilman Black, with all in favor.
- d. Tax Collector: Councilwoman Harris **MOVED** to appoint June Barker as Tax Collector, which motion Councilman Hough seconded, and which was unanimously carried.
- e. City Attorney: Councilman Hope **MOVED** to appoint Kemp Michael as City Attorney, seconded by Councilwoman Harris, with all in favor.
- f. City Auditor: Mr. Trent Wilson, of Cherry, Bekaert and Holland, was appointed as City Auditor upon **MOTION** by Councilwoman Harris, seconded by Councilman Black, with all in favor.
- g. CCOG Delegate and Alternate: Mayor McLean appointed Councilwoman Harris to be our delegate and Councilman Helms as alternate.
- h. Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Delegate and Alternate: Mayor Mclean appointed Councilwoman Harris as the delegate and Councilman Hough as the alternate.
- i. Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Delegate: Mayor McLean appointed the City Manager, Phil Ponder, to be our delegate.
- j. & k. Utility Committee & Leak Adjustment Committee: Mayor McLean appointed Councilman Hope and Councilwoman Harris to these committees.
- l. Beautification Committee: Councilman Stewart **MOVED** to appoint Cy Frazier as Chair of the Beautification Committee, and to renew the membership of those currently serving: Ann Frazier, Camille Jessen, JoAnn Duke, Frances Springs, Patsy Norwood, and Margaret Abernathy; motion seconded by Councilwoman Harris, and carried by unanimous vote.
- m. Recreation Committee: Councilwoman Harris and Councilman Stewart were appointed to serve on this committee upon **MOTION** by Councilman Helms, seconded by Councilman Hough, with all in favor.
- n. Image Committee: Mayor McLean dissolved this committee.

Councilman Helms will continue to serve on the ABC Board, upon **MOTION** by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Black, with all in favor.

2. Optimist Club Proposal for New Community Building:

Vance Furr, one of the members of the Board of Directors, was recognized, and spoke to Council on behalf of the Optimist Club. In attendance with him were Cynthia White and Vicki Denton. The Club is going to build a new building on Sports Drive adjoining Tuckaseege Park, on 1.0862 acre of land donated by A&E Mills. They want to re-survey the lot and trade with or give a portion to the City so lot is squared off. Also, he provided an appraisal for the lot. They currently have \$111,000 for this project. He also presented a diagram of the proposed building floor plan. They feel this will be beneficial to the City for its recreation programs as well, including volleyball because of the height. They plan an after school child care program. It will also be available for events like parties, even the annual community dinner. They want the City to help. The Club will set up a committee and want the Council's two members who sit on the Recreation Committee to serve on it. Councilman Stewart asked if the help they need involves monetary help. Mr. Furr said they feel they can build the building, but may need help equipping it, perhaps in the form of a grant or other funding which the City might help them obtain. Councilman Hough asked if the lot is vacant; he said it is wooded, and it would help if the City would pave it. Mayor McLean invited them to return when they get the other information needed.

REPORTS

Six reports noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ROUND TABLE

Councilman Hough said he is thankful to be here, and looks forward to working with the Council.

Councilman Black is happy to be here and is grateful and honored to be up here with such great people.

Councilman Hope said he is very disappointed that the Planning Commission did not render an opinion on the matter considered that evening, that it is their job, and he has always respected their recommendations. Councilman Stewart and Councilwoman Harris agreed.

Councilman Helms said he is glad to be back on Council, looks forward to the next two years and hopes to get a lot done.

City Attorney Michael said he is also glad to be here and looks forward to serving the new Council.

Mr. Reggie Parker said the Ministerial Association thanks the Council for having them come each month.

City Manager Phil Ponder asked the Council if they wish to change the regular meeting time since some have previously commented they would like to do so. Councilwoman Harris **MOVED** to change the time for the regular Council meeting to 7:00 P. M., which motion was seconded by Councilman Helms. Councilman Hope said we should have a cut off at 11:00 also. Motion as stated carried by unanimous vote.

City Manager Ponder, asked the Council to begin thinking about when they would like to set a date for the planning retreat by the Council held in January or February, and perhaps decide at the next meeting.

Mayor McLean said he will try to conduct the meetings as quickly and accurately as possible, and thanked all for being here tonight.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

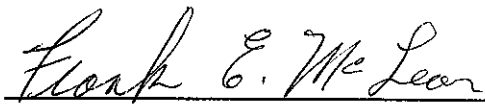
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned upon motion by Councilman Black, seconded by Councilman Hough, with all in favor.

8:35 PM



City Clerk



Mayor

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