

**Mount Holly City Council
Work Session
December 4, 2001**

CALL TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR

The work session meeting of the City Council of Mount Holly was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor McLean. The following were present:

Mayor Frank McLean	City Manager David Kraus
Mayor Pro-Tem Bobby Black	Administrative Services Officer Jamie Guffey
Councilman Michael Helms	Interim Public Utilities Director Jeff Fritts
Councilman Jim Hope	Planning & Zoning Director Danny Jackson
Councilwoman Pat Hubbard	Fire Chief John Ekiatis
Councilman Bryan Hough	Parks & Recreation Director Zip Stowe
City Attorney Kemp Michael	Police Chief Ricky Davis
	Streets and Solid Waste Director Mike Santmire

The Invocation was lead by Mayor McLean.

Item # 1 on the Agenda – Increase in Police Overtime Budget.

Police Chief Davis told Council that the Police Department have had 166 disturbance calls in a 5 block area in 5 month in the City East end. He stated that there was a near riot in this area the day of the Christmas Parade. He is proposing to increase the Police over time budget line by \$15,000 to patrol or "wolfpack" the highest crime areas of the City on weekends. Chief Davis stated that the officers chosen to work this overtime will be the best and will have a zero tolerance policy during the shift. He also stated that the City is trying to get several house declared nuisances. City Manager Kraus stated that the money would be moved from contingency.

Item # 2 on the Agenda – Draft Agenda Items.

City Attorney Michael suggested to move presentations around on the agenda and have the presentation to Eddie Nichols family last. Mayor Pro-Tem Black suggested move the consent agenda up to after the swearing in but before new business.

Mayor Pro-Tem Black asked if Cindy Michael had a title. City Manager Kraus stated that maybe she could be given the title of Deputy City Clerk since she takes the minutes for council.

City Manger Kraus had two additions for the agenda. First, Council needs to pass a resolution of intent to close a portion of gravel drive. Second, Council needs to pass a resolution to place a lien on the property that was the pillow factory to pay back the city for the demolition of the structure.

Councilman Hough asked if the City was ready to adopt impact fees. City Manger Kraus stated that the calculations have been redefined and that Mike Wolf is ready to present these to Council for their consideration. Councilman Hough then asked about the audit. City Manger Kraus stated that overall the audit was good, but the City needs to consider raising water and sewer rates.

Item #3 on the agenda - City Hall Hours.

City Manger Kraus stated that he feels that city hall could better serve the citizens of Mount Holly if it opened at 8:00 instead of 8:30. This would cost the City an extra \$6,000 this year. City Manager Kraus asked if Council had any negative comments on opening earlier. No Council member had any negative comment and City Manager Kraus stated that the new hours would begin on January 2, 2002.

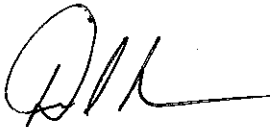
Round Table.

Mayor Pro-Tem Black stated that he would like to see a letter sent to all the residents of Old Mine Road, telling them what the City can and cannot do about the smoke problem. City Manager Kraus stated that he would type a letter and get it to Council for comments, before the meeting Monday night.

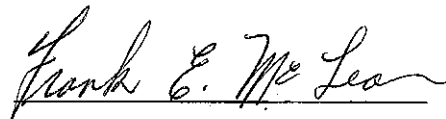
Councilman Hough stated that he would like to thank all of the street crew for all their hard work at this year's parade.

The Council then went into closed session to discuss employee of the year.

Mayor Pro-Tem Black **MOVED** for adjournment at 8:38. The motion was seconded by Councilman Helms and passed with no objections.



City Clerk



Mayor