CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, November 12, 2007
City Hall
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	Eric Davis, City Manager
Mayor Pro-Tem Phyllis Harris	Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Councilman David Moore	Danny Jackson, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Jerry Bishop	David Belk, Police Chief
Councilman Jim Hope	Dale Oplinger, Fire Chief
Councilperson Pat Hubbard	Kemp Michael, City Attorney
Councilman Frank McLean	Greg Beal, Planner
	James Friday, Director of Utilities

Invocation
Rev. Bill Baulding, Mt. Holly Pentecostal Holiness Church

Pledge of Allegiance
Boy Scout Troop 59 of the First United Methodist Church in Mount Holly led attendees in the Pledge of Alliance. The Troop Leader informed Council and the Mayor that Troop 59 and Pack 45 collected 1,870 pounds of food for the CRO and that the Scouts will be collecting again this weekend.

Set the Agenda
Mayor Whitt reminded the audience that there is a Public Comment period on the agenda tonight and invited citizens who wished to speak before Council for three minutes to signup to speak.

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

Mayor Whitt requested that item 1, *To Accept and Approve the Minutes*, be removed from the Consent Agenda and be placed as a separate item after the Consent Agenda, prior to Presentations. He also requested that item 2, *To approve the Final Plat for Kendrick Farms Subdivision, Phase 3, Map 1,* be moved to Other Business as the first item.

There were no other changes to the Agenda

Motion: Councilman Hope made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilperson Harris seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

<u>**RECOGNITION OF VETERANS**</u>

Mayor Whitt stated that today was Veterans Day and he asked that all Veterans stand and be recognized.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items made up the Consent Agenda:

1. To approve the supplemental appropriation of decorative street lights in the Runnymead Subdivision.
2. To approve the Municipal Records Retention and Disposition Schedule.

Mayor Whitt entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion: Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with Councilman McLean seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Mayor Whitt asked Council for any corrections to the Council Work Session Minutes of October 2, 2007, and for the City Council Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2007.

Councilman Bishop stated that in the Council Work Session minutes, page 6, second paragraph from the bottom of the page, the class for newly elected officials was to occur in Asheville, North Carolina, instead of Nashville, Tennessee. On page 1 of the City Council minutes, second paragraph from the bottom, Hewlett Street should be spelled Huitt Street. This street name appeared on page 10 four times and was should be corrected.

Councilman Hope stated on page 4 of the Council Work Session minutes, the sentence which reads, "We will be receiving a credit of approximately 50% toward the cost of replacing the sheetrock on the second floor of the Citizens Center due to the windows situation" should be revised to read "We will be receiving a credit of approximately 50% toward the cost of the Grand Hall floor replacement."

Mayor Whitt stated that on page 5, Council Work Session minutes, 3rd paragraph down, the "Downtown Community Development Foundation" should read "Mt. Holly Community Development Foundation." On the same page, 5th paragraph down, "Tim Gauss" should be spelled "Tim Gause." On page 1, City Council meeting, under **Set the Agenda**, "one Public Hearings" should be "one Public Hearing." On page 6, third paragraph from the bottom of the page, "Mr. David" should be "Mr. Davis." On page 7, under **Public Comment**, 3rd paragraph, "Ryan Estates" should be "Rhyne Estates." Mayor Whitt stated that on page 7, second paragraph from the top, under the **Motion** to go with a 6 month contract with Sperry Van Ness, he did not see who seconded the motion. Councilperson Hubbard stated that Councilman Hope seconded the motion. On page 8, under *To discuss November Work Session*, second sentence, "He" should be "Mr. Davis" and in the next sentence "He" should also be "Mr. Davis."

Motion: Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Work Session of October 2, 2007 and the City Council Meeting of October 8, 2007 as corrected. Councilman McLean seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Proposed Strategic Vision Plan Market Study, presented by Deb Ryan, Urban Institute

Ms. Ryan stated that the study presented to Council and the Mayor is the final draft of the proposed Market Study. The study is based upon previous discussion with the City Council, City staff, and the general public via public forums.

Ms. Ryan stated that there were two main areas that were recently revised per comments received. These areas are on page 3 - the SAT scores information and on page 11 - the directive to purchase the Old Cotton Mill.

Ms. Ryan stated that this document does not required adoption, just acceptance by the City Council and it does not necessarily have to be approved as a policy. She added that annexation is not part of this study at this point.

Motion: Councilperson Hubbard made a motion to accept the Market Study without annexation as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Moore and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Request to proclaim March 29th as Vietnam Veterans Day, presented by Roy Miller

Mr. Roy Miller
1695 Windemere Road
Mt. Holly, NC
Outside city limits

Mr. Miller asked Council and the Mayor to consider proclaiming March 29 as Vietnam Veterans Day. He stated that on March 29, 1973, the last 2,500 American troops were withdrawn from South Vietnam. The Vietnam War was an 11 year war and 58,195 American soldiers fought and died during it. Of those numbers 1,609 soldiers from North Carolina died. He wished the City of Mt. Holly to honor this date from henceforth. He added that 14 other states are involved in making this date official and the Governor of Tennessee has signed a proclamation to this effect.

Mayor Whitt thanked Mr. Miller for his presentation and stated that Council will take this matter under consideration during their Work Session on December 4, 2007.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Whitt stated that there are three people signed up to speak.

Mr. Scott Morrison
108 Village Glen Way
Mt. Holly, NC
(Outside of city limits)

Mr. Morrison stated that he received a water bill fine of $3,700. There was a malfunction in one of his irrigation zones on his property and the problem is now rectified. He asked Council to allow him some leniency in this fine since it was not intentional and unknown to him.

Mayor Whitt asked Mr. Morrison if he had petitioned the Leak Adjustment Committee. Mr. Morrison stated that he had not but he had been in contact with James Friday of the City who suggested that he speak before Council on this matter.

Councilman Hope asked Mr. Friday to speak on this matter. Mr. Friday stated that registered letters and notices from the Post Office were sent to Mr. Morrison and they were never picked up. There had been physical evidence of water across the driveway as seen from the road.

Councilman Hope asked if the $3,700 fee was all fines. Mr. Friday stated that it was all fines. Mr. Friday stated that five notices were sent by registered mail and one hand delivered by a police officer. Mr. Morrison's reason for not picking up the notices was because of his ill children in the home and long working hours.

Councilperson Hubbard asked Mr. Friday how did the fines escalate to such an amount? Mr. Friday stated that there were seven violations - the first violation cost $300 a day, the next day was $400, and the next day was $600 which was the fine from that day forward per day.

Councilman Hope advised that this matter will be considered at our Work Session on December 4, 2007 as we need more information to make a determination. Councilman Bishop agreed.

Mayor Whitt thanked Mr. Morrison for this information.

Mayor Whitt invited Mr. Gary Cooper to come up to the podium for his public comment.

Gary Cooper
116 Lynwood Dr.
Belmont, NC
(In Mt. Holly city limits)

Mr. Cooper requested that the City of Mt. Holly check on the zoning and investigate the residence at 114 Lynwood Drive because he believed a business was being conducted out of it. There are too many vehicles parked at this home for the lot size and there has been damage to neighbors' property by these vehicles.

Mayor Whitt asked Mr. Cooper who lived at this address and what type of business was being run. Mr. Cooper stated that Mr. Kelly lives at this residence and that there are two businesses running out of this residence - Kelco Home Service and Denham Heating and Repair. Mr.

Cooper stated that he filed a formal complaint with the City of Mt. Holly but he wasn't sure if anything had been done to this point.

Mayor Whitt thanked Mr. Cooper for his comments and told him that Greg Beal of the City will be talking with him about this matter.

Mayor Whitt invited Mr. Bruce Engle to come to the podium for his public comment.

Mr. Bruce Engle
115 Lynbrook Dr.
Belmont, NC
(In Mt. Holly city limits)

Mr. Engle stated that he wanted to add his comments to what Mr. Cooper had already told Council and the Mayor. He was very concerned about the number of vehicles coming in and out of their neighborhood. He presented pictures of the vehicles and the damage to property as a result of these vehicles.

Mayor Whitt asked Mr. Engle if he filed a complaint with the City. He stated that he didn't as he wasn't sure what to do. Mayor Whitt stated that Mr. Beal will be speaking with him tonight and thanked him for his comments.

NEW BUSINESS

1. To consider construction bid award for the Tuckaseegee Park Expansion Project, presented by Danny Jackson, Assistant City Manager

Mr. Jackson stated that the bid for the Tuckaseegee Park Expansion Project was advertised and there were nine bids. The bid opening was held on November 1, 2007 with 5 of the 9 bidders being present. Huffman Grading Company from Hickory, NC was the low bidder in the amount of a base total bid of $565,002.13 which includes a 10% contingency to cover any problems with the project site. A total alternate #1 bid for $28,885.50 was submitted as well. For this phase of the project, the total would be $593,886.48. The bid has been recommended by WK Dickson. The City's Parks and Recreation Commission is recommending awarding the construction bid to Huffman Grading Company to Council and the Mayor. Councilman Moore added that the Parks and Recreation Commission looked at this bid thoroughly and recognized the concerns of Council that this project should be watched closely and they were comfortable their recommendation. Councilman Hope stated that the Construction Committee had also recommended their approval of awarding the construction bid to Huffman Grading Company.

Motion: Councilperson Hubbard made a motion to accept the bid from Huffman Grading Company of Hickory, NC for the first phase of the Tuckaseegee Park Expansion Project in the amount of $593,886.48 which includes Alternate #1 as presented. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

2. To consider a Resolution to join the Catawba-Wateree Water Management Group, presented by James Friday, Utilities Director

Mr. Friday stated that this matter involves the current Comprehensive Relicensing Agreement for the Catawba-Wateree Hydro Project. According to this Agreement, a Water Management Group needs to be formed as a tax-exempt, non-profit corporation. He added that the Agreement also recommends that the parties involved with the proposed group adopt a standard Resolution authorizing the formation of the Water Management Group which would consist of municipalities from Lake James to Lake Wateree. For the first year, Duke Power has offered to pay the participating municipalities dues and National Gypsum has agreed to pay ¼ of our dues from then on. Mr. Friday stated that he has been involved with this program for over a year with regards to establishing their bylaws. He added that some of the practical purposes of this Water Management Group formation would be to monitor wells for groundwater, to interconnect different municipalities, and that money would be available for stated funded grants and for other emergencies.

Mayor Whitt mentioned that Mt. Holly dues would be $5,635 a year and he was curious why Belmont's dues were lower at $3,775. Mr. Friday stated that Belmont uses less taps than Mt. Holly and that is why their dues are cheaper.

Mr. Friday stated that the deadline for the Resolution is November 15, 2007. He said that he had been distracted by the drought issues and regretted not bringing this to Council's attention sooner.

Mayor Whitt asked if the Bylaws will allow us to withdraw from this Water Management Group if we so wished? Mr. Friday stated that if participants do not pay their dues, they will not be part of Water Management Group. Being part of this Group will bring municipalities in line and we will all share equally in water management. Currently, Mt. Holly has a good managed river basin and being part of this Water Management Group will contribute to it as well.

Councilperson Hubbard asked what are the disadvantages of belonging to the Group. Mr. Friday stated that the only disadvantage he could think of was the $5,635 in dues. Councilperson Hubbard asked if Mt. Holly would be relinquishing our power and rights? Mr. Friday stated Mt. Holly would not. Councilman Hope asked how critical is the date, Nov. 15, for this Resolution and stated that he would have preferred to discuss this at the December 4, 2007 Work Session meeting. Mr. Friday stated that all he would have to do is to let them know we will be late with our Resolution.

Mr. Davis stated that conceptually, the City of Mt. Holly should consider being part of the Catawba-Wateree Water Management Group. He doesn't know all the details as yet but all municipalities that take the water from these sources should be involved. A few months wait to join should not effect us as we find out more information to submit our Resolution.

It was the consensus of Council and the Mayor to postpone further discussion of this item until the December 4, 2007 Work Session.

3. To consider City Council meeting schedule for December, presented by Eric Davis, City Manager

Mayor Whitt stated that it was the consensus of Council that the December work session was still scheduled for December 4, 2007.

4. To consider Institute for Transportation Research and Education (ITRE) proposal for Pavement Management, presented by Eric Davis, City Manager

Mr. Davis stated that in a previous meeting, he informed Council and the Mayor about a formal process to manage the City's street system (pavement management) performed by ITRE which is part of NC State University. The Pavement Study Analysis would cost approximately $10,000 and this amount would be paid out of Powell Bill Funds. He added that ITRE will provide a priority ranking and an impartial view of the City's street system. Mr. Davis added that this is one part of a two part process provided by ITRE. The second part involves evaluating and recommending new streets.

Councilperson Hubbard asked if this a one time contract? Mr. Davis said that it was.
Councilman Bishop asked how fast will it take for this study to be completed? Mr. Davis said that it would take about one week to do and up to two to three months to complete the report for Council's review.

Motion: Councilperson Hubbard made a motion to authorize the City Manager to contract with the Institute for Transportation Research and Education (ITRE) for the Pavement Management Survey for the City of Mt. Holly. Councilperson Harris seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

5. To consider Utility Allowance increase of Holly Hill Apartments, presented by Danny Jackson, Assistant City Manager

Mr. Jackson stated that on a yearly basis, the Federal Government requires a study to justify how much money it will extend towards a tenant's utility bills and how much the tenant is responsible for when paying their utility bills. The Statesville Housing Authority, the Management Agent for the City of Mount Holly, has hired a firm to conduct the required utility study. As a result of their study, which does not incur any expense to the City, the Statesville Housing Authority is recommending that the City approve the recommended increases for utility allowances.

Motion: Councilman Hope made a motion to approve Resolution 111207A authorizing the increase for Utility Allowance at Holly Hills Apartments, as recommended by the Statesville Housing Authority, acting as the Management Agent for the City of Mt. Holly. Councilperson Hubbard seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

6. To consider awarding contract for Citizens Center telephone equipment, presented by Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager

Mr. Guffey stated that the City received three telephone equipment quotes for the new City Hall and the Police Department from ACCUNET, ATCOM, and Windstream. Mike Gruno, the City's IT Director, reviewed these quotes for the past three months and recommends ATCOM because it is more stable company and their quote was cheaper. ACCUNET was far out of the price range. ATCOM and Windstream features and costs were an "apples to apples" comparison.

Mr. Guffey stated that ATCOM's 60 month lease will cost $1,561.30 per month. Currently we pay approximately $2,500 a month. This system is a voice over IT system so there are savings in the wiring costs because our computers and telephones are connected into one cable.

Councilman Bishop asked if a major failure with the system occurred, how long would it take to get us running again. Mr. Guffey stated that ATCOM is located in Charlotte in the Coliseum area and in an emergency, they guarantee a 1 hour turnaround.

Mayor Whitt asked what would a maintenance contract cost after five years? Mr. Guffey stated that currently, a maintenance agreement would cost around $3,000 but we won't know exactly what it will cost in 5 years. Mr. Davis added that there is always new technology coming out every year and current technology is not always support through the years.

Councilman Hope stated this situation is different for the City because we have more than 5 phones and that the Police Department is part of this system as well. Councilperson Harris stated that we have to think about the requirements for the Police Department's equipment and their needs. Councilperson Hubbard concurred that the Police Department's equipment should be top of the line.

Motion: Councilperson Hubbard made a motion accept the ATCOM bid for telephone equipment for the new Citizens Center with a 60 month Fair Market Leasing option. Councilperson Harris seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

7. To consider adopting the State Christmas Holiday schedule, presented by Eric Davis, City Manager

Mr. Davis stated that the State grants a third day off when Christmas falls on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday but only grants two days off if Christmas falls on any other day. This situation occurs three years out of seven years. Since Christmas this year falls on Tuesday, the State schedule would be having Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday off.

Motion: Councilperson Hubbard made a motion to adopt the State Christmas Holiday Schedule as proposed by the City Manager. Councilman Moore seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Whitt asked for a five minute break.

After a five minute break, Mayor Whitt called the meeting back to order.

8. To consider a commemorative plaque for the Citizens Center, presented by Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager

Mr. Guffey requested that City Council decide on the wording for the commemorative plaque for the Citizens Center so that it can be ordered. These plaques are traditionally put on the fronts of city buildings with the names of the City Council, the Mayor, the City Attorney, the name of the Architect and General Contractor, etc. inscribed on them. A 16 x 24 plaque from Triple A Trophy would cost around $1,200.

Councilman Hope stated that, as we have previously discussed, the location of the plaque would be right inside the entrance of the Grand Hall.

Councilman Moore requested that the City secure a couple more quotes and he suggested that we could get one from Gene Hawkins. Mr. Guffey said he would get some more quotes and that he will have them by the Work Session on December 4, 2007.

9. To consider the Planning Commission reappointments, presented by Danny Jackson, Assistant City Manager

Mr. Jackson stated that some of the Planning Commission members' one year appointments have expired. These Planning Commissioners are Myles Biggerstaff, Leroy Thorns, Will Crist and Barry Rumfelt. Mr. Jackson stated that new members serve for one year and at the end of that first year, City Council, based on the recommendation received from the Planning Commission, recommends a 3 year reappointment of these members. On November 5, 2007, the Planning Commission voted to recommend to City Council the reappointment of Myles Biggerstaff, Leroy Thorns, Will Crist and Barry Rumfelt to a three year term to expire in December, 2010.

Motion: Councilman Bishop made a motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to reappoint Myles Biggerstaff, Leroy Thorns, Will Crist and Barry Rumfelt for three year terms to expire in December, 2010. Councilman McLean seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Construction Committee

Councilman Hope stated that the Construction Committee will be meeting tomorrow morning. He stated that the contingency fund is getting slim. There is a cost of $37, 914 for the removal of bad soil in the area around the Grand Hall to prepare for the concrete footings and for concrete forming. There is a cost of providing additional lintels costing $28,536 and this cost was not anticipated but is now required because of a structural engineering assessment. There were costs for 320 linear feet of new façade and 368 feet of new overhang because when the existing guttering was removed, the wood was not in a condition that could be reused. Councilman Hope stated that these contingencies totaled around $87,000 and all of these changes were found by third party inspector that the City hired to protect the City and that these contingencies were not foreseen.

Mayor Whitt entertained a motion that these three items known as Change Orders be approved by Council and be paid out of the Contingency Fund. Councilman Hope stated that he would make the motions as part of the recommendation of the Construction Committee.

Motion: Councilman Hope made a motion to approve Change Order #38, to provide lintels to go above windows and doors, per design shown on S2.2, Revision No. 4, in the cost of $28,536 be paid out of the Contingency Fund. Councilperson Hubbard seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Councilman Hope made a motion to approve Change Order #23, for the removal of bad soil in the area around the Grand Hall to prepare for the concrete footings and concrete forming, and that the cost of $37,914 is paid out of the Contingency Fund. Councilperson Hubbard seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Councilman Hope made a motion to approve Change Order #40, for new soffits at the Police Station and the retail area of the Citizens Center, and that the cost of $23,307.68 be paid out of the Contingency Fund. Councilperson Hubbard seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Hope stated that regarding the city manager's new office, there is neither privacy nor soundproofing in his office and this will need to be rectified. This would be an add and would not be a contingency.

Councilman Hope that the "store front" of the Citizens Center could be changed to accommodate larger offices and this would be the best use of this area. The electrical work and painting involved would cost $8,726.92. Councilman Hope was not asking for approval on this tonight as the Construction Committee has not had the opportunity to meet with the architect or contractor on this. He stated that he will come back to the Work Session with more information on these items.

Councilman Hope showed the Council and Mayor the laminate that he suggests should go on top the wood counters in Council Chambers. He was concerned that if the wood was exposed without laminate, any writing on the wood counter would etch through. He added that there should be no cost difference on this since the contractor will be using a different type of wood with the laminate covering. It was the consensus of Council that this laminate be considered advisable at the Construction Committee meeting tomorrow.

Utility Committee

Councilman Bishop stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

Special Events

Councilperson Harris stated that the Veterans Day ceremony occurred this morning. There were around 50 people in attendance and the Boy Scouts were present and retired a flag.

Councilperson Harris asked Council and the Mayor to let her know if they would be interested in having a dinner out during the Holiday Season.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. To approve the Final Plat for Kendrick Farms Subdivision, Phase 3, Map 1, presented by Greg Beal, Planner

Mayor Whitt stated that he asked that this item be moved to Other Business because the vote by Planning Commission was not unanimous. Since he did not have the minutes from this meeting, he asked for more information on the vote at this time.

Mr. Beal stated that the Planning Commission vote was not unanimous because two members, Commissioners Myles Biggerstaff and Barry Rumsfeld, did not like the RA district designation. Mr. Beal added that based on the plat, this request met all the requirements and the 20% rule.

Mayor Whitt asked Council if they wished to approve the Final Plat for Kendrick Farms Subdivision, Phase 3, Map 1, as presented.

Motion: Councilman McLean made motion, subject to letter of credit being acceptable, to approve the Final Plat for Kendrick Farms Subdivision, Phase 3, Map 1, as presented. Councilman Bishop made seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Whitt stated that a Committee is being formed for determining Employee of the Year and that Councilman Bishop has volunteered to serve on it. Councilperson Harris asked if Council could pick that employee in our closed session tonight. It was the consensus of Council and the Mayor that this matter be discussed in closed session this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Moore was concerned that Councilman Hope and Councilperson Hubbard of the Construction Committee were leaving office during major construction on the Citizens Center, and that Councilperson Harris of the Recreation Committee was leaving office during the Tuck Park project. He respectfully asked that consideration be given about keeping these members on these committees at the Mayor and Council's pleasure.

Councilperson Harris asked if there was any reply from the Travel and Tourism division of Gaston County regarding our request for $1,500 in seed money for our Alive after 5 event. There was no reply as yet regarding this matter per staff or the Mayor.

Councilperson Hubbard asked about the placement of motorcycles on city sidewalks or other wares being placed on city sidewalks? Mr. Jackson stated that they are classified as an obstruction according to city code.

Councilman Bishop asked Mr. Davis about the status of the test wells. Mr. Davis stated that the engineer on the project fulfilled the requirements of the State and that there were no fines.

Councilman Bishop stated as discussed at the October 8, 2007 City Council meeting, the City received a letter from NCDOT regarding Railroad Crossing Safety and he was concerned about the safety of the crossing by the Old Family Restaurant. Mayor Whitt said he would inform the Safety Committee on this issue.

There being no other matters to discuss, Mayor Whitt entertained a motion to go out of Regular Session and into Closed Session to discuss matters of Personnel and Attorney Client privilege.

Motion: Councilman Bishop made a motion to go out of Regular Session and into Closed Session. Councilman Moore seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Mayor Whitt announced that the City Council discussed three items in closed session.

The first item was a follow up regarding the Town of Stanley's request for additional sewer capacity to serve the Arbordale subdivision. City Attorney Kemp Michael reviewed a final draft of an interlocal agreement that would be proposed to the Town of Stanley.

Motion: Councilperson Hubbard made a motion to approve the proposed language for the interlocal agreement concerning sewer treatment for the Town of Stanley's Arbordale subdivision. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The second item that was discussed was the selection of the Mount Holly Employee of the Year.

Motion: Councilperson Hubbard made a motion to have co-winners for 2007. Those winners would be announced at the December 10th, 2007 regular city council meeting. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The third and final item that was discussed was a request for housing assistance from Mr. Davis, City Manager. Mr. Davis reviewed his housing status with the City Council. He also referred back to the original employment agreement where the City Council indicated that they would help with housing assistance if the City Manager's current home did not sell in time for him to relocate to Mount Holly before January 1, 2008.

Motion: Councilperson Harris made a motion to pay $1,300 per month housing allowance, and pay half of the two closing costs not to exceed $5,000. Councilperson Hubbard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58pm.

Mayor Robert Whitt

Eric Davis, City Manager

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ADJOURNMENT NOTES FOR NOVEMBER 12TH, 2007

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Jerry Bishop made a motion to adjourn. Frank McLean seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:58pm.