

**Mount Holly City Council
Work Session
November 7, 2000**

CALL TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR

The work session meeting of the City Council of Mount Holly was called to order at 6:00 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	Public Works Director Eddie Nichols
Councilwoman Phyllis Harris	Planning & Zoning Director Danny Jackson
Councilman Jim Hope	Fire Chief John Ekiatis
Councilman Bryan Hough	Parks & Recreation Director Zip Stowe
Councilwoman Pat Hubbard	Police Chief Ricky Davis
City Attorney Kemp Michael	

The Invocation was lead by Mayor McLean.

Item # 1 on the Agenda – New Employees.

New GIS Coordinator, Ken Richardson, and New Code Enforcement/Fire Inspector, Ryan Baker, were introduced to members of the Council. Each employee gave an overview of his office and updated Council on upcoming projects.

Item #2 on the Agenda – Appointment to Firemen's Relief Fund Executive Committee.

City Manager Kraus stated that since the Mount Holly Fire Department merged with the Catawba Heights Volunteer Department, the City needed to create a merged board for the Firemen's Relief Fund.

Fire Chief Ekiatis stated that the City currently has \$131,000 in the fund and that the Executive Board is made up of 2 people nominated by the fire department, 2 people nominated by Council and 1 nominated by the Chief who also serves as an ex-officio member. Chief Ekiatis also stated that he would like to see the Council nominate Mr. Eddie Barker and Mr. Jim Fuller.

Councilman Hough **MOVED** that the Council nominate Mr. Barker and Mr. Fuller to the Firemen's Relief Fund Executive Committee. Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion and it passed with no objections.

Item #3 on the agenda – YMCA Road update.

City Manager Kraus stated that one lane of the road leading to the YMCA has been closed. He stated that there are cracks in the road and the retaining wall is still settling. He also said that he will have a resolution for the Council to pass at the Monday Council

meeting to withhold a portion of the money the City owes the YMCA for construction of the road. This money would be withheld to help pay for the City's expenses on consultant to evaluate the wall. Public Works Director Nichols stated the City has spent approximately \$7,500 on consultants up to this point.

Item #4 on the Agenda – Employee of the Year Selection Committee.

Councilmen Hough and Mayor Pro-Tem Black volunteered to serve on the Employee of the Year Selection Committee.

Item # 5 on the Agenda – Draft Agenda Items.

Planning and Zoning Director Jackson gave an update of the Planning Commission meeting held the night before. Tom Waters variance was approved with conditions by the commission. A findings of fact was done and it was determined that a hardship would exist if the variance were not granted. The condition was that the property still had to have a 60 foot buffer. He then said that the variance request in Riverfront was denied. The layout of the lot was wrong and the porch was over by 4 feet. The builder would have to tear down or remove the porch.

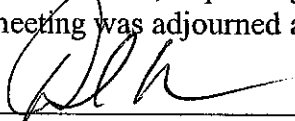
City Manager Kraus stated that Clairant wants to start a new division that would create 40 jobs and increase their tax value. They also need to move part of the plant and are requesting that the City close part of Lee and Piedmont Streets, but the sections that they want closed are not where the houses are. Mayor McLean asked if the Fire Department had a problem with the roads being closed. Chief Ekiatis stated that he did not see a problem with it. City Manager Kraus stated that staff recommends closing the roads.

Councilman Helms asked what kind of vehicles were to be purchased in consent agenda. City Manager Kraus stated that they were a Suburban and a Van that were being surplus by the County. Both vehicles would be used in Public Works. Public Works Director Nichols stated that the City Mechanic had looked at both and said they were in fairly good shape.

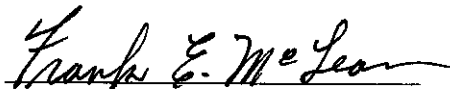
Mayor Pro-Tem Black asked about the Communications tower. City Manager Kraus stated that no contract had been finalized and that the property may need to be rezoned. Mayor Pro-Tem then asked about Kelly Somey, the gentleman who had come to the last meeting to discuss a driveway cut in front of his house. Council decided it was a personal dispute and the consensus was for Council not to get involved.

Councilwoman Hubbard stated that the City needs to remember to send a letter to the board of elections, requesting that they not use City Hall for voting next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05.



City Clerk



Mayor