

**CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 1998**

The special 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, Jr.
Councilman Jim Hope
Councilman Bryan Hough
Councilman Bobby Black

Mayor Pro-Tem Phyllis Harris
Councilman Michael Helms
Councilman Andy Stewart
City Attorney Kemp Michael

Mayor McLean stated that due to City Manager Ponder's announcement that he will be leaving Mount Holly to accept a position with the County Manager's office, the Council will be discussing finding an interim city manager and a new city manager. Mayor McLean brought up the possibility of naming Sherry Borgsdorf as interim city manager.

The Council went into closed session upon **MOTION** of Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Black, for discussion of personnel matters, pursuant to N. C. G. S. 143-318.11 (a) 5 and 6, with all in favor.

Council returned to open session upon **MOTION** by Councilwoman Harris, seconded by Councilman Hough, with all in favor. No motions were made as a result of the closed session.

Council discussed the assistance that is provided through the League of Municipalities in selection of a new city manager. Council would need to determine the criteria it will require for qualifications of applicants. Councilman Hough suggested that the City use a search firm; Councilman Stewart agreed that would be a good idea. Councilman Hough said he had inquired of the Lincolnton Mayor Pro-Tem about their experience with a search firm. She told him that they were very pleased with the services. She said the cost was around \$8,000 to \$10,000, but he had heard the fee is 25% of first year salary.

Mayor McLean appointed Jim Hope and Phyllis Harris to a committee with himself to receive and screen applications to be submitted to the full council for selection of a new city manager, due to the resignation of Phil Ponder effective December 2, 1998.

Council concurred to have staff contact the League for fees and to also get fee schedules for search firms. Council agreed to meet next week, and the Mayor will call the meeting by giving due notice. Councilman Stewart stated that he would be out of town a lot during the next month due to his job and so would not be able to come to many of the special meetings, but it is not because he is not interested and wants to be kept up to date.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned upon motion duly made, seconded and carried.

Clerk

Mayor
