

**CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 9, 1999**

**CALL TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR**

The regular 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

Mayor Pro-Tem Phyllis Harris

Councilman Michael Helms

Councilwoman Pat Hubbard

Councilman Jim Hope

Councilman Bryan Hough

Councilman Bobby Black

Adm. Services Dir. Sherry Borgsdorf

Public Works Director Eddie Nichols

Planning & Zoning Dir. Danny Jackson

City Attorney Kemp Michael

Police Officer

Recreation Director Tareyton "Zip" Stowe

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was led by Rev. Jeremiah Robinson.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilman Hough led the Council and audience in the ceremony of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

Councilman Black **MOVED** to approve the minutes of June 14 and 29, and July 12, 1999, as written, seconded by Councilman Hough, with all in favor.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**#2 Y2K Status Report**

Administrative Services Director Sherry Borgsdorf reported to Council with a video overview. She explained to Council in a simplified form that the problem is that the old programs and equipment were made with two digit numbers for the year. When we get to the year 2000, the computer will not know if it is 1900 or 2000. Ms. Borgsdorf said that she and staff have done research through the municipal associations, and participated in a forum sponsored by Gaston County. A Project Team was formed of several staff members. An assessment was made of the City's systems, including computers in the office, police department equipment, water and sewer department equipment. They also reviewed the vendors the City deals with, as well as other firms and governments the City interacts with, such as fuel and energy suppliers. The needs were categorized into priority, and those in catastrophic and severe priority would first be checked and corrected or replaced if needed. The Police Department was designated as the emergency center if it becomes necessary. Mrs. Borgsdorf recited specific systems that are being brought compliant within each department. After upgrading, testing will be done, which is planned to occur in October. Contingency plans have been formulated for potential problems from other sources, such as DOT's traffic lights. Although there is no

guarantee the City will be free of problems, the Project Team assures the Council that essential city services will not be interrupted for any lengthy period of time.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **#1 To Consider Rezoning for 520 North Hawthorne Street from R-10 to O-I CU**

Councilman Helms moved to go into public hearing, seconded by Councilwoman Harris, with all in favor.

Mayor McLean declared the regular meeting in recess and called a public hearing for consideration of rezoning of 520 North Hawthorne Street from R-10 to O-I-CU.

Danny Jackson said this site is currently used for a church. The planned use is for a funeral home. He stated that the Planning Commission had voted in favor of the request subject to ten restrictions identified in the memo in the agenda, and recommended Council approval. He said due advertisement has been made. Mr. Jackson said that findings of fact would need to be found by Council since it is a conditional use. Mr. Jackson said he has reviewed the application and finds that the required criteria have been met. Mr. Ronnie Lineberger, President of L and C, Inc., the applicant, was recognized. He said the proposed site plan has been submitted. He stated that this area has had a large increase in population and he feels two funeral homes can be supported. This property's highest and best use would be for this proposal. Many churches are sold to other churches or are converted into funeral homes. Hankins and Whittington in Charlotte was formerly a church. He said he met with some of the neighbors and heard their concerns and he has tried to address them appropriately. The entrance and address will be on Woodlawn Avenue instead of on Hawthorne Street. The company has agreed not to take processions on Hawthorne Street.

Mr. Bob Cathcart, 425 Madison Drive, was recognized. He wanted to know if this violates restrictions, and what this zoning if it is approved would allow if the funeral home does not succeed. Danny Jackson said that the conditional use only allows the funeral home; any other use would require Council action and approval. City Attorney Kemp Michael said that the City only deals with zoning issues, and private restrictions put on any property is enforceable only by residents in that same subdivision and not by the City.

Mr. Will Crist said he and several others with him (who stood up) expressed their support for the rezoning.

Councilman Helms moved to go out of public hearing. Councilwoman Harris seconded this motion, with all in favor.

Mayor McLean adjourned the public hearing and resumed the regular meeting.

City Attorney Michael reminded the Council that findings of fact must be made prior to any affirmative action.

Motion: Councilman Hope **MOVED** that Council makes the findings of fact A-E as read by City Attorney, seconded by Harris. The findings of fact are:

- A. The Use requested is among those listed as an eligible Permitted or Conditional use in the District in which the subject property is located or is to be located;
- B. That the Conditional Use will not materially endanger the public health or safety if located where proposed and developed according to the plan as proposed;
- C. That the Conditional Use meets all required conditions and specifications;
- D. That the Conditional Use will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property, or that the use is a public necessity; and,
- E. That the location and character of the Conditional Use if developed according to the plan as proposed will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located and in general conformity with the plan of development of Mount Holly and its environs.

Vote: All in favor. **CARRIED.**

Motion: Councilman Hope **MOVED** that in accordance with the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the request for rezoning from R-10 to O-I CU of 520 North Hawthorne Street be approved, with the ten restrictions, seconded by Councilwoman Harris. The ten restrictions are:

1. Remove trees bordering Woodlawn Avenue.
2. Have double entrance/exits installed on Woodlawn Avenue.
3. Install sign on between entrances/exits on Woodlawn Avenue as allowed by current zoning regulations.
4. Expand parking facilities to allow for a minimum of 100 autos, which exceeds current zoning regulations for funeral home parking.
5. Closing current entrance on Hawthorne Street.
6. Addition of privacy barrier along south side of property, along Duke Power right of way.
7. Current address of property to be changed to \_\_\_\_\_ Woodlawn Avenue.
8. Installation of outside lighting for parking lot.
9. Installation of necessary canopy trees in parking lot and other landscaping around facilities per zoning regulations.
10. Agreement with neighbors not to take funeral processions on Hawthorne Street.

Vote: six ayes, zero nays. **CARRIED.**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

UFB#1 Discussion of Annexation of StoneWater Bay

Delayed until later in the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS****NB#12 To Consider Water and Sewer Line Extension Construction Management Agreement**

City Manager David Kraus said that the Council amended the annexation effective date to August 30, 1999, for StoneWater Bay. City Attorney Kemp Michael said that, in addition, the staff has met with Crescent's development company representative and Provident Development Group to formulate a management agreement so that that construction of the water and sewer lines in the newly annexed areas would be organized. Crescent Resources will serve as the construction manager. Mr. Kraus said that the City of Gastonia has said they do not want this to come through them and prefer it to be handled this way. Mr. Michael reviewed the proposed changes that have been made to the agreement since the agenda was sent out. On page one, paragraphs six and seven, the phrase "but shall not be hereby obligated" was omitted. Mr. Michael was concerned about paragraph seven. He discussed with Council the changes he suggests. Paragraph seven should contain provisions allowing the City or StoneWater to take over completion of the water and sewer extensions from Provident Development in the event there should be a default. He wants to see the City have the right to call on the letter of credit for completion of the project in any event that it becomes necessary. The representative from Crescent has approved these changes. Mr. Kraus referred to page 5, noting a typo in par. 9. Mr. Michael said this agreement should be adopted, if at all, before the effective date of annexation, currently scheduled to be August 30.

Councilman Hough clarified the current effective date is August 30; it is.

Councilman Hope said we annexed Waters Edge, and we have a letter of credit to put in a water and sewer line. He asked what revenue the City will receive. He further stated that right now we would be taking out of our tax base to pay for fire and police services. If we annex StoneWater Bay, there is no revenue a year from now. We will spend from our tax base until there are enough residences to bring in revenue. This project has changed drastically from what we thought, he said, and he did not understand why we do not make them outside users and charge for that, and not annex them. He said we should ask for ETJ control from the County. He further said we should wait until a future time when the growth is there and our tax base will not be used to annex it.

Councilwoman Hubbard said if we make them outside users now, and then later try to annex, the owners may not want to be annexed voluntarily. Is there a way to make it have to be annexed later? Mr. Kraus said there is no law or ordinance that would allow that. Councilwoman Hubbard asked if it is a big deal to involuntarily annex. Mr. Michael said it is a different procedure. The rules for involuntary annexation are different than for voluntary.

**Motion:** Councilman Hope **MOVED** to rescind the annexation of StoneWater Bay, seconded by Councilwoman Harris.

**Vote:** Two ayes, four nays. (Hubbard, Helms, Black, Hough). NOT carried.

City Manager Kraus stated that the management agreement protects the City's liability to only the amount of the up-sizing of the lines.

Motion: Councilman Helms **MOVED** to approve the tri-party agreement with the amendments recited, seconded by Councilwoman Hubbard.

Discussion: Councilman Hough asked if this needs to be signed before August 30. Mr. Michael said it would be better if it is.

Amended Motion: Councilman Helms amended his **MOTION** to add the requirement that the execution by StoneWater and Provident before August 30 and if so authorize its execution by the City before August 30, accepted by Councilman Hubbard.

Vote: five ayes, one nay (Hope). **CARRIED.**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### UFB#1 Discussion of Annexation of StoneWater Bay

No action to change the previous ordinance.

#### UFB#2 Expanding the Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction North of the City's Water Treatment Plant

City Manager Kraus said the County in the past has refused to release ETJ to us. Zoning Administrator Danny Jackson had a map to show the proposed area to be requested.

Councilman Black asked if the County is any closer to adopting the watershed regulations. Mr. Kraus and Councilman Helms said they are not even to the public hearing stage. Councilman Black said that if we have stricter regulations, we should control improvements to enforce the regulations we have. Any items that are grandfathered could not be forced to change, but any new items would be subject to our zoning. Councilwoman Hubbard said we should request it because the worst that can happen is that they would say no. Councilman Hough said we should consider what the down side would be if we got it. It would put a burden on staff, and he doesn't think we need it now. The other council members expressed that they want to leave it alone.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

City Manager Kraus stated that Item #4 should be removed from the Consent Agenda, as it is not ready for adoption.

City Attorney Michael asked that Item #2 be removed so that it can be considered as a separate item by Council.

Motion: Councilman Hough **MOVED** to accept and approve Items #1, 3, 5, and 6 on the consent agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Hubbard.

Vote: all in favor. **CARRIED.** They are:

#1. Change Orders 1, 2 and 3 to contract with J. D. Richardson for the Tuckaseege water project.

Change Order #1 adds a fire hydrant at NC 273 and Forest Hills Drive.

Change Order #2 allows the contractor to move the water vault out from under NC 273.

Change Order #3 covers cost over-runs associated with extending the casings beyond the existing utilities.

The project will increase from \$146,468 to \$158,490, with zero days added.

### #3. Tax Releases

For July 1999, the sum of \$401.72 for 1998 taxes released, and \$15.38 for 1998 interest released, and refunded.

### #5. Call for a Public Hearing on Rezoning Request for 115 Tuckaseege Drive

Request by owner, H. Jack Davis and Joy S. Davis, to rezone from R-8 MF to B-3.

### #6. To Consider Change Order #1 to Contract with Lee Skidmore, Inc. for Sidewalk Project along Tuckaseege Road

Due to drainage changes as recommended by Public Works Director Eddie Nichols, the change order will reduce the contract from \$249,733 to \$207,343, with zero added days.

### #2 Dedication of Sports Lane

City Attorney Kemp Michael stated that Council might remember previous action by City to make Sports Lane a public road. We now have a survey showing the exact dimensions of Sports Lane, and he asked the Council to review the map as done by Robert T. Kelso, R. S., dated June 8, 1999. The map shows Sports Lane from Broome Street, 550 feet in length, with a varied width as shown on the map.

Motion: Councilman Hope **MOVED** to declare Sports Lane a public street as shown on the survey map presented, seconded by Councilman Black.

Vote: All in favor. CARRIED.

Motion: Councilman Hope **MOVED** to allow the Mt. Holly Optimist Club an encroachment in Sports Lane for water and sewer lines with the approval of the Public Works Director Eddie Nichols as to location; seconded by Councilman Hough.

Vote: All in favor. CARRIED.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### NB #8 To Consider Converting Part-Time Waste Water Treatment Operator and Part-Time Water Treatment Operator to Full-Time

Administrative Services Director Borgsdorf requested Eddie Nichols prepare calculations for this conversion because of heavy use of over-time in that department due to certified operators being required on duty and certain tasks requiring two people to perform. They have also had a part-time. Mr. Nichols stated he had to hire an uncertified person to replace the last person who left, which meant a certified person has to work over-time

while the new person is being trained. No additional funds are required in the budget at this time to cover this request.

Motion: Councilman Black **MOVED** to reclassify the positions in water plant and wastewater plant from two part-time to two full-time, seconded by Councilwoman Harris.  
Vote: all in favor. CARRIED.

NB#2 Grant Funding with Optimist Club

Mr. Henry Massey, Recreation Commission, and Zip Stowe, Recreation Director, were recognized. The facility at 105 Sports Lane owned by the Mt. Holly Optimist Club was discussed. We feel this is an opportunity to share the facility which the recreation department and community could use. Tuckasee Park has been well used. The Optimist Club has built a nice building. As a 501(c)(3) entity, the City could receive grant funds and donations to improve the use of the building. Vance Furr, Optimist Club of Mt. Holly, thanked the City for its help as well as that of A&E to make this project work. We have tried to apply for funds, but Optimist has 501 (C)(4) status. We have already given Zip Stowe a key to the building and the City can use it whenever we do not have functions. We have operating ability, but we need a way to receive grant funds and donations. Mr. Massey said it has great potential for senior citizens, community meetings, and social functions. The section 4 does not give the donor the deduction they desire which the section 3 does give. Mr. Furr said that the grant they want to apply for says the funds received would be overseen by Mount Holly Recreation and Gaston County Recreation. Councilwoman Harris asked if the daycare is going to happen. Mr. Furr said that it is an after school camp so kids have a place to go, and yes it is. Councilwoman Harris asked if the City is allowed to do something like this. Mr. Michael said he does not know, but the auditor would have to approve it and a written agreement would have to be approved to set forth the terms of the partnership. Mr. Massey said Carl Baber has had experience in public and private partnerships. Mr. Kraus said Trent Wilson told him a lot depends on who the donors are and what strings are attached, and the City would have to take over the grant and handle the money just like any other of its accounts. Councilman Hough said he is open to any way we can assist the Optimists and our Recreation Department, and would be in favor of doing this if it is legally allowed. He wanted staff to look into this. Councilwoman Hubbard asked to be sure how much staff would have to do. Mr. Baber said when the field was done at Mt. Holly Middle School, "the Field of Dreams" project, he was the administrator through Gaston County which acted as the partner, or the conduit, to receive the donations especially from state or federal grants but also for private donations. He cited another example in Mooresville. Councilman Hope said he hopes we see an attitude of doing all we can to make this work, especially since they have not asked for any money from us. Council concurred that the City Attorney meet with Recreation Commission and Optimist Club and the auditor to get a proposal ready for next month.

NB#3 Approval of the PHMAP Certification

Diane Pritchett presented the PHMAP certification. 90% or above is high performer, and Priority One has for past five years achieved that status.

Motion: Councilman Hough **MOVED** to approve Resolution #8-9-99(a) which approves the PHMAP certification for fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, for Holly Hills Apartments, seconded by Councilwoman Hubbard.

Vote: all in favor. CARRIED.

NB#4 Flat Rent for Holly Hills

Diane Pritchett presented this resolution as a result of The Housing Quality Work Responsibility Act of 1998 which required flat rents be offered as a choice as of October 1, 1999. They may also chose income based rent. The flat rate would be \$338 for 2 bedroom and \$414 for 3 bedroom apartments.

Motion: Councilman Hough **MOVED** to approve Resolution #8-9-99(b) to adopt flat rents for Holly Hills Apartments, seconded by Councilwoman Hubbard.

Vote: all in favor. CARRIED.

The Council took a five minute recess.

NB -- Additional item

Diane Pritchett and Teresa Sides said that for the past four years we received comprehensive improvement funds for which we applied. Now HUD has changed the way this will be done. We will receive \$96,000 and got the letter on August 2, with a deadline to turn it in by August 26. We need your approval to submit our CIAP budget for 1999.

Motion: Councilman Hough **MOVED** to approve Resolution #8-9-99(c), seconded by Councilwoman Harris.

Vote: all in favor. CARRIED.

Teresa Sides said they now have a computer lab for the children; the computers were donated.

NB#1 To Consider Awarding Street Paving Bids

Public Works Director Eddie Nichols said bids were received and opened, with the low bidder being Crowder Construction Co. Our bid this year includes sidewalk work. Councilwoman Hubbard suggested we take off Fairview Road, and do maintenance on the tree root and manhole at the beginning at that road instead of paving the whole thing. Councilman Hough said he felt we should do it all and not cut it because it will be a long time before we go to that area again. Mr. Nichols said the bid for that street is \$2,400, and most of the damage is at the intersection. Councilman Hough asked how much for the patch; \$750 or so plus cutting the roots and stabilizing for which he does not have an estimate. Several of the streets will have additional maintenance work that will be done out of the maintenance budget account and is not included in street paving.

Motion: Councilman Hough **MOVED** to award the full bid without omissions to Crowder Construction Co. for an amount not to exceed \$174,895.00, seconded by Councilwoman Harris.

Vote: five ayes, one nay (Hubbard). CARRIED.

NB#5 Purchase of Land Adjacent to River Street Park

Recreation Director Zip Stowe stated that the Lodge approached him to ask if the City would like to buy a lot lying next to River Street Park. We have money in the capital fund account in Recreation Department. The price is \$4,200.

Motion: Councilman Hough **MOVED** to authorize the purchase of the land from the Lodge for sum of \$4,200, seconded by Councilwoman Harris.

City Attorney Michael identified the lot as tax parcel #3-7-90 at the corner of River Street and First Avenue, Lots 1-4 Maxwell Subdivision.

Vote: All in favor. CARRIED.

NB#6 To Consider Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for a Grant to Renovate Historic Train Depot

City Manager Kraus and Richard Duren were to present, but Mr. Duren had to leave for a family medical matter. This is an application for federal grant money for \$400,000. This site has been placed on the MTIP. The state historic office has put it on the list for study to put on historic sites. The grant application is being written by Mr. Luther. Tomorrow Mr. Duren will be talking with the County about ownership of it as a museum. The Committee requests the City do a phase one environmental site assessment, estimated to cost \$750.00. They hope the local matching funds can be the value of the land that they hope CSX will donate to the City.

Councilman Hough said that Council doesn't have an application, or an estimate of the costs to look at. The deadline is September 15. We need the environmental assessment to be done, the grant proposal and the cost estimates, and the legal ramifications on the City. Mr. Luther was recognized and said there is no obligation to the City until the application is awarded and then only if you accept it by a contract.

Councilman Hope said that we know what it was used for, so we know it will go into a phase two environmental audit. Who is going to bite that bullet? Maybe they should form a corporation like the Optimist Club.

Councilman Hough said he would want to make sure it is being done correctly before we enter into something like this.

Councilwoman Hubbard said the sheet says that they need Council commitment by August 23. Mr. Luther said they would like to know they have a sponsor before they spend any more time on the application process.

Councilman Hough said he is interested in this matter, but he had not been invited to the meetings, so he could get the information he needs to make a decision like this.

Councilwoman Harris stated that the Council was interested in the Rails to Trails and this has come along after that.

Councilman Black asked if we table this matter until next month, would you be able to fill out the application before the deadline.

Councilman Hope said he wants staff to look at this and provide the information we need to make a decision.

Motion: Councilwoman Harris **MOVED** to table this matter until the Sept. meeting with staff providing more complete information to Council. Motion seconded by Councilman Hough.

Vote: all in favor. CARRIED.

NB#7 Nantz Street Annexation

Motion: Councilman Black moved to adopt Resolution #8-9-99(d) to investigate the petition for voluntary annexation of property on Nantz Street, seconded by Councilman Hough.

Vote: all in favor. CARRIED.

City Manager David Kraus stated that in anticipation of this matter coming up, he had investigated the petition, and made his certificate of sufficiency.

Motion: Councilwoman Hubbard **MOVED** to adopt Res. #8-9-99(e), the resolution of intent to annex, with the public hearing being set for Sept. 13, at 7:00 PM, seconded by Councilman Black.

Vote: All in favor. CARRIED.

NB#9 To Consider Extension of Contract with Catawba Heights VFD

Mr. David Rice and City Manager David Kraus reported that the new fire truck is due in by the end of September. Mr. Kraus asked that the term be extended so that the lending institution will be willing to complete the financing.

Motion: Councilman Hough **MOVED** to extend the contract with Catawba Heights VFD from January 1 1999 to December 31, 2000, seconded by Councilwoman Harris.

Vote: all in favor. CARRIED.

NB—Additional Item

Councilwoman Harris said Mr. David Rice also called about the previous Council vote to at budget adoption to give the Catawba Heights VFD \$20,000 for a part-time person. They chose not to hire another person; they were told they did not have to hire a person, that they could use it for whatever they need. But they want a specific order allowing the use for repairs to the building because it has not been repaired in many years. City Manager Kraus said the \$20,000 went into fund balance at the end of June 30, so a budget amendment would be needed to move that money back out into the account to be used. Mr. Rice said the land next to the building is owned by the VFD, and is being held for future construction.

Councilman Hope clarified that this was a one-time payment, and that he want the City to pay the contractors directly. Council concurred.

Motion: Councilwoman Harris **MOVED** to appropriate up to \$20,000 from fund balance to the Catawba Heights VFD fire department account for repair of the building in lieu of hiring a part-time person, seconded by Councilman Hope.

Vote: all in favor. CARRIED.

#### NB#10 Update Mount Holly Land Use Plan

City Attorney Michael suggested Council have the firm who did the plan prepare the update of the plan; it was done by COG before.

Council directed Mr. Kraus to use COG for the update.

#### NB#11 Appeal of Code Enforcement Officer's Findings

City Manager Kraus stated that he has reached an agreement with Calvin C. Richard, 209 Mauney Street, and will watch to be sure he complies with that, and if not, he will be cited again.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor McLean opened the floor for public comment.

There were none.

### **ROUND TABLE**

City Attorney Michael said he needs authorization, if it becomes necessary, to condemn the property of Henry Henkle Rhyne off Sandy Ford Road for right of ways. City Manager Kraus said this property may be sold to someone soon. The buyer wants to get a 90 acre tract annexed and rezoned off Sandy Ford Road.

Motion: Councilman Hough **MOVED** to authorize city staff to provide preliminary notification under the N.C. General Statute to condemn property for right of ways of Henry Henkle Rhyne, off sandy Ford Road, seconded by Councilman Black.

Vote: Five ayes, one nay (Hope). CARRIED.

Councilwoman Harris stated that Lester Wilson, a resident of Glendale Avenue, called her. People cut through there and speed all the time, he said. She asked that the police department check it out and perhaps put the electronic sign out there.

Councilwoman Harris said that Charles Black called and asked about the flags and was upset that they are down permanently. Public Works Director Eddie Nichols said he was misinformed, that we have purchased new ones and will be putting them up.

Councilwoman Harris asked about speed humps on Hawthorne Street. Mr. Kraus said that the cost is about \$2,400 each. Councilman Black said that he recalled Phil Ponder

met with the school principals about the whole traffic situation up there, but nothing happened. He suggested one way traffic at least during drop off and pick up times. Mr. Michael said Council may want to get suggestions from the police chief about enforcement. Councilman Helms said a red light could be put up at the cross walk area. Council asked staff to bring back a recommendation.

Councilwoman Hubbard stated that at cemetery across from the middle school, there are dead tree limbs and some of the monuments have fallen over, and she asked that the city manager have that cleaned up.

Councilwoman Hubbard inquired about the status of the Lentz-Springs house. Mr. Kraus said we have written letters. He was told that last month they had two offers. Danny Jackson said there is a current building permit on it. Mr. Michael said we could write people on the Board of Directors directly.

Councilman Helms said that the ramp to the park on Glendale has a tree over it that needs to be trimmed.

Councilman Hope said he had a request on 637 Deerfield Drive, Eddie Nixon wants to help the preacher out. The water flow at his driveway needs some work. Mayor McLean said he and Eddie Nichols are working on that.

Councilman Black said he had a request from Graylon Falkenberry, at Deerfield Subdivision. He asked about decorative poles that had been ordered by Mr. Yatko. Jeff Fritz in our street and sanitation department, said nothing has been ordered. Mr. Black said that this needs to be resolved in our ordinance. What had been proposed has not been completed and passed into ordinance yet. Danny Jackson said they still need to identify specs for them. Councilman Helms said Mecklenburg Co. has specifications that could be used as a guideline. Mr. Black said the HO Assoc. also wants speed humps and will share the cost. I explained the City's reluctance, due to our liability in case of damage to cars. No action.

Councilman Black asked for a status report on the new post office. Mayor McLean said they are still saying it will be on Highway 27, but the deal has not been closed yet.

Councilman Black asked about the appraisal on the Second Baptist Church property. City Manager Kraus said the appraiser did not show up yet, so he may have to hire another one.

Councilman Hough stated that the bushes have grown up at Spring and Tuckaseege Road at the Food Lion, and also at Mauney and Tuckaseege Road. He would like that corrected for safety reasons.

**ADJOURN**

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

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Clerk

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*Frank E. McLean*  
Mayor

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