

**Mount Holly City Council
Work Session
July 8, 2003**

CALL TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR

The work session meeting of the City Council of Mount Holly was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Black. The meeting was held at the A&E building that the City had just purchased. The following were present:

Mayor Bobby Black	City Manager David Kraus
Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Hope	Assistant to City Manager Jamie Guffey
Councilwoman Phyllis Harris	Assistant to City Manager Danny Jackson
Councilman Michael Helms	Police Captain Scott Wright
Councilman Frank McLean	Interim Fire Chief John Calder
Councilwoman Pat Hubbard	Public Utilities Director Don Price
Councilman Bryan Hough	Streets and Solid Waste Director Mike Santmire
City Attorney Kemp Michael	

The Invocation was lead by Councilman McLean.

Item # 1 on the Agenda – ABC Board

Mayor Black stated that the Gastonia ABC board has approached Mount Holly about the possibility of Mount Holly merging with its soon to be created board with Gastonia's board. He stated that there are many advantages to merging such as shared overhead cost and the ability to start a store right away. He also stated that the City could not loan or borrow money for the store, only the ABC Board could do that.

City Attorney Michael stated that the ABC board is not a political board. He also stated that there are small profit margins and it helps to share administrative costs. He also stated that he thinks a workable solution can be found and that the contract can reflect those solutions.

Mayor Black stated that the Gastonia ABC board would like to meet with the Mount Holly City Council. Councilwoman Hubbard stated that staff should contact some other cities that have done this and get feedback from them. City Attorney Michael stated that staff will try to get the state ABC people to come to our next work session.

Item # 2 on the Agenda – Sidewalks

City Manager Kraus stated that the sidewalk committee had dissolved itself but did give Streets and Solid Waste Director Santmire input before doing so. Director Santmire stated that sidewalks will be the quickest thing from the bond to get moving on and that staff has planned a September 17 bid opening. He further stated that the City would do

\$250,000 worth of sidewalks first and then do the remaining \$250,000 when the first bonds sale.

Councilman Hough **MOVED** to accept the sidewalk plan as presented by Mr. Santmire. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Harris and passed with all in favor.

Item # 3 on the Agenda – John Hannah Update

Engineer John Hannah gave an update on several projects that he is working on for the City. The East Gaston Water Line design is complete but the project is on hold due to the fact that the City does not have a construction contract signed with Gaston County. The Raw Water Intake project is now through all the local approvals but it must be approved by FERC in Washington and this process usually takes 10 to 12 months. Mr. Hannah stated that he is in the process of identifying line stoppages and overflows for priority for sewer rehab. West Glendale widening plans are complete and the bids are scheduled to be opened on August 11.

Item # 4 on the Agenda – A& E Building

Mayor Black stated that we have closed on the building and it is officially ours. He also stated that in the buildings past the City had purchased the building in a tax foreclosure and then it to the company that would become A&E. He also stated that we needed to decide what we are going to do with the building.

City Manager stated that we needed to decide if the police department was to move to the new building or to the current city hall, what to do with the garbage trucks, and what functions are to be in the new building. At this point City Manager Kraus introduced new Police Chief Bence Hoyle to Council. Chief Hoyle stated that he believed that the current city hall would not be suitable for the future of the police department. He also stated the communication's radio tower will have to be moved to the new location and that it might clash with the City's new downtown streetscape idea.

City Manager Kraus stated that staff will prioritize movements of City functions and try to coordinate the move as quick and as easy as possible.

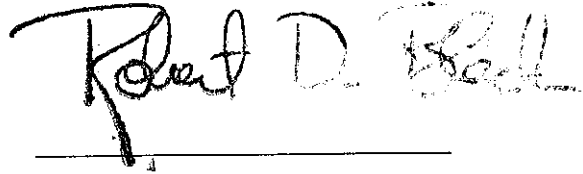
Mayor Pro-Tem Hope stated that the first thing needed to be done is to bring each section that we move into up to code. He also stated that we do not need to spend money just to spend money. We need to spend wisely.

Councilman Hough asked what the long-term vision for the building. Councilwoman Harris stated that the vision is that all City functions move to this building. City Manger Kraus also stated that the building needs a new roof and that is the very first thing that will be done.

Councilwoman Harris **MOVED** for adjournment at 8:02. The motion was seconded by Councilman Helms and passed with no objections.



City Clerk



Mayor