

Mount Holly City Council
June 27, 2000
Regular Meeting

The Mount Holly City Council met on June 27, 2000 with Mayor Frank McLean, Mayor Pro Tem Bobby Black, Councilmembers Phyllis Harris, Jim Hope, Michael Helms, Bryan Hough and Pat Hubbard were all present. Also present were Public Works Director Eddie Nichols, Police Chief Ricky Davis, Fire Chief John Ekiatis, City Manager David Kraus, Administrative Services Officer James Guffey and City Attorney Kemp Michael. Planning Director Danny Jackson was absent from the meeting.

The invocation was led by Mayor Frank McLean.

City Manager David Kraus stated that he had no items for the July meeting as yet.

Public Works Director Eddie Nichols stated that work on the Highway 27 bridge will begin next week.

Regarding public hearings on street closings, the consensus was to have the public hearing on the closing of parts of Church Street and 273, with Highland Street put on the July agenda.

Environmental assessment of possible fire station sites was the next item discussed by Council. Fire Chief John Ekiatis has gotten a quote of \$3,000 to do an assessment of two sites for new fire stations, one downtown and one in the northern part of Mount Holly. The downtown site needs permission and an option from the owner.

The next item on the agenda was the water line to Westview Grocery and Bob's Restaurant. both businesses have requested a tap from the City for water. The customers will pay to have the lines run, which will be approximately 1,500 to 2,000 feet. They will also need to get encroachment and easement rights from the NC DOT. Councilman Helms made a **MOTION** that the City allow the taps contingent on the customers getting approval from DOT. Mayor Pro Tem Black seconded the motion, with no objections.

The General Assembly is taking away property tax on certain rental vehicles. They are replacing this with a Local Option Tax on rental businesses. We need to look into this to try to replace the revenue lost. The County will collect this tax.

Public Works Director Eddie Nichols stated that we have a proposal from W. K. Dickson for the new water tower.

Mayor McLean asked if there was any progress on the NEXTEL tower that is proposed for the land behind the current fire department. City Manager Kraus stated that no progress has been made yet. The suggestion was made that they look at putting the tower at the Water Plant.

Councilman Helms passed out a sample review form that can be used to help aid in the City Manager review. Councilman Hough suggested that City Manager Kraus fill out a self evaluation and each council member fill out one, and the review could take place at the next council meeting or work session. Councilman Hope suggested that in future years, the City Manager review be completed by the end of the fiscal year, and also suggested that a survey of similar sized cities with similar budgets be taken to get a feel for salaries of city manager.

Council Hubbard suggested that the work session be moved to a Monday and made a regular business meeting. Councilman Black suggested that the meetings take place on the second and fourth Monday of each month. This will be voted on at the July meeting.

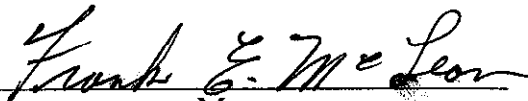
Budget amendments were proposed to clean up some accounts for the year end. A **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Hubbard to accept the amendments, seconded by Council Hough, with all in favor.

Public Works Director Nichols stated that there is a problem with a retaining wall at the new YMCA that will prevent the City from accepting the road. he did state that this would not affect the opening of the YMCA, just the road becoming a city road.

There being no further business, Councilman Hough made the **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mayo Pro Tem Black, with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.



City Clerk



Mayor