

Regular Meeting (continuation of June 11th)
Mount Holly City Council
June 12, 1990

The Mount Holly City Council met for the continuation of their June 11th meeting with Mayor Charles B. Black, Jr., Councilwoman Faye Little, Councilwoman Lib Nichols, and Councilmen Archie Small, Myles Biggerstaff, Bob Jessen present. Councilman R. L. Duke was absent. Also present were City Manager Greg Young, Police Chief Jerry Bishop, Zoning Administrator Gary Roberts, Fire Chief Ray Massey. The City Attorney Kemp Michael was absent. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles B. Black, Jr.

The invocation was led by Archie Small.

The first item discussed was the adoption of the Gaston County's amended Animal Control Ordinance. There was some discussion regarding the newer things that were added to the ordinance. City Manager Young said he knew one thing was the addition of tags for cats. Councilwoman Faye Little made the motion to adopt Gaston County's amended Animal Control Ordinance as written, with a second by Councilwoman Nichols, with all in favor.

The proposed draft for the Mount Holly brochure submitted by Teresa Rhyne was discussed by the Board, and several comments made as to minor changes. Councilman Jessen mentioned that he had talked with Ms. Rhyne last week, and she wanted to know the Board's initial feelings of her proposal. Ms. Rhyne told Mr. Jessen that the photos were almost finished. The main concern was the proposed name for the Gateway, which at the present is being called Crescent Gateway. It was the general consensus of the Board that it should be named Mount Holly Gateway, or possibly Mount Holly Crescent Gateway. It was recommended that Councilman Jessen relay the changes and additions to Ms. Rhyne in the proposed outline to finish the brochure.

Bids for the new fire truck was the next item on the agenda. City Manager Young recommended to rebid; and that he had discussed the matter with the City Attorney. Fire Chief Ray Massey told the Council that he had talked with Charlotte, Hickory, Shelby and Texas, and none of them seemed to like the e-one fire truck, and the mechanics had to spend a lot of time working on them. The City Manager was instructed to talk with Grummons, and rebid before July 1st, to hold the current prices before the 3-5% increase on July 1st. Councilwoman Faye Little made the motion that the fire truck be rebid, with Councilman Jessen seconding the motion, and all in favor.

The Board then discussed the appointment of John Brinkley to the Planning and Zoning Board, and also discussed the

selection of a new chairman. Councilman Biggerstaff made a motion to appoint John Brinkley to the Planning and Zoning Board as a member, and also for the Board to select their own chairman. Councilwoman Little seconded the motion, with all in favor.

A proposed change to the city ordinance regarding wrecker service was discussed by the Council. It was thought that Leroy Walker would be included in the previous revised wrecker ordinance after annexation, but reviewing the new annexed area boundaries, he was just outside the city limits. It was agreed that the ordinance should be changed to read extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction instead of city limits. Councilman Small made a motion to change the wrecker ordinance to read extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction. There was a second to the motion by Councilman Biggerstaff, with all in favor.

After some discussion regarding the 1990 paving list, a motion was made by Councilman Biggerstaff to adopt the 1990 paving list as presented by the City Manager. Councilman Jessen seconded the motion, with all in favor. City Manager Young commented that Laurel Hill needs to have additional concrete work where the dumpsters are sitting. Councilman Jessen asked the City Manager to see if we could get Main Street paved. City Manager Young replied that he thought we could get the State to at least do some repairing to Main Street. Councilman Small also asked about getting the Fire Department parking lot paved, since it is in bad shape. Councilwoman Nichols said that Mauney Street, from Eastwood to Tuckasee below Calvin Richard's house is in a big mess. Zoning Administrator Gary Roberts commented that Henry Evans owns this property, and he is slowly getting it cleaned up and moving out the cars.

The next item on the agenda concerned an agreement between the City and W. K. Dickson to update the Powell Bill maps in compliance with new state requirements. After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Biggerstaff to approve the agreement between the City and W. K. Dickson to update the Powell Bill maps, with a second by Councilwoman Little, with all in favor.

Zoning Administrator Roberts had a detailed map to show the Council of the proposed zoning of the Freightliner annexation area and extended one mile extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction. His recommendations were presented on the proposed map, and he pointed out potential areas for new businesses. City Manager Young felt this should be discussed with the City Attorney, and also to notify all property owners, which should be followed by a public hearing.

City Manager Young explained to the Council the bids received for the repair to the headwall at Central Park. Mr. Young said that part of the expense is FEMA eligible, and FEMA's estimate was only \$4,000.00. Our estimates were much higher, and FEMA would only pay \$4,000.00, and any other repairs to the pipes, street, etc. would be considered an improvement, and not eligible. He recommended that we go ahead and get the work done, and accept the lowest bid offered. Skidmore was the lowest bidder at \$24,740.00. It was also mentioned that the drainage extends under Mr. Abercrombie's house. There was some discussion as to the quality of Mr. Skidmore's work, and someone in the audience commented that the last time he did work for the City he was having tremendous financial problems and trouble keeping workers. Since there was such a big difference in the amounts of each bid, and the fact that the headwall needs to be taken care of right away, the Council agreed to go with the lowest bidder, Skidmore. Councilwoman Little made the motion to accept the bid of \$24,740.00 from Skidmore to repair the headwall, drainage pipe, etc. at Central Park. Mayor Pro-Tem Jessen seconded the motion, with five ayes, and one nay (Biggerstaff).

The bids for replacement of West Central Avenue bridge were discussed by the Council. City Manager Young recommended acceptance of the engineer's recommendation of Appletuck Associates, Incorporated, in the amount of \$209,306.20, subject to approval by N.C. Department of Transportation. Councilwoman Little moved that we accept Resolution 6-12-90 and approval of Appletuck's bid of \$209,306.20, subject to approval by N.C. DOT. Councilman Jessen seconded the motion, with all in favor.

Councilman Biggerstaff made the motion to enter into a contract with the N.C. League of Municipalities for actuarial services to determine the City's obligation towards law enforcement officers special separate benefits allowance. Councilwoman Little seconded the motion, with all in favor.

City Manager recommended approval of the proposal by Duke Power to install street lights along the new bypass, Highway 27 and the new annexation area. The lights in residential areas would be approximately one every 500 feet. Councilman Biggerstaff moved to accept the proposal of Duke Power, with a second by Councilman Jessen, with all in favor.

Councilman Biggerstaff made the motion to approve the tax releases as presented, with a second by Councilman Jessen, with all in favor.

The Council took a five minute recess. Then, upon returning they went into executive session for personnel matters. There was no action taken.

The Council came out of executive session, with no action taken, and began a budget workshop.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 P.M.

Greg Young City Clerk *Charles B. Black, Jr.* Mayor

Special Meeting
Mount Holly City Council
June 21, 1990

The special meeting of the Mount Holly City Council was called to order by Mayor Charles B. Black, Jr. at 7:30 P.M. Councilwomen Faye Little and Lib Nichols, Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Jessen, Councilmen R. L. Duke, Myles Biggerstaff, Archie Small, and Mayor Charles B. Black were all present, along with Greg Young City Manager, Fire Chief Ray Massey, and Police Chief Jerry Bishop.

The invocation was led by Archie Small.

The City Council went from regular session into a public hearing to discuss the proposed budget. Hazel Michaels, in the audience, asked a question about retail license fees going up. City Manager Young replied that we abide by the State statutes of schedule B licenses, and have adopted a new city code, which is a changeover to license fees according to whatever the state allows. After some discussion, the Council then went from the public hearing back into regular session.

Then Council then discussed the proposed budget amendments for fiscal year 1989-90. One of the questions raised was the amendment for the administrative cost for Catawba Heights employee's retirement. City Manager Young replied that the City took over the payments into their retirement fund and administrative fees involved in closing off that account. Dr. Duke asked about the legislative fees for Catawba Heights, and City Manager Young told the Board the total amount that the City paid was \$720.00. Also, the major portion of the amendments were underestimated expenses incurred by Hurricane Hugo, and all Hugo expenditures mentioned were submitted to FEMA for reimbursement. We have