

**Mount Holly City Council
Budget Work Session
May 23, 2002**

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 following were present:

Mayor Bobby Black	City Manager David Kraus
Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Hope	Administrative Services Officer Jamie Guffey
Councilman Michael Helms	Public Utilities Director Don Price
Councilman Frank McLean	Planning & Zoning Director Danny Jackson
Councilwoman Pat Hubbard	Fire Chief John Ekaitis
Councilman Bryan Hough	Interim Parks & Recreation Director Valerie King
Councilwoman Phyllis Harris	Police Chief Ricky Davis
	Streets and Solid Waste Director Mike Santmire

The Invocation was lead by Councilman McLean.

Item # 1 on the Agenda – Fire Station.

City Manager Kraus stated that the new fire station is complete with the exception of the floor in the bays, the sidewalk, the painting, and the landscaping. City Attorney Michael stated that the City is still holding \$125,000 of retainage. He stated that the City received a letter from Chet Helt recommending the City withhold \$20,000 to fix the four major items and warranty the remaining items. City Attorney Michael recommended keeping \$30,000 and staff is looking for authority to withhold those funds.

Councilwoman Hubbard **MOVED** to give staff the authority to withhold \$30,000 and release the rest after staff is satisfied that the conditions of the contract have been met. She also amended her motion to include liquidated damages for the 3 week overrun at \$500 per day. The motion was seconded by Councilman McLean and passed with all in favor.

Item # 2 on the Agenda – Budget.

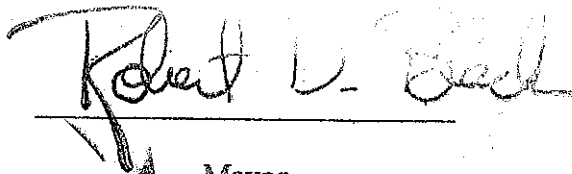
Council went through the proposed 2002-2003 budget line item by line item. Several cuts from the various departments were made, with a total savings of approximately \$300,000 dollars. The tax rate was left at a 10 cent increase for the time being and would be revisited at the public hearing.

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Council Hough **MOVED** for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Harris and passed with all in favor at 9:40 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor