

Minutes**Mount Holly City Council****May 15, 2000**

The Mount Holly City Council met on May 16, 2000 with those present being Mayor Frank McLean, Mayor Pro Tem Bobby Black, Councilmembers Phyllis Harris, Pat Hubbard, Jim Hope, Michael Helms and Bryan Hough. Also present were City Manager David Kraus, Public Works Director Eddie Nichols, Police Chief Ricky Davis, Planning Director Danny Jackson, Recreation Director Tareyton Stowe and Administrative Services Officer James Guffey. City Attorney Kemp Michael was absent.

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Pat Hubbard.

The first item of discussion was the 2000-2001 Fiscal Year Budget. Administrative Services Office James Guffey presented an overview, and David Kraus gave an organizational chart and supporting information. Councilman Bryan Hough requested that we go over the budget by departmental order. The discussion began with General Fund Revenues, with Council discussing budget revenues based on current collections. The reason being that property tax collections increased without a tax rate increase. Council discussed the proposed increases to General Fund fees and directed staff to look at privilege license fees. Council then discussed General Fund Expenditures on a department by department basis.

Councilman Jim Hope stated how other cities handle zoning.

Council Bryan Hough asked staff to look at tuition reimbursement as a way to increase retention of police officers. City Council reviewed the grant funding for several new positions, including two school crossing guards and four police officers.

City Council discussed Capital Projects, specifically the issued of underground utilities. Councilman Michael Helms **MOVED** to take \$75,000 from Underground Utilities and move it to Street Resurfacing. This motion seconded by Councilwoman Phyllis Harris. Motion approved unanimously.

City Council then discussed the Water and Sewer Fund and Expenditures. Councilman Bryan Hough questioned staff on the expansion of the Wastewater Treatment System. City Council also discussed the County CIP Project to run water and sewer to East Gaston High School. City Council then reviewed the Debt Service Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and Capital Projects.

The COPS Grant was the next item on the agenda. City Council decided that they had discussed the COPS Grant sufficiently during budget discussion, and took no action.

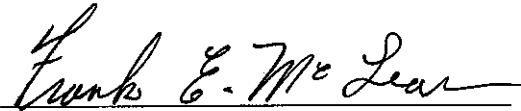
City Manager David Kraus mentioned that the operation cost for the Optimist Building was not in the budget, and that Parks and Recreation would have to absorb those expenses. City Council discussed the purchase of the Optimist Building. Councilman

Jim Hope mentioned that the Optimist Club could install the air-conditioning prior to the sale of the building for around \$21,000, rather than \$40,000 mentioned at the last council meeting. City Manager David Kraus asked City Council to consider how to fund the purchase of the Optimist Building. Councilman Jim Hope **MOVED** to purchase it outright from Reserved Funds, rather than to finance. Second to the motion by Councilman Bobby Black, with unanimous approval. Councilman Helms **MOVED** to make supplemental appropriations in the Capital Reserve Fund, transferring \$185,000, plus the cost of air-conditioning, from Land Acquisition to General Fund; and appropriating the same amount in the General Fund as transfer from Capital Reserve to Parks and Recreation Capital Purchase. Second to the motion by Councilwoman Phyllis Harris, with unanimous approval.

Councilwoman Phyllis Harris **MOVED** to adjourn, with a second to motion by Councilman Bobby Black.



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Mayor
