CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 10, 1999

CALL TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR
The regular meeting of the City Council of Mount Holly was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor McLean. The following were present:

Mayor Frank McLean	
Mayor Pro-Tem Phyllis Harris	Adm. Services Dir. Sherry Borgsdorf
Councilman Michael Helms	Public Works Director Eddie Nichols
Councilman Andy Stewart	Planning & Zoning Dir. Danny Jackson
Councilman Jim Hope	City Attorney Kemp Michael
Councilman Bryan Hough	Police Officer
Councilman Bobby Black	

INVOCATION
The invocation was led by Rev. Reggie Parker.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor McLean led the Council and audience in the ceremony of the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES
Councilman Stewart **MOVED** to approve the minutes of April 12, 1999, as written, seconded by Councilman Hough, with all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Pat Hubbard, Chair of Springfest, appeared to thank the city employees for their hard work during Springfest, and requesting that written acknowledgments be placed in their personnel files. Also, Joel Hubbard's mother lives across the street from the Lentz-Springs house and asks that the City make them cut their grass and clean up construction debris.

PRESENTATIONS
PR#2 <u>Submission of the 1999-2000 Budget for the City of Mount Holly</u>
David Kraus thanked Sherry Borgsdorf for her hard work on the compilation and preparation of the budget package. Adm. Services Sherry Borgsdorf presented the budget and a short synopsis booklet to aid the Council in reading the budget. She had prepared a video to demonstrate the focal points of the budget in caring for the employees and the customers, the citizens of Mount Holly. She pointed out that the comparison chart on revenues showing a high year in 1997-1998 which is due to the Stanley sewer interconnect. We have 59% of expenses in salaries and benefits, which is considered a good percentage since it is less than 60-65% as recommended. The department budgets are in line with general expectations. Mr. Kraus said staff was given three goals which they have met. Councilman Stewart asked about the high amount of transfers. Mr. Kraus

said a considerable amount of that is rollover of capital projects that are not completed. We plan to replace one-third of our water meters this year as well. Mr. Kraus asked Council when it can meet for the budget workshop since May 24th is no longer suitable. Council concurred to have it on May 27th at 6:00 PM.

PR#3 Recognition of Miss Mount Holly Ashley Nicole House for Community Services
Miss House thanked the Council for its contribution to the scholarship fund as it will enable her to attend college at Campbell. She announced her community service project, which she chose due to her father becoming disabled after a car accident. Her project involves interaction with residents of Holy Angels. She has raised funds and aided in fundraising events that have been held to fund this program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
UFB#1 To Consider Effective Date of Water's Edge Annexation
City Attorney Kemp Michael said the developer has requested that the annexation date be moved up to now, and since the annexation agreement has been executed, he knew of no reason that would prevent that.

Motion: Councilman Helms **MOVED** to approve the request and to adopt Resolution #5-10-99(A) to change the annexation effective date to May 10, 1999, at 7:30 PM, seconded by Councilwoman Harris.
Vote: All in favor. CARRIED.

UFB#2 To Consider Variance to Subdivision Ordinance to Allow Installation of Overhead Power Lines for Gaston County YMCA
Mr. Joe Wynn said that Crescent Resources has refused to assist in the cost of underground power line installation. Crescent contacted Duke Power and they stated they are unable to assist due to regulations. He has contacted the County as well and found no funding available for this. We request a variance allowing overhead installation due to the large amount of rock on the site. Councilman Hope asked if he has met with Duke Power regarding the location of the poles. Mr. Wynn said he has not since they did not know if the variance would be granted; they only have estimates on the underground. City Manager David Kraus said he and staff met with Duke Power representatives, and they propose to put overhead parallel to the road to the Y site and then underground.
Motion: Councilman Hough **MOVED** to grant the variance to the YMCA to use overhead installation of power lines, seconded by Councilman Black.
Vote: All in favor. CARRIED.

UFB#3 To Consider Approval of Utility Relocation Resolution for NC 27 Widening
City Manager Kraus said even though Council already approved this, DOT has requested that their resolution form be adopted. Councilman Stewart noted that Sandoz Chemicals name should be changed to Clariant.
Motion: Councilman Hough **MOVED** to approve DOT's resolution, with amendment, identified as Res. #5-10-99(B), seconded by Councilwoman Harris.
Vote: All in favor. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH#1 To Consider Amendment to Watershed Regulations Zoning Amendment

Councilman Helms moved to go into public hearing to consider amendment to watershed regulations zoning amendment, seconded by Councilman Black, with all in favor.

Planning & Zoning Director Danny Jackson reviewed the recommendations of the Planning Commission. He provided in the agenda a proposal for Section 5.13.3 in the zoning code. The primary changes are for a 100 foot buffer along the lake; 50 feet on perennial streams; provisions as to trees, herbicides, etc. The state minimum is 30 feet. He also presented a request by Duke Power Company to be exempt due to their position as a utility provider, stating that this is parallel to the new regulations the Gaston County commission is proposing for their watershed areas.

Mayor McLean opened the floor for audience comments by those who had signed in to speak.

Pam Beck, 405 Nivens Cove Road. She addressed the 50 foot buffer along perennial streams. She said the Mecklenburg County requirement is 100 feet in the critical area, even for perennial streams, and she asked Council to do the same. She noted that the storm water system proposed may need to be amended, and should be studied more.

Henry Long, 399 Nivens Cove Road. Prior to living here 15 years, he lived in Mecklenburg Co. for 18 years. He said people in that area already looked on Gaston County politicians as being a little slower to reach for the brass ring. He said he was speaking for the children and future children in Gaston County. This is the time to take a good look at this situation and do what you will be proud of. When he looks upstream he sees 90% protected beyond the minimum standard above CMUD, but below it is only minimum and he said they should not settle for minimum.

Donna Lisenby, Edgemore, SC, employed by the Catawba River Foundation. The people in Gaston, Mecklenburg, and York Counties created the Catawba River corridor study. I am here tonight to say Mount Holly cares about water quality, they wanted a Riverkeeper. I am doing that job tonight. We need 100 foot buffers on the perennial streams. The current study she referred to has 30 references and notes the differences between pervious and impervious surface. The primary threat is phosphorus load, but we also have threats from other metals. She asked if Waters Edge will be under the new watershed regulations; the Mayor said it will.

John Beck, 405 Nivens Cove Road. Please reconsider taking out a storm water system in the critical area; as the curb and gutter is not desirable in critical areas. He said the retention ponds fill up and are costly to clean out. You need to enlarge the critical area up to the Highway 16 bridge.

There being no further comments, Councilman Helms moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Black, with all in favor.

Motion: Councilman Helms **MOVED** to approve Res. #5-l0-99C. which is Section 5.13.3 of the zoning code related to watershed regulations, as presented, seconded by _______.

Councilman Stewart said he has talked with the County, and COG reps, and he commends the staff on their hard work over the last several months. He found that we are making a long improvement from what we had, and the existing structures cannot be allowed to continue.
Vote: All in favor. CARRIED.

PH#2 Establishment of Zoning Districts for Proposed Water's Edge Subdivision
Danny Jackson showed the proposed map with the proposed districts for the Waters Edge development. The developer has made changes based on recommendations and concerns of the Planning Commission. It contains B-3 on each end of NC 273. The B-3CU will be B-2 which is more restrictive. The R-8 will be quadraplexes. The majority of the tract will be R-12.

Mayor McLean opened the floor for comments.

Tom Waters, Provident Development Group. We have amended the zoning map proposal. R-10 has been removed, and replaced by R-12. We will have 64 quadraplexes. There will be only access on Highway 16 and no access on Nivens Cove Road for that section.

Robert Hubeli, 393 Nivens Cove Road. I applaud Mr. Water's changes, but I am still concerned about the multi-family because there is a wetland area where it is planned. There should be nothing there as it should be protected. I urge you to not approve the multi-family in that area. There is a stream there that they have not marked.

Pam Beck, 405 Nivens Cove Road. She wanted them to zone it R-20. What size is R-12? Danny said that is about a quarter acre. She said that is too small. She also said she agrees with Mr. Hubeli about the site being a wetland area. Please be sure the developer does sediment tests. She felt the Council was acting on bad scientific advice, and stated that septic tanks are not as bad as the dense development with roads and pipes and ground disturbance.

Henry Long, 399 Nivens Cove Road. On June 1st there will be a symposium to discuss the future of Mountain Island Lake, with scientists and area councils and commissioners. He wanted to go on record asking Council to table action on this matter to attend that symposium and make a better educated ruling.

Charlie Cox, 13432 Lucia Riverbend Hwy. The area the developer is talking about putting all these houses on has about ten streams. He had not seen an erosion control plan, which he wanted Council to see before they vote on zoning districts. He said the developer wants city water because the land will not perk and he cannot develop it with septic tanks because it will not be profitable. It would be less pollution because less houses if septic tanks were used instead of city water and sewer.

John Beck, 393 Nivens Cove Road. Please table action on this matter for 30 days until you hear the information to be presented at the symposium. He said Council has no traffic study, no erosion control, and it needs to slow down and reconsider the whole picture. He stated that Council has an opportunity to exercise political will that will affect the community for years. He said Council is not even making the developer do what Duke Power required on the deed restrictions.

Ron Bryant, 1100 Ardsley Road, Charlotte. He said it is obvious that he was from across the river. He was speaking on behalf of the N. C. Clean Water Trust Fund. He was involved during the deliberations and voting to grant this area $6.5 million to purchase land. They expect good stewardship, and if we do not do so, we will not get funding.

Donna Lizenby. This runoff of water from impervious surfaces, stream temperatures, fish population,and other matters are affected by the fact that the more density the more pollution. This lake provides drinking water for one tenth of the population of North Carolina. She referred to the Council's oath to uphold the laws of federal, state, and local jurisdiction and care for the best interest of the citizens. It costs money to clean up pollution and you can be fiscally responsible by requiring less density. She urged Council to table this motion and get more input.

Tom Keigher, Gaston County Commission. The symposium is on June 1st and I represent the County citizens as you know. I have been better educated as to what has happened in South Carolina by the Riverkeeper. We need to think about the county and the other counties that rely on this water quality. If you think anything could go wrong, I would ask you to please reconsider until after you attend the symposium. I think you will be amazed about what you will learn.

Mack Wilson, 224 Island View Road. Progress is progress, but he has seen just from The Overlook Subdivision that you cannot even go out on Mountain Island Lake now because of the increase of traffic. This will be even worse.

Dean Duncan, 232 Island View Road, a resident of 30 years. He is a volunteer for Gaston County for testing streams. He will continue to do so, and will report it to the commission. He sees crawfish and minnows now, but they won't be there after you do this.

There being no further comments, Councilman Helms moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Black, with all in favor.

Councilman Black asked Mr. Waters about the multifamily section. Did you identify that wetland area? Mr. Waters said it was, and our development does not go over the ridge where it is located.

Motion: Councilman Hough **MOVED** to adopt zoning for Waters Edge as shown on the amended map, Resolution # 5-10-99D, seconded by Councilman Helms.
Vote: All in favor. CARRIED.

PH#3 Annexation of City Owned Property Along NC 273 at the City Water Tower
Councilman Helms moved to go into public hearing, seconded by Councilwoman Harris, with all in favor.

City Attorney Michael said this is the location of the northern city water tank on 5 acres on Highway 273 at the corner of SR 1933; the city water plant was previously annexed.

No comments for or against.

Councilman Helms moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Black, with all in favor.

Motion: Councilman Hough **MOVED** to adopt Resolution #5-10-99E to annex the city water tank site effective May 10, 1999 at 8:30 PM, seconded by Councilman Black.
Vote: All in favor. CARRIED.

PH#4 Voluntary Annexation of Property Owned by Crescent Resources Along NC 273 Between Freightliner and City Water Tower
Councilwoman Harris moved to go into public hearing, seconded by Councilman Helms, with all in favor.

This is a tract owned by Crescent Resources containing 9.48 acres adjoining the 5 acre tract owned by the City just annexed and across from Pinewood Elem. School.

No comments for or against.

Councilman Helms moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilwoman Harris, with all in favor.

Motion: Councilman Hough **MOVED** to adopt Resolution #5-10-99F to annex 9.48 acres on Highway 273 owned by Crescent Resources, effective May 10, 1999 at 8:35 PM, seconded by Councilman Black.
Vote: All in favor. CARRIED.

PH#5 Voluntary Annexation of Proposed StoneWater Development
Councilman Helms moved to go into public hearing, seconded by Councilwoman Harris, with all in favor.

City Manager David Kraus said he had prepared a report included in the agenda as to estimated cost of services for this new subdivision, which he reviewed with the Council as to revenue and expenses estimated. He said the additional police crew for Waters Edge should be able to cover StoneWater Bay as well. We will add a records clerk. He has added figures for fire protection and sanitation crew. He also added for recreation, code enforcement, administration, and contingency. He anticipates the capital expense being paid in two years on general funds, and the water and sewer in three years, for a total of five years. Councilman Stewart asked if the figures include benefits; Mr. Kraus said it does. City Attorney Michael said no action should be taken on the annexation petition until after action is taken on the proposed annexation agreement. The agreement has been prepared very similar to Waters Edge. StoneWater will pay for utility extensions from Waters Edge into their development, including engineering. State approval is required. If the City chooses to upsize utility lines, it will pay only material cost of the difference. Any rights of way required outside the DOT right of way will be obtained by StoneWater. City approves the contractors and engineers used. Contractors and engineers are required to meet for pre-construction conferences, and erosion control is required, with on-site inspectors. After approval of the infrastructure, the City will take ownership of it. The reimbursement policy we have used before is repeated here as well. The City will assure that the Waters Edge infrastructure is in place within two years. The City assures it has capacity to provide water and sewer service for this development for seven years, meaning it reserves the capacity for the development for that long while waiting for development. Financial guarantee requirements for StoneWater are outlined per the subdivision ordinance.

Randy Anthony, 2717 Mountain Island Hwy. He supports the voluntary annexation. He had a question; would residents of Henderson neighborhood be able to tap onto that water line; the answer is yes.

Steve Schreiner, Vice-President, Crescent Resources. He stated the company is requesting annexation to develop the land on Mountain Island Lake with a proposal of approximately 350 lots, lot size of one half acre average. Three different types of lots are involved, namely, riverfront, water access lots, and water view lots. There are 60 waterfront lots, 20 water access, and 260 water view. The plan anticipates development in four to five phases. Amenities offered include 2 stone entry monuments, a swim and tennis club, a neighborhood park with passive recreation, 94 community docks, and city water and sewer. He said the company takes environmental concerns very seriously. Crescent Resources uses a four step process, involving the site developer, homeowner education, and property management. Wetlands and streams are earmarked for protection. Erosion control is planned, which normally exceeds state standards. They do what they can to reduce the drainage areas. There is daily on-site management. Homeowners are instructed on pollution controls and construction contracts, including the contract to purchase having them sign a receipt and acknowledge these have been explained to them. The county has an inspector and we do also. An architectural control committee has various responsibilities which include watershed compliance.

Management supervises the homeowners association to be sure the restrictions and regulations are complied with, and a board is installed and educated. They will use mostly the same techniques as at The Overlook, but will utilize what they have learned as well to make this development even better. Mr. Schreiner had slides which he showed to demonstrate erosion control and pollution controls. He also said that he would like to know what contractor was moving silt to the lake in The Overlook as that is not approved (a previous speaker had mentioned this). He shows the difference between pre-zoning and post-zoning properties on the lake. The pre-zoning has no buffer, with trees cut and yards manicured to the water. The zoned lots have a buffer with trees and no fertilized lawns on the water.

Robert Hubeli, 393 Nivens Cove Rd. He stated his disappointment on Council's vote for the zoning on Waters Edge. It appears you did not listen to the Planning Commission's input. He felt there is a conflict by Councilman Michael Helms, since he works for Duke Power. Duke Power should be ashamed in his opinion to develop this project since they have staff that knows the result of runoff. They do not need the money. Also, The Overlook is below the Meck. Co. water intake, but above the Gaston County and Gastonia and Mount Holly's. He questioned the accuracy of the City Manager's estimates for services. He stated that Council also needs to consider what effect this will have on our schools. He said "we" oppose the annexation, that enough development is enough. This endangers our water supply further.

Robert Gardner, 116 Fox Ridge Lane, for 25 years. We are in one of the four lots you saw that is surrounded by StoneWater Bay. I am worried about the quality of life. What has happened at Lake Norman and along Highway 73 is evidence of what will happen here. No one can enjoy it. He serves and has served on enforcement commissions. Lake Norman is very crowded, and Mountain Island is much smaller. No one has considered the wildlife in this matter, the ducks and geese, herons and deer. He said the city is not considering the customer as had been claimed during the budget presentation.

Pam Beck, 405 Nivens Cove Road. We are concerned about the development and water quality. Council has projected sales tax at $39,000, and she asked is that for shopping in Mount Holly? City Manager Kraus replied it is not, that it is based on state figures since the State is who sends sales tax funds to the City. Mrs. Beck said it is her understanding that one trash crew covers 500 homes, and so she believed the City Manager has underestimated. She noted there is no estimate for safety on the lake; but you will need a police boat. As to our property, it was already that way. Trees have been cut in the buffer area already, large ones at Waters Edge have been downed and you have done nothing to stop them.

Donna Lasenby stated she would be rich if she had $1 for every developer who kept their promises. She has been to many boards and they have been responsible, but this Council has not. She claimed they have effectively rejected $6.5 million grant money. It was bvious to her that they will not listen to her and had already made up their minds.

John Beck, 405 Nivens Cove Road. He also said he knew the Council would not listen to me. He believed this is a big conspiracy, that Crescent and Mr. Waters are working together and you are being used. The only good thing he see is that StoneWater has less density. He said something is rotten in Denmark, only it is really here in Mt. Holly.

Ron Bryant, 1100 Ardsley Road. The local Sierra club wants you to know they are profoundly disappointed. He hoped Council did not kill the golden goose (referring to the grant funds for conservation) with its earlier votes, and said perhaps theysalvage it now. He warned they are looking at a Trojan Horse.

There being no further comments, Councilman Helms moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Councilman Hough, with all in favor.

Motion: Councilman Hough **MOVED** to adopt Res. #5-10-99G, the ordinance to annex StoneWater Bay property on Mountain Island Lake, effective June 30, 1999, at12:01 AM, seconded by Councilman Black.
Discussion: Councilman Hough said he has kept his mouth shut during the whole evening while the speakers made their points. He said he appreciated the interest. He noted for the record that some of the comments were true and some were not true. He strongly expressed that he took exception to some of the comments made involving his integrity as a councilman, and he state that was unacceptable. He said Council and staff and the Planning Commission have worked on this matter diligently for several months. Councilwoman Harris forcefully stated she agreed with Mr. Hough that she did not appreciate the comments that I am in someone's back pocket, that she is not in anyone's back pocket; this was an insult to her personally and not acceptable. She said she has taken into consideration everything that has been said and the facts presented, and voted accordingly. Councilman Helms said he want to respond to the conflict of interest allegation. He informed the audience that conflict of interest only applies if the councilman has a personal interest of gain. He said he did not. Also, he reminded them that Duke Power is not Crescent Resources.
Vote: All in favor. CARRIED.

Motion: Councilman Hough **MOVED** to approve the annexation agreement, Res. #5-10-99G(1) with Stonewater Bay Properties, as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Harris.
Vote: all in favor. CARRIED.

PH#6 Voluntary Annexation of Dimmer Properties on Nantz Avenue
This matter was tabled for the owner to make an amendment to the petition.

The Council took a five minutes recess.

RESIGNATION
Motion: Councilwoman Harris **MOVED** to sadly accept the resignation of Councilman Stewart, effective May 28, 1999 at 5:00 PM. Councilman Black seconded. Mayor McLean said this is due to Mr. Stewart moving outside the city limits.

Vote: All in favor. CARRIED.

City Attorney Michael said state law provides that the Council shall make nominations and vote on the replacement person to serve out the remainder of Mr. Stewart's term which expires December 1999.
No action.

CONSENT AGENDA
Councilman Black **MOVED** to accept and approve Items 1, 3, 4, and 5, and deleting Item 2 on the consent agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Harris; and unanimously carried. They are:

1. Call for Public Hearing to Establish Zoning District (R-12) for StoneWater Bay Development, and to Establish Zoning District (H-I) for the two annexations on NC 273.
2. Deleted.
3. Approval of Tax Releases for April 1999 in the amount of $108.55 for 1995, $78.62 for 1996, $154.18 tax and $1.88 interest for 1997, and $670.56 for 1998.
4. Final Plat Approval for Phase Two Map 2 of Runnymeade Subdivision, based on recommendation of staff and the Planning Commission, and contingent on proper financial guarantees being provided.
5. Approval of Thoroughfare Plan Update presented by the Gaston Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

NEW BUSINESS
NB #1 To Consider a Resolution Supporting Dissolution of the Catawba Heights Sanitary District
City Attorney Michael stated that the District was required to remain after annexation until its debt was paid. That debt has been refinanced in the name of the City and the District commissioners have passed a resolution to ask that it be dissolved. A letter is prepared to go to the county commissioners to ask that it be dissolved, and Council should support that resolution
Motion: Councilman Stewart **MOVED** to adopt Res. #5-10-99I to abolish Catawba Heights Sanitary District, seconded by Councilwoman Harris.
Vote: all in favor. CARRIED.
Councilman Black asked that recognition be given to those commissioners at next meeting.

NB#2 To Consider Adding Rails to Trails Projects to Transportation Improvement Plan
Richard Duren. The Greenway Committee requests the P & N corridor be approved for "Rails to Trails", and that the Depot on Central and Lee Streets be preserved. The grant they wish to apply for provides $350,000 with a 20% matching funds, and he has talked with corporations about funding the matching. City Manager Kraus said it is his understanding this is separate from road funds. Councilman Hough asked if the Council

approves the application for the grant, would the City be obligated for any funds. City Manager Kraus said this vote would not obligate the City.

Motion: Councilman Hough **MOVED** to pass Res. 5-10-99J to apply for Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century grant funds to preserve the depot, seconded by Councilman Black.

Discussion: Councilman Stewart asked who would own the depot if this is successful? Mr. Duren said it could be the city or county or N. C. Preservation. Mr. Duren said the owner would have to be a tax exempt entity.

Vote: All in favor. CARRIED.

NB#3 To Consider Adoption of Holly Hills and Rollins Square 1999-2000 Budget

Teresa Sides presented the budget. She said that management is finishing the remodeling in Rollins Square.

Motion: Councilman Stewart **MOVED** to adopt the budget as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Harris.

Vote: All in favor. CARRIED.

NB#4 To Consider a Petition for Voluntary Annexation of Mooreland Estates Subdivision and Call for Public Hearing

Mr. and Mrs. Moore have petitioned for voluntary annexation of 47 lots on old Highway 27.

Motion: Resolution directing the City Clerk to investigate the petition, Res. #5-10-99 (K-1), was approved upon **MOTION** by Councilman Hough, seconded by Councilman Black.

Vote: all in favor. CARRIED.

City Clerk David Kraus stated he had investigated the petition in anticipation of this action and gave his certificate of sufficiency.

Motion: Resolution Of Intent to Annex with amendment to show that the property is contiguous, and to set a public hearing on June 14th, Res. #5-10-99K, was approved by **MOTION** by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilwoman Harris.

Vote: all in favor. CARRIED.

NB#5 To Consider Preliminary Plat Approval for Phase One of the Mooreland Estates Subdivision

Planning & Zoning Director Danny Jackson said the Planning Commission recommends approval of the preliminary plat for Phase 1.

Motion: Councilman Stewart **MOVED** to approve the preliminary plat for Phase 1 for Mooreland Estates, seconded by Councilman Black.

Vote: all in favor. CARRIED.

NB-added To Consider Petition for Voluntary Anenxation of Autumn Woods
Motion: Councilman Stewart **MOVED** to approve Res. #5-10-99H(1) to direct the city clerk to investigate the petition, seconded by Councilman Hough.
Vote: all in favor. CARRIED.

City Clerk David Kraus stated he had investigated the petition in anticipation of this action, and he made his certification of sufficiency.

Motion: The Resolution Of Intent to Annex, and call for a public hearing on June 14th, Res. #5-10-99(H), was adopted upon **MOTION** by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Black.
Vote: all in favor. CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Mayor McLean opened the floor for public comment.
No further comments were made.

ROUND TABLE
Mayor McLean said the Freightliner plant is having open house.

Councilman Hough noted for the record that the city staff did an excellent job at Springfest and he really appreciated that..

Councilman Black agreed that everyone involved did a good job and had a good positive attitude, and we thank the committee and Pat Hubbard as well for all their hard work.

City Attorney Michael stated that in 26 years he had been serving the Council, he had never seen so many various items of such magnitude in one evening with unanimous votes and he appreciated the Council's willingness to spend extra time on these matters the last few months.

Mayor McLean thanked the Council for its hard work and having made tough decisions under pressure. He informed the Council that Bobby Black was having open house at his new office the next Tuesday.

Councilman Helms said that now that he actually saw Mount Holly citizens in the audience, he wanted to say that the Council members have not taken the watershed regulations lightly and will continue to work to be concerned.

City Manager David Kraus passed on a letter he had received to the Council from ____________________________.

Councilman Stewart echoed his appreciation for all of the Springfest committee who did an excellent job. He stated he had enjoyed the past three years serving on Council, and was sorry that he cannot finish his term due to the residence requirement. He wished the remaining Council the best of luck and said if he could be of help, they should please feel free to call on me.

Councilman Black asked if we have a definite decision on the location for the new post office, and will it be located on Highway 27 definitely? The answer was Yes. Councilman Black was concerned that it might be a dangerous traffic location because of the hill; Mayor McLean said they plan to have a rear entrance for their trucks off of West Central Avenue or Kendrick Street.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned, upon motion duly made by Councilwoman Harris, seconded by Councilman Stewart, and carried with all in favor.

10:33 PM

Clerk

Frank E. McLean

Mayor

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