

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, November 14, 2011
Council Chambers
7:00 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Bryan Hough called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following were present:

Mayor Bryan Hough	Danny Jackson, City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Breyare	Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Jerry Bishop	Greg Beal, Senior Planner
Councilman Bennie Brookshire	James Friday, Director of Utilities
Councilman Jim Hope	Dale Oplinger, Fire Chief
Councilman David Moore	David Belk, Chief of Police
Councilman Perry Toomey	Mike Santmire, Streets and Solid Waste Director
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	Ed Smith, Recreation Director

Call to Order by Mayor Hough

Mayor Hough called the Mount Holly City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation

in Mount Holly gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Boy Scout Troop 59 of the First United Methodist Church in Mount Holly led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Set Agenda

Mayor Hough asked for any changes to the agenda. With no changes Councilman Brookshire made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Award of Bid for the Engineering Portion of the CDBG
2. Approval of Budget Amendment for Stormwater
3. Approval of the Capital Project Ordinance for the CDBG
4. Approval of an Ordinance Establishing a Lien on Real Property for Clearing of Weeds and Grass for the following Properties:
 - 214 Highland Street
 - Scott Street (vacant lot)
 - 100 Maple Drive
 - 308 Adrian
5. Call for a public hearing regarding a request by Clariant Corporation for a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Section 5.20 Design Regulations for Commercial Buildings, to allow for the new construction of perimeter fences on industrial property to be galvanized, chain-link fencing along with barbed-wire runners if necessary for security purposes.
6. Call for a public hearing regarding a request by Carolina Holdings Acquisition, LLC for a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Section 5.20 Design Regulations for Commercial Buildings, which would allow two rows of parking, not greater than 40% of the total amount of parking located on the parcel, to be located in front of the proposed retail building in the B-3 General Business District outside of the Gateway Overlay areas.

7. Acceptance of infrastructure in Autumn Woods Phase 3, Woodbridge Circle, for maintenance purposes.
8. Approval of the minutes for the September 26, 2011 work session meeting
9. Approval of the minutes for the October 10, 2011 regular meeting
10. Approval of the minutes for the October 31, 2011 special meeting

Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of Proclamation Honoring Senator James Forrester

Mayor Hough read the Proclamation Honoring Senator Forrester. He advised that the proclamation would be sent to Senator Forrester's family.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of Signage and Branding for Parks and Recreation

Mr. Smith advised that at the work session meeting Council requested additional time consider the signage and branding proposal for the City Parks. He advised that the Recreation Commission recommends moving forward with this project at this time in hopes of piggybacking off the Economic Development branding project. Councilman Hope commented that he could not see spending \$16,300 for a study that is being done by the same contractor that the City has hired to do the study for the Economic Development Project. Councilman Moore added that the Recreation Commission discussed this at length and thought that maybe they could get a cheaper rate if they moved forward with this campaign at this time. At this time, Councilman Hope made a motion to deny the proposal and let Staff further review this proposal. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of an Application for the NCDOT Master Plan Grant

Mr. Beal came before Council to request permission to apply for a grant that would assist in the development of a Pedestrian Master Plan. He advised that this plan would be an asset for obtaining additional grants for sidewalks. Councilman Bishop made a motion to move forward with the application and submittal of the NCDOT Master Plan Grant. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor.

CLOSED SESSION

At this time, Councilman Bishop made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5)). Mayor Pro Tem Breyare seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Councilman Bishop made a motion to come out of closed session. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

Mayor Hough advised that no action was taken during closed session.

REPORTS

At this time the City Council agreed to make reservations at Firebirds for the annual Christmas Dinner.

Mayor Hough asked Mr. Santmire how many sets of lights had been placed on the trees downtown. Mr. Santmire replied there are seventeen sets of lights on seventeen trees. He advised that they used all the light that had not been damaged and were still working. Mayor Hough commented that in his opinion if there were not enough lights to cover all the trees then they should be taken down. Council agreed. Mayor Hough suggested that the Chamber work with the downtown businesses on this project.

Mayor Hough advised that Staff has done a great job getting grants but he has not seen a lot of public relation. He advised that a conscience effort needs to be made to get this information out to the public.

Mr. Jackson commented that Staff is still collecting topics for the retreat and also any one that is planning to drive to Hickory everyday needs to contact Ms. Miller to let her know.

At this time, Mr. Jackson asked everyone to keep his brother, Councilman Hope and Gina Hough in their thoughts and prayers due to upcoming surgeries.

Mayor Hough advised that he has been thinking through the Committees and he would like to get input from the Council on the appointments. Therefore the Committees will be a topic of discussion at the Retreat and appointments will be made in February.

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Bishop made the motion to adjourn the November 14, 2011 Council meeting. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.