

CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, December 14, 2009
Council Chambers
7:00 pm

Call to Order

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

Mayor Robert Whitt	Eric Davis, City Manager
Mayor Pro-Tem David Moore	Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Jerry Bishop	Danny Jackson, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Frank McLean	James Friday, Director of Utilities
Councilman Benny Brookshire	Dale Oplinger, Fire Chief
Councilman Perry Toomey	David Belk, Chief of Police
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare	Mike Santmire, Streets and Solid Waste Director
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	Mark Jusko, Interim Parks and Recreation Director
Brooke Lopez, Attorney, Kemp Michael's office	

Call to Order by Mayor Whitt

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

Invocation

Reverend Jason Bryant, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, led 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

Councilwoman Breyare advised that Mount Hollydays would like to present the Mount Holly Community Relief Organization (CRO) with a check at the meeting tonight. Mayor Whitt added the item as #4 under *Presentations*. Mayor Whitt moved the presentation from the Sports Hall of Fame to #5 under *Presentations*. Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilman Brookshire seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Budget Amendment for the Disbursement of JAG Grant Funds.
2. Approval of Advertisement for the ETJ Planning Commission Member

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

MINUTES

1. Approval of the minutes for the October 12, 2009 business meeting.

Council pointed out some typographical errors within the minutes. Councilman McLean made a motion to approve the minutes of October 12, 2009 business meeting as amended. Councilman Brookshire seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

2. Approval of the minutes for the October 26, 2009 work session meeting.

Councilman Brookshire pointed out one (1) typographical error within the minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to approve the minutes of October 26, 2009 work session meeting as amended. Councilman Brookshire seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

3. Approval of the minutes for the November 9, 2009 business meeting.

Councilman Toomey made one (1) correction to the minutes. Councilman McLean made a motion to approve the minutes of November 9, 2009 business meeting as amended. Councilman Brookshire seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

4. Approval of the minutes for the November 23, 2009 work session meeting.

Councilwoman Breyare made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2009 work session as presented. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of Resolution Honoring Mount Holly Boy Scout Troop 59

Mayor Whitt presented Boy Scout Troop 59 with a resolution honoring their recognition in Boys Life Magazine. Scout Master Rick Connell accepted the resolution for the Troop but advised that the boys truly deserved the recognition and credit.

2. Presentation of Employee Service Awards

Mayor Pro Tem Moore and Mr. Davis presented the following employees with 5, 10, 15 and 20 year employee service awards: 5 years—Michelle Nichols, Becky Conder, Kim Sturgis, Mike Gruno, Derek Terry, Tony Walker, Clinton Laughlin, Dale Oplinger, Ralph Hall, John Haggins; 10 years—Tammy Earney, Stan Boswell, Susan Willocks, Mike Santmire; 15 years Sonny Rankin and Buddy Rodgers with 20 years.

3. Presentation of Employee of the Year Award

Mayor Pro Tem Moore advised that Council decided that two (2) Employees are deserving of the Employee of the Year Award this year. Therefore, Becky Conder and Greg Beal were named Co-Employees of the Year for 2009. Mr. Guffey and Mr. Jackson both had words of praise for their employees.

4. Presentation from Mount Hollydays to the CRO Board

The Board of Directors for Mount Hollydays was in attendance to present the CRO with a check for \$3,500. This is the proceeds from events held by Mount Hollydays.

5. Presentation from Sports Hall of Fame to the CRO

Councilman Toomey introduced Eddie Wilson. Mr. Wilson presented a check to the CRO from the proceeds from the Sports Hall of Fame Banquet.

Mr. Davis advised that he has a surprise for Council. Mr. Davis introduced Andre Pollard with Clariant. Mr. Pollard presented Council with the first signed easement for the Greenways. Mayor Whitt was very appreciative of the signed document.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on the Catawba Heights Fire Station

Mr. Oplinger advised that he presented Council in their packet with a much larger list than first anticipated in regards to the needed renovations at the Catawba Heights Fire Station. He advised that he is in the process of putting together budgetary pricing for the renovations but during the process has run into an asbestos issue. Councilman Bishop recommended that Council discuss this item further at the next work session. Council agreed.

2. Update on the Number of Residents that pay for Additional Weekly Trash Collection

Mr. Santmire reported that residents that generate a high volume of garbage are allowed to purchase an additional trash can and pay an additional monthly fee of \$10.00 for the pickup. Councilman Bishop asked the amount of the tipping fee. Mr. Santmire replied that it is \$7.50. There was further discussion in regard to purchasing the cans back from the residents. At this time, Councilman Bishop made a motion to drop the fee

for the extra container pick-up to \$7.50 per month. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Mr. Davis advised that Council would need to make a second motion to purchase the garbage containers back from residents. Councilman Bishop made a motion to allow the City to purchase the garbage containers back from the residents. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

1. Oath of Office for Councilman Jerry Bishop

Judge Caldwell administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Bishop. Before Councilman Bishop was sworn-in he introduced his daughter, son-in-law and grand-daughter.

2. Oath of Office for Councilman Jim Hope

Councilman Hope advised that his daughter Allison is a notary public and will be swearing him in. Before Councilman Hope was sworn in, he introduced his wife, daughters, son-in-law and grandchildren. Councilman Hope also introduced his pastor whom led those present in a word of prayer before the swearing in. Councilman Hope then took the oath of office.

3. Oath of Office for Councilman David Moore

Judge Caldwell administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Moore. Before Councilman Moore was sworn-in he introduced his wife and children.

4. Oath of Office for Mayor Bryan Hough

Judge Caldwell administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Hough. Before Mayor Hough was sworn-in he introduced his wife, children and parents.

5. Recognition of Out-Going Mayor and Council Members

Mayor Hough's first item of business as Mayor was to present Mayor/Councilman Frank McLean and Mayor Robert Whitt with resolutions and various other tokens of appreciation from the City for their time spent serving the City of Mount Holly.

After the presentation, the newly elected Council took their seats to continue the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Council Appointments

- Mayor Pro Tem—Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare
- City Attorney—Kemp Michael
- City Auditors—Collis and Associates
- City Clerk—Amy Miller
- Tax Collector—Kim Sturgis
- Finance Officer—Africa Otis

Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the City appointments as listed above. Councilman Brookshire seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

2. City Commission/Board Appointments/Re-Appointments

➤ Planning Commission

Mayor Hough reported that the Planning Commission is a City Committee with rotating terms among the membership. He advised that Jeff Meadows term expires this month and therefore needs to be reinstated. Councilman Moore made a motion to reappoint Jeff Meadows to the Planning Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

➤ Recreation Commission

Mayor Hough advised that the Recreation Commission is reappointed by Council every election year during the organizational meeting. Councilman Moore made a motion to reappoint the current

membership of the Recreation Commission for an additional 2 years. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

➤ Centralina COG Board of Delegates

Mayor Hough reported that Mr. McLean was the City's COG representative. Therefore, this position needs to be filled. He advised that Councilman Bishop has agreed to serve as the Centralina COG Delegate for the City and Councilman Brookshire has agreed to serve as the alternate.

Councilman Toomey made a motion to appoint Councilman Bishop as the COG Delegate and Councilman Brookshire as the Alternate. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

3. Mayor Committee Appointments

- Archives Committee
- Black History Committee-added as a mayor appointed committee
- Beautification Committee
- Construction Committee
- Economic Development Committee
- Special Events Committee
- Stormwater Committee
- Transportation Advisory Committee
- Utility Committee

Mayor Hough reported that the Retail Space Committee, Grand Hall Committee and the Leak Adjustment Committee will not be reinstated. He advised that these Committees have done what they were charged to do and are no longer needed. Mayor Hough further advised that the Committees started above will be the Mayoral Appointed Committees. He further advised that he has appointed citizen chairs to the Committees where possible. At this time, Councilman Bishop declined the reappointment to the Utility Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Approval of the 2010 Council Meeting Schedule

Council discussed changing the time of the work session to 6:30 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m. Councilman Brookshire made a motion to approve the 2010 Council Meeting Schedule with the Work Session Meetings starting at 6:30 p.m. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion passed)

REPORTS

Councilman Toomey advised that he met with a citizen this week about a traffic problem but will discuss the situation further at a future meeting.

Mr. Michael expressed to Council his appreciation for being re-appointed.

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Toomey made the motion to adjourn the December 14, 2009 Council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Mayor Hough invited everyone to attend a reception in the Training Room.

