

**City of Mount Holly**  
**Mount Holly City Council Work Session Meeting**  
**Monday, February 28, 2011**  
**Council Chambers**  
**6:30 pm**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Bryan Hough called the meeting to order at 6:30 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	David Belk, Police Chief
Councilman Jim Hope	Dale Oplinger, Fire Chief
Councilman Perry Toomey	James Friday, Director of Utilities
Councilman Bennie Brookshire	Mike Santmire, Director of Streets and Solid Waste
Councilman David Moore	Ed Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation
Brooke Lopez with Kemp Michaels Office	Greg Beal, Senior Planner

**Invocation**

Councilman Moore led the Council, staff and attendees in prayer.

**Set the Agenda**

Mayor Hough asked Council for any changes to the February 28, 2011 work session agenda. With no changes to the agenda, Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. With all Council Members present, all voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA**

**Introduction of New Employees**

At this time, each Department Head within the City introduced their new employees that have been hired by the City during the past several months. After the introductions Council welcomed the new employees and Mr. Jackson advised that our staff is now at full capacity.

**Presentation from the Statesville Housing Authority**

Mr. Jackson reported that Staff is proposing to relinquish ownership of the Mount Holly Housing Authority and transfer it to Statesville Housing Authority. The Statesville Housing Authority has been under contract with the City of Mount Holly since 2007 for the purpose of managing Rollins and Holly Hill Apartments and has done an excellent job for the City. Mr. Meachem, Director of the Statesville Housing Authority was present to explain the responsibilities that the Authority carries out for Mount Holly and answer any questions that Council might have. It was the consensus of Council to move forward with the Staff recommendation and move forward with the contracting process with the Statesville Housing Authority.

## Review of the Linear Park Project

*Bob Cooke*

Mr. Cooke was present to review the plans for the Linear Park Project. Mr. Cooke updated the Council on the status with CSX and the time frame as to which the City has to complete the project using the bond funds. Council discussed the fencing that is currently being stored for \$200 a month and directed staff to look in to more feasible storage of the fencing. Councilman Hope asked that since time is of the essence, can the City move forward with the bid process on this project without the agreement with CSX. Mr. Cooke recommended they do so. Councilman Bishop made a motion to move forward with the bid process for the Linear Park Project. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion and added that we need to let CSX know our plans. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

## Discussion of a Proposed Golf Cart Ordinance

Chief Belk reported that Captain Harris researched and developed most of the information in the proposed Golf Cart Ordinance. Captain Harris advised that she pulled parts of the ordinance from different Cities. They discussed the pros and cons of golf carts on the streets and the issue regarding liability. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare was very much in support of a Golf Cart Ordinance for the City while the rest of the Council Members were not as supportive. Therefore it was the consensus of the Council to table the Golf Cart Ordinance discussion.

## Update from the Construction Committee

Councilman Hope reported that the renovation to the Catawba Heights Fire Station are complete. He advised that all the Council Members should go by and look at the improvements. He further reported that the Construction Committee has been asked to look into the two (2) parking lots in the downtown area. Councilman Hope reported that an engineer estimated it would cost the City approximately \$80,000 for the improvements. He further advised that the Construction Committee was also directed to look into the feasibility of repairs to the current Streets Department site. He reported that it will not be feasible to make any repairs to the current site. Councilman Hope then commented that Councilman Bishop found a site for a permanent site for Public Works that the City already owns. It is located across from the waste treatment plant by the old water tank. Council directed staff move forward on the feasibility of this site and bring the info back to Council at the next meeting.

At this time, Mayor Hough advised that the parking issues downtown are not going away. He asked for Council direction in that regard. Council directed Staff to move forward with additional information and bring it back at the next meeting.

At this time, Councilman Moore made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) (5) and (6)). Councilman Brookshire 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.

At this time, Mayor Hough went around the table and asked for comments from Council. Councilman Toomey reported a loose manhole cover on Highland Street. He advised that it makes a terrible noise when cars run over it.

Mayor Hough reported that the Public Works facility issue will be brought up at every meeting until the issue is resolved. —hope brought up streets an utilt street on the agenda until resolved.

#### Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Moore made the motion to adjourn the February 28, 2011 Council work session meeting. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor.

#### **(Motion carried)**

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.