

CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, May 9, 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

Councilman David Moore 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 Toomey made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of a Resolution for the Donation of a Police Patrol Bicycle from the Mount Holly Community Development Foundation to the City
2. Call for a Public Hearing on a Conditional Use Re-Zoning for 128.7 acre parcel for Crescent Industries
3. Approval of the Mount Holly ABC Board Travel Policy
4. Approval of the minutes for the April 11, 2011 business meeting
5. Approval of the minutes for the April 25, 2011 work session 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 Proclaiming Peace Officers' Memorial Day and National Police Week May 15-21, 2011
Mayor Hough read the proclamation honoring the Mount Holly Police Department.
2. Presentation of Police Patrol Bicycle from the Mount Holly Community Development Foundation to the City police Department

Bobby Black, Chairman of the Mount Holly Community Foundation, was present to present the Police Department with a Police Patrol Bicycle. Mr. Black thanked the City Council for allowing the Foundation to partner with the City on this project.

3. Presentation of Eagle Scout Project for the K-9 Unit to the Police Department

Mayor Hough recognized Nathan Flowers for the work he has done for his Eagle Scout Project. Nathan presented the Police Department with a 6 piece obstacle course for the K9 unit. He advised that it was great working with Officer Reagen on this project. Officer Reagen spoke to the time and hard work that Nathan put into this project and what a pleasure it was working with him.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing on a Text Amendment to Section 12 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding the Appeal Process for Minimum Housing

At this time, Councilman Moore made a motion to enter into the public hearing. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

With no one signed up to speak, Mayor Pro Tem Breyare made a motion to return to regular session. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the text amendment to section 12 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding the appeal process for minimum housing. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

Bobby Hendrix
116 Egerton Drive
Mount Holly, NC 28120

Mr. Hendrix commented that there is a noise problem in his neighborhood. He advised that there is shooting going on that is outside the city limits. The problem is getting excessively worse. The Mount Holly Police Department has been made aware of the problem but cannot do anything because it is out in the County. Mr. Hendrix asked for help from the City Council. Mayor Hough advised that Mr. Jackson would be in touch.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Solution for the Public Works Facility Site

Councilman Hope advised that if Council is in agreement with the layout of the site plan then the next step will be to decide if the City should hire an Engineer or a Construction Manager at Risk to oversee the project. Councilman Hope explained the difference between the two and when asked the recommendation of the Construction Committee advised that it is to proceed forward with the proposed site plan and hire a Construction Manager at risk to oversee the project. Councilman Bishop made a motion to proceed as recommended by the Construction Committee. Councilman Hope seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

2. Consideration and Approval changing the City of Mount Holly Charter to reflect a 4 year term for the Mayor

Mr. Michael advised that the City Council has followed all of the appropriate steps to change the charter to reflect a 4 year Mayoral term. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare commented that she thinks the way our founding fathers wrote the charter years ago is the way it should stay. Therefore she does not support a 4 year term. Councilman Brookshire agreed and added that Mayor and Council should be 2 year terms. Councilman Hope made a motion to approve the proposed change to the Charter and make the Mayor term 4 years. (Resolution #592011A) Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare and Councilman Brookshire voted against the motion with the remainder of the Council voting in favor. (Motion carried 4-2)

3. Discussion of the Linear Park Plan

Mr. Beal advised that at the last meeting Staff reviewed the entire Linear Park project. At that time City Council directed Staff to provide additional information. Mr. Beal explained that Staff met with the Bond Counsel last week to insure our process is in line with their regulations. The only thing the City was cautioned on by the Bond Counsel was using bond money for road resurfacing. Powell Bill funds should be used for this. Mr. Beal further advised that after meeting with the Engineer, it was suggested that uniformity be the key to any additions to the Linear Park as it should not looked

piecemealed. Mr. Beal concurred that Staff is looking for direction tonight in regard to moving forward with the Linear Park project and awarding the bid to Bell Construction. Councilman Toomey made a motion to move forward with Bell Construction in regard to the Linear Park project. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation of the Proposed 2011-2012 Fiscal Year Budget

Mr. Jackson reported that the 2011-2012 proposed budget was presented to them. He added that Council has a budget work session scheduled for Thursday night and would go into more detail at that time.

CLOSED SESSION

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

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

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

REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Breyare reported that at Highway 273 and Graham Avenue seems as a roller coaster as far as the road resurfacing.

Councilman Toomey reported at 223 Dogwood Drive there are some boats, trailers etc that are very unsightly. Mr. Beal advised that there is nothing that can be done when they are used for commercial use.

Councilman Bishop requested an update on the Holiday Inn Property.

Councilman Hope reported that at the recent Senior Dinner, he was approached by Jeff Ingle and had somewhat of a confrontation regarding the condition the floor of the Grand Hall was in after the Community Choir. From the conversation with Mr. Ingle, a Council person told him that they were being blamed for the scratches on the floor. Councilman Hope produced a memo written by Mr. Jackson that stated differently. Councilman Hope reiterated that the process that went on during the time of the Community Concert was all the favor of public safety and liability issues for the City.

Councilman Brookshire reported overgrown trees and bushes on Dogwood Avenue that is in the line of sight. He further reported a tremendous amount on Highway 273.

Councilman Moore asked about the responsibility of the work done at Crossroads Church.

Mr. Jackson congratulated City Staff on the huge success of Springfest.

Mr. Jackson offer his condolences to Councilman Brookshire on behalf of the Council and Staff on the passing his sister.

Mayor Hough asked about the trucks that are continually parked on the Highway 27 side of the building. He directed Staff to find out about the owners and make sure they are moved before the Linear Park construction phase starts.

Mayor Hough commented favorably regarding the Recycle Smart Car. Mr. Santmire advised that none of the funds to pay for the wrap came from the City.

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Moore made the motion to adjourn the May 9, 2011 Council meeting. Councilman Brookshire seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.