

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORK SESSION
MAY 17, 2010
5:30p.m.

The Mount Holly City Council met on Monday, May 17, 2010 at 5:30P.M. Those present were Mayor Bryan Hough, Mayor Pro-Tem Carolyn Breyare, Council members Jim Hope, Bennie Brookshire, Jerry Bishop, Perry Toomey and David Moore. Also present were Danny Jackson, City Manager, Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager, Africa Otis, Finance Officer, James Friday, Utilities Director, Dale Oplinger, Fire Chief, Mark Jusko, Interim Parks & Recreation Director, Mike Santmire, Streets & Solid Waste Director, David Belk, Police Chief and Greg Beal, Planning Department Supervisor.

The Mayor called the meeting to order. The invocation was conducted by Mayor Pro-Tem Breyare. The agenda was set upon a motion and second by Council members Moore and Breyare, respectively. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

To start the budget discussion the Mayor reviewed the Budget Executive Summary, as submitted by staff. The Mayor asked the Council about the format for reviewing the submitted departmental budgets. The consensus was to review each individual department as they were in the Council's Budget Manual.

Legislative – the discussion involved public relations, H&S Media's role with the City, the need for staff to take quotes for a public relations firm, election expense, and expenses for the Christmas Parade and the Citizens Academy.

Administration – the discussion involved costs for a new copier, Rotary, Retirement, Debt Retirement, postage, utilities, and a cleaning service.

Planning – the discussion involved funds for Economic Development, contracted service, dues and subscriptions, salaries and vehicles.

Police – the discussion involved vehicle cameras, two new vehicles with laptops, school resource officer patrolling the parks during the summer, retirement, 401-k, utilities, ammunition, former police station, crossing guards and road bikes.

Fire – the discussion involved three new fire fighters, number of volunteers, and training, new computer for the Fire Chief, turnout gear, upgrade of the Catawba Heights Station, association membership, insurance, fire hydrants and debt schedule.

Garage – the discussion involved mechanic's salary, Public Works Building and a transmission flush machine.

Streets and Solid Waste – the discussion involved city operated recycling service, trucks for recycling and garbage collection, truck leasing versus purchasing, the need to eliminate curbing service, reduced recycling fee, changes in personnel due to in house recycling, recycling contract status with Waste

Management, maintenance contract with CSX Railroad, planter box maintenance with RDS and Streetscape Bonds duration.

Parks & Recreation – the discussion involved the status of the vacant Parks & Recreation Director’s position, the need for a golf cart or gator to carry certain equipment, transferring \$5,000 from Administration to Parks to cover the cost of the gator, the use of chemicals and the explanation of revenues and expenses.

Due to the length of the meeting the City Council decided to review the budgets for Water, Sewer and Stormwater at the next meeting, which was the Work Session on May 24th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm, upon a motion and second by Council members Bishop and Brookshire. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.