

CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, March 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

Reverend Kendall Cameron, pastor of the First Baptist Church 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 advised that there are a couple of changes to the agenda. First the Council will need to take action on the A and E Greenway Easement. He advised that the consideration and approval of the easement with A and E will take place immediately before the presentation to them. Mayor Hough also advised that the Public Hearing of the Mayor's Term will be postponed until next month at the April 11th Council Meeting. Mayor Hough asked for any additional changes. With additional changes to the agenda, Councilman Toomey made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilman Brookshire seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of a Resolution to Approve Advertising for Delinquent Taxes
2. Award the Bid for the Energy Grant at Tuck Park
3. Approval of the minutes for the February 14, 2011, business meeting
4. Approval of the minutes for the February 28, 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 of the Easement Agreement between the City of Mount Holly and American and Efrid
Councilman Hope made a motion to approve the easement agreement between American and Efrid and the City of Mount Holly. (Resolution #31411A) Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)
At this time, Mayor Hough asked the Council to join him on the floor to present Mr. Fred Jackson, President of American and Efrid with a plaque and a resolution as a token of appreciation for working with the city and granting the right of way for the purpose of using it for a Greenway.

2. Presentation of Marketing Material for the Grand Hall

Leigh Brinkley, with Brinkley Design presented Council with a draft document for the purpose of marketing the Grand Hall. She asked for feedback from Council. Council asked that she include "Mount Holly" on the outside cover of the brochure and Mr. Michael advised that photo credits need to be on the pictures. Ms. Brinkley advised that she would make the discussed changes to the brochure and get a copy to Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

Ross Heatherton
Stone Water
Mount Holly, NC 28120

Mr. Heatherton came before Council to request that GPS Units be placed in the Public Safety vehicles. He advised that it took the Fire Department 10 minutes to respond to a call in the Stone Water Bay area because the location could not be located.

Sandy Carter
Mount Holly Historical Society

Ms. Carter came before Council to announce and invite the City Council to the Founders Day Celebration scheduled for March 19th at 10:00 a.m. in the Grand Hall. She advised that the Mayor will speak at this event.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Solution for the Public Works Facility Site

Mr. Friday advised that the City Engineer has looked at the North Tank location and gave her approval. Council Hope advised that the Construction Committee has asked for direction from Council regarding the proposed site. Councilman Moore asked if the site is big enough for both Departments. Mr. Santmire advised that the space would be adequate but could be crowded with both Departments on the same site. Council directed staff to move forward with the survey work and then bring back to Council for further discussion

2. Call for a Public Hearing in regard to changing the City Charter concerning the Mayor Term

Councilman Hope made a motion to approve the resolution to call for a public hearing to hear comments concerning changing the Mayors Term (#31411b) Councilman Moore seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare asked that the notice be placed in the monthly newsletter. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of Revision to the Fats, Oils and Grease Ordinance

Mr. Friday advised that current FOG ordinance was adopted several years ago and at that time the Ordinance was taken from other municipalities and did not necessarily pertain the Mount Holly. He further advised that the proposed revisions will get us to the state standards. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare made a motion to approve the revisions to the FOG Ordinance. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor (Motion carried)

2. Consideration and Approval of an MOU between the City of Mount Holly and the Mount Holly Historical Society

Councilman Bishop advised that approval of this Agreement will be the first step to having Agreements with the Mount Holly organizations. Mayor Hough added that the Agreement also gives the Historical Society permission to be caretakers of the archived material that belongs to the City. Councilman Toomey made a motion to approve the Agreement between the City of Mount Holly and the Mount Holly Historical Society. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. At this time Councilman Bishop recognized the members if the Mount Holly Historical Society.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of Vendors for Rental Supplies for the Grand Hall

Mayor Pro Tem Breyare explained that the Facilities Committee met and would like to bring forward a recommendation to Council for Creative Solution and Country Time Party Rentals as the exclusive rental vendors the Grand Hall. She advised that this would be mainly for weddings and the larger events. It was suggested by the Council that the proposed vendors be preferred but allow other companies that meet the Cities standards to be added as well. Furthermore Council requested that the tow proposed vendors produce prices for their rentals and guarantee their prices for a year. Mayor Hough directed the Facilities Committee look into Council's requests and bring it back before the Council at a future meeting.

2. Update on Economic Development

Mr. Jackson reported that the Economic Development for Mount Holly is looking brighter. He advised that the EDC is meeting on a regular basis and is interested in meeting with the Council for direction as to where to go next. Mr. Jackson also added that with the Democratic National Convention coming to the area next year it could be a good opportunity for Mount Holly. Mayor Hough advised that Council needs to start thinking in terms of Economic Development and which direction we want to go. Mayor Hough advised that Economic Development will be a lengthy item of discussion at future meetings.

REPORTS

Councilman Moore reported that there are several lights out in the downtown area.

Councilman Brookshire reported pot holes on Old Highway 273.

Councilman Hope asked about the status of getting the Council meetings on the City website. Mr. Guffey reported that the City IT Director has been checking on the pricing and so far has come up with an approximate cost of \$6000 for the audio visual equipment computer and subscriptions. Mayor Hough added that this needs to be looked into thoroughly as there could be web application that could be used.

Councilman Toomey asked that something be added to the monthly newsletter in regard to reporting street lights that are burnt out to June Barker.

Mr. Friday reported that in the mornings and afternoon in the Stonewater Bay there is an odor that comes from the pump station. He advised that this problem is caused by the sewer line the area being so long that it goes septic before it gets to the lift station and therefore causes the odor. Mr. Friday advised that he has checked prices and this problem can be resolved by cleaning the lines. He added that the initial cleaning is \$5000 and then the yearly contract is \$12000 which includes 2 cleanings a year and valve checks. Councilman Toomey made a motion to approve the contract. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Mr. Jackson recommended to Council they execute the Contract with the Statesville Housing Authority for another year. In turn this would give the City an additional year to consider turning the Authority over to Statesville. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare made a motion to approve the Contract with the Statesville Housing Authority. Councilman Brookshire seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Mayor Hough Asked if anyone had any conflict with the dates on the proposed budget calendar. No members objected.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.