

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Work Session Meeting
Monday, February 27, 2012
Council Chambers
6:30 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem David Moore called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The following were present:

Mayor Bryan Hough--absent	Danny Jackson, City Manager
Mayor Pro-Tem David Moore	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 J. Jason Gowen	Mike Santmire, Director of Streets and Solid Waste
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare	Ed Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation
Attorney Kemp Michael	Greg Beal, Director of Planning and Development

Invocation

Councilwoman Breyare led the Council, staff and attendees in prayer.

Set the Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Moore asked for any changes to the agenda. With none stated Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Presentation by New Life in Christ Holy House of Prayer

Elder Lance Kirkland from the New Life Holy House of Prayer came before Council to request the use of the three (3) parking spaces in front of their church (the old Kimbrell Furniture building) during church hours on Sunday. He advised that the church would put cones in these spaces and reserve them for special guests. It was the consensus of Council that the parking spaces cannot be reserved but can be used on a first come first serve basis.

Discussion of Business Recycling

Mr. Santmire reported that as directed by Council at the last meeting his Staff conducted a survey of the businesses in Mount Holly regarding their interest in recycling. The survey showed that the majority of the businesses in town are interested in being part of the recycling program. Mr. Santmire advised that to get the businesses in town started with recycling the City would need to purchase approximately 135 containers.

Consideration and Approval of Real Estate Contract

Mr. Michael advised that included in the meeting packet is the proposed agreement for the Massey building. Councilwoman Breyare and Councilman Toomey agreed that they wanted to wait until they see the budget numbers before making a decision to purchase the property. Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the proposed agreement for the purchase of the Massey building. Councilman Hope seconded the motion. Councilman Toomey advised that he cannot vote to approve the agreement until the due diligence is done. Councilman Hope advised that this agreement gives the city 90 days to complete the due diligence without the property being sold to anyone else. Councilman Bishop clarified that the funds to pay for this property will come from the fund balance. Mayor Pro Tem Moore called for the vote. All Council members except Councilwoman Breyare voted in favor to approve the agreement and she voted against. (Motion carried 5-1)

Closed session

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem Moore advised that there was no action taken during closed session.

At this time Council went around the table. Councilman Hope suggested that they combine the March 19th budget meeting with the work session meeting. Council agreed.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore reported that the dinner for former Mayor Ray Broome is going to be delayed a few months. Mayor Broome has been in the hospital for about 10 days.

Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Moore entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Gowen made the motion to adjourn the February 27, 2012 Council work session meeting. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.