CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, February 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	Lisa Stivala, Admin Assistant at the Fire Department
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 ???, Minister of Music at Crossroads Wesleyan 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. Item #1 on the *Consent Agenda* "Call for Public Hearing regarding changing the City of Mount Holly Charter to reflect a 4 year term for the Mayor" needs to be moved to *New Business* #3 and Item #2 on the *Consent Agenda* "Approval of Agreement between the City of Mount Holly and CSX in regard to the Linear Park" needs to be taken off if the agenda completely because the documents with CSX are not ready at this time. Mayor Hough asked for any additional changes. With additional changes to the agenda, Councilman Moore 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 Lien for the cost associated with the Clearing of Grass and Weeds at 100 Arbridge Court
2. Approval of Lien for the cost associated with Abating a Dilapidated Dwelling at 402 West Glendale Ave
3. Approval of the minutes for the January 10, 2011, business meeting
4. Approval of the minutes for the January 24, 2011, work session meeting
5. Approval of Greenway Advisory Committee

Councilman Brookshire made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit
There was no one signed up to speak.

OLD BUSINESS
1. Discussion of the Ferstl Avenue/Highway 273 Intersection Design Funding by the MPO

Mr. Dupont advised that back on March 8, 2010 staff was directed to look into the intersection at Ferstl Avenue and Highway 273 and suggest a revision to the intersection in regard to safety issues. Mr. DuPont explained that the Gaston County MPO was recently awarded $208,824 of NCDOT funds, of these funds Mount Holly was allocated $22,941 of these funds. To receive this money City Council will have to agree to a 20% match of the funds. Mr. Dupont advised that with the funds provided by the Gaston MPO and the 20% match, it would be feasible to complete the project with this funding option. Councilman Hope made a motion to proceed forward with the proposed intersection and the Gaston County MPO allocation of funds. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. Motion passed with five (5) ayes and one (1) nay from Mayor Pro Tem Breyare.

2. Discussion of Temporary Solution for the Streets and Solid Waste Site

Mr. Santmire advised that he was directed to come up with some options as a temporary solution for the Streets and Solid Waste Department in regard to their facilities until a permanent resolution can be reached. Mr. Santmire advised that he came up with 5 options that work with the needs of the Departments as well as address the concerns of the Construction Committee. When asked, Mr. Santmire replied that option 4 would be the best option for his department. Councilman Bishop suggested that the Construction Committee look into using the existing site as a permanent solution. Councilman Hope advised that the Committee would look into it but a temporary solution had to be reached tonight because the working conditions at the Streets Department are very unfavorable. Councilman Bishop made a motion to move forward with option 4 and in the mean time continue to look for a permanent solution. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. Mayor Hough advised that this item would be on every agenda until a permanent solution is reached.

3. Consideration a Approval of Surplus Property (Smart Car)

Mr. Friday advised that an agreement has been reached with the Streets Department in regard to one of the Smart Cars being transferred to that Department. He advised that he is before Council requesting that the remaining Smart Car be marked as surplus property so it can be traded in on a vehicle that is more feasible for the Utility Department. Councilman Bishop made the motion to declare the Smart Car surplus property. Councilman Hope seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of Revision to the Sewer Use Ordinance and the Action Enforcement Plan

Mr. Friday advised that the State requires an update every 5 years to the Sewer Use Ordinance and the Action Enforcement Plan. Councilman Toomey made a motion to approve the Sewer Use Ordinance and the Action Enforcement Plan. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

2. Consideration and Approval of Renaming the Citizens Center

Mr. Jackson advised that Council discussed at the Retreat renaming the Citizens Center. The name that was favored by Council is the Mount Holly Municipal Complex. With no other suggestions Councilman Brookshire made a motion to rename the Citizens Center to the Mount Holly Municipal Complex. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

3. Call for Public Hearing regarding changing the City of Mount Holly Charter to reflect a 4 year term for the Mayor.

Mayor Pro Tem Breyare explained that she asked this item be taken off of the Consent Agenda because she feels the citizens should be made aware of this change and have a say as to how they feel about it. She asked that the information of the Public Hearing be put in the next newsletter. Councilman Bishop made a motion to call for a public hearing regarding changing the City of Mount Holly Charter to reflect a 4 year term for the Mayor. Councilman Hope seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CLOSED SESSION

At this time, Councilman Toomey made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) and (5)). Councilman Moore 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 Hough advised that no action was taken during closed session.

REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Breyare advised that she would like an update on the enforcement of the Graffiti Ordinance. She commented that she continues to see more and more graffiti throughout the town.

Councilman Brookshire advised that he held a Community Watch Meeting at the Police Department that will include the Catawba Heights area to Interstate 85. This is going to be named Mount Holly South Community Watch.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.