

**City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, February 9, 2015
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 Perry Toomey	Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Jerry Bishop	Greg Beal, Planning Director
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare	Ray Clemmer, Assistant Director of Utilities
Councilman J. Jason Gowen	Ryan Baker, Interim Fire Chief
Councilman Jim Hope --absent	Don Roper, Chief of Police
Councilman David Moore	Dave Johnson, Utilities Director/City Engineer
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	Miles Braswell, Director of Streets and Solid Waste

Invocation

Reverend Bruce Bradley of Second 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 the Agenda

Mayor Hough advised that the flags are flying at half staff in memory of the passing of former Mayor Charles Black and the passing of the legendary Coach Dean Smith. With no changes to the agenda, Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Shamrockin with Rankin 5K
2. Approval of Lien for Weeds and Grass
3. Approval of Amended Fee Schedule
4. Approval of Budget Amendment for Appropriation of Funds for the Buxton Contract
5. Approval of an Amendment to the MOU between the City of Mount Holly and the Mount Holly Historical Society to include the Annex
6. Approval of Caretaker Agreement with Clayton "Buck" Shuler
7. Approval of the minutes of the January 12, 2015 Council Meeting

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of Utilities Management Certification to Jonathan Jordan
Alan Oldham with NC Rural Water Association came before the City Council to present Jonathan Jordan with a plaque recognizing him for receiving his Utilities Management Certification. He advised that this is a complex certification that requires a good deal of effort and study time.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

Adriana Howard came before the City Council to request the city take over the HOA in her community.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of the Burned Children's Fund Program Sponsorship

Interim Chief Baker came before the City Council to request support from the City for the Burned Children's Fund Program. He advised that the program is non-profit and was founded in 1989 and the mission is to raise money for medical assistance to families of burned children. He further advised that the Mount Holly Fire Department helps raise money for this program by collecting aluminum cans, pancake breakfast and a golf tournament. Interim Chief Baker commented that Council support for the Burned Children's Program would allow for advertising in the monthly newsletter and the City website. Councilman Bishop made a motion to support the Burned Children's Fund Program. Councilman Gowen seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor.

2. Consideration and Approval of the Safer Grant Application

Interim Chief Baker advised that today is the opening day for application process for the Safer Grant. The application deadline is March 6th with the final award date being September 30th. He advised this is a non-matching grant for the first 2 years and then will be fully funded by the City after that. The cost to the City will be approximately \$4000 for equipment. There was discussion regarding the construction of the North Station and the time frame of which the City would need to hire additional firefighters to house the new station. Councilman Bishop made a motion to move forward with the Safer Grant application process. Councilman Gowen seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor.

3. Consideration and Approval of the Award of Bid for the Grass Maintenance

Mr. Guffey advised that staff recommends the Grass Maintenance Contract go to the Denver Landscaping. Denver Landscaping was the low bid for grass maintenance and all of their references checked out. Councilman Gowen made a motion to award the Grass Maintenance Contract to Denver Landscaping. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor.

4. Consideration and Approval of a Grant Application for the Police Grant

Chief Roper came before the City Council to ask for support for the Police Grant Application process. He advised that this is the same grant that the Police Department was awarded last year. Chief Roper further advised that this is a technology grant and does not require and match from the City. Councilwoman Breyare made a motion to support the Police Grant Application process. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor.

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Bishop made the motion to adjourn the February 9, 2015 Council Meeting. Councilman Gowen seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.