

**CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021
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	Miles Braswell, City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem Lauren Shoemaker	Michelle Wood, Finance Director
Councilman David Moore	Don Roper, Police Chief
Councilman Jeff Meadows	Brian Reagan, Deputy Police Chief
Councilwoman Phyllis Harris	Ryan Baker, Fire Chief
Councilman Charles McCorkle	Tony Walker, Streets and Solid Waste Director
Councilwoman Christina Pawlish	David Johnson, City Engineer/Director of Utilities
Marie M. Anders, City Attorney	Mark Jusko, Recreation Supervisor
Kemp Michael, Assistant City Attorney	Greg Beal, Planning Director

Invocation

Councilman Charles McCorkle led the Council, staff and attendees in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Jeff Meadows led the Council, staff and attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Set the Agenda

With no changes to the agenda, Mayor Pro Tem Shoemaker made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman David Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Budget Amendment—Appropriate funds from State Drug Tax to purchase unbudgeted items (Police Department)
2. Appointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission
3. Approval of Postponing the date of Adoption of the Cell Tower Lease Agreement for the Highway 27 Water Tower until the April 12, 2021 Council Meeting
4. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Construction of a Cell Tower Corral for the Highway 27 Water Tower
5. Approval of Minutes of the January 25, 2021 Work Session

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of Two Donated Kevlar Vests for the Canine Units

Chief Roper introduced Parker Center. He advised that Parker is a student at Ida Rankin Elementary, where he is a member of the Safety Patrol. Parker is also a member of Second Baptist Church in Mount Holly. Parker came forward and advised that he decided he wanted to do something for the Mount Holly Police Department for the all recent tough times they have been through and he came up with the idea of the vests for the Canine Units. He put out donation jars at different businesses and at church and eventually received over \$2000 in donations to purchase the Kevlar vests. K9 Officer Burchfield and Cash and K9 Officer Dodd and Hank were present to accept their gifts from

Parker. Deputy Chief Reagan presented Parker with a plaque of appreciation and a patch that was specifically designed for the K-9 Units.

2. Presentation of the Upcoming National Police Memorial service in Washington DC

Chief Roper showed a short video that displayed the magnitude of the week of the upcoming National Police Memorial. Chief Roper advised that reservations have been made for the Herndon family and a delegation from the MHPD to attend the week's event. He advised that this is a significant event in law enforcement for the Mount Holly Police Department and the Herndon Family. He advised that the delegation includes himself and Deputy Chief Reagan and is scheduled for May 11th -17th. Chief Roper also advised that the North Carolina Police Officers Memorial is scheduled for May 6th in Winston Salem and Management is working out the details for everyone from the Department to go.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

No one was signed up to speak.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of Mid Year Financial Options

Finance Director Michelle Wood advised that at the last meeting Council requested that options be brought back to them in regard to the replenishing the Fund Balance and some type of increases for the City Employees. Ms. Wood advised that using recent projections for the remainder of the fiscal year, she feels comfortable moving forward with replenishing the Fund Balance. Councilwoman Pawlish made a motion to authorize the Finance Director to replenish the Fund Balance as stated on the information provided. Mayor Pro Tem Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

As directed at the last meeting, Ms. Wood brought back options for employee bonuses versus COLA increases. Councilman Meadows advised that he is more comfortable giving bonuses at this time rather than adding a percentage with the unknown of the future of the fund balance. Mayor Hough advised that he feels strongly about giving bonus's this year. He advised that City Employees have continued to work under different circumstances during the whole Covid shutdown. Councilman Meadows made motion to give \$1000 bonus's to each employee. Mayor Pro Tem Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Cost Comparison of In-House Mowing versus Contract Mowing

Mayor Hough thanked Mr. Wilson and staff for the work done on the number comparison and advised that by looking at the numbers there is no reason to discuss it further. It is obvious that contracting out is much more cost effective.

2. Consideration and Approval of an Amendment to the Charlotte Water Agreement

Ms. Anders brought a proposed amendment to the Charlotte Water Agreement before Council for potential approval. She advised that since the original agreement was signed some seven years ago much has changed in regard to the construction costs. Updated figures show an estimate not to exceed \$22 million. Charlotte agreed that we would continue the same excess cost share with the same proportion as previously agreed. Therefore the amendment contains the calculation for Mount Holly's portion to be capped at \$16,133,600 which is still within the borrowing approval if \$18,850,000 from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and still has Mount Holly paying a quarter if the increase instead of 100%. Councilwoman Harris made a motion to approve the Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Charlotte Water. (Resolution #02082021A) Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Pawlish made the motion to adjourn the February 8, 2021 Council Meeting. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.