# CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
# MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
**Monday, February 8, 2010**
**Council Chambers**
**7:00 pm**

**Call to Order**
Mayor Bryan Hough called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following were present:

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| Mayor Bryan Hough | Eric Davis, City Manager |
| Mayor Pro-Tem Carolyn Breyare | Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager |
| Councilman Jerry Bishop | Danny Jackson, Assistant City Manager |
| Councilman Benny 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 | Mark Jusko, Interim Parks and Recreation Director |
| Brooke Lopez, Attorney, Kemp Michael's office | |

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**<u>Call to Order by Mayor Hough</u>**

Mayor Hough called the Mount Holly City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**<u>Invocation</u>**

Reverend Phil Harrington, pastor of the Crossroads Wesleyan Church, led the invocation.

**<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>**

Boy Scout Troop 59 of the First United Methodist Church in Mount Holly led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**<u>Set Agenda</u>**

Mayor Hough asked Council for any additions or amendments to the meeting agenda. Councilman Bishop asked that No. 2 on the *Consent Agenda* be moved to *Old Business.* With no additional changes, Mayor Pro Tem Breyare made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

**<u>CONSENT AGENDA</u>**

1. Approval of a Resolution to Establish a Tourism Development Authority and Levy a 3% Occupancy Tax
2. Approval of Contract with the City of Gastonia for a Raw Water Interconnect
3. Approval of the Section IV, Entitled *"Table of Permitted Uses"* of the City of Mount Holly Zoning Ordinance

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

**<u>MINUTES</u>**

1. Approval of the minutes for the January 11, 2010 business meeting.

Councilman Toomey made a motion to approve the January 11, 2010 City Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Councilman Brookshire seconded the motion. (Motion carried)

**2.** Approval of the minutes for the January 25, 2010 work session meeting

Councilman Brookshire made a motion to approve the January 25, 2010 work session minutes as presented. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. (Motion carried)

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. A Resolution Honoring the Boy Scouts for 100 Years

Mayor Hough presented Boy Scout Troop 59 of the United Methodist Church with a Resolution Honoring 100 years of scouting. Troop Leader Rick Connell accepted the resolution on behalf of the Troop.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit**

Ron Dimmer
Meadow Brook Estates
Mount Holly, NC 28120

Mr. Dimmer commented that he is before Council tonight to address the issue regarding Meadow Brook Estates. He advised that he has had a difficult time with Mr. Beal and Mr. Davis' fascist policies. Mr. Dimmer also commented on tax relief, the letter of credit and and the tax values of the lots. At this time, Mayor Hough advised Mr. Dimmer that he is out of time but staff would address the issues that he has and get back to him.

Steven Puryear
141 East Glendale Ave
Mount Holly, NC 28120

Mr. Puryear came before Council to voice his concerns regarding the City's recycling program. He advised that he does not think that it is right for the City to charge the citizens of Mount Holly for recycling pickup. He feels like there is money being made some where and therefore the citizens should not have to pay. Mayor Hough advised that he would give Mr. Puryear a call and address his concerns.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Update on PARTF Closeout for the Tuck Park Phase II Project

Mr. Jusko advised that construction phase of the Tuck Park Project is complete; however there are still a few punch list items that are being addressed. Mr. Jusko further advised that NCDENR completed their inspection and liked what they saw. Staff is currently working on the information for grant reimbursement which should take no longer than 2 to 4 weeks after the State receives the information.

2. Update on Marketing Firms for City Owned Property

Mr. Jackson reported that he was expecting profile information on marketing firms this past week to be available for Council at the time of packet preparation. However the information has yet to be made available to him therefore the information will be sent out this week as part of Council's weekly update. Mr. Jackson asked Council for direction moving forward with marketing firms. Councilman Hope suggested that Council discuss this item further at the Retreat.

3. Consideration and Approval of an Amendment to the System Development Fees Policy

Councilman Bishop asked if the proposed amendment includes sewer. Mr. Friday advised that it does not include sewer. The thought behind the proposed amendment are for those residents that want to meter their irrigation separately. Councilman Bishop made the motion to approve the amendment to the system development fees policy. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consideration and Approval of CSX Linear Park Agreement

Mr. Davis advised that due to the bonds being sold, the City now has $1.5 million available for the Linear Park. Therefore, before Council tonight is an Engineering Agreement between the City and CSX Transportation. He advised that Representatives from CSX have indicated that they would not review the plans for the Linear Park until this proposed engineering agreement is approved. Mr. Michael added that approval of this agreement is no guarantee that CSX will approve the plans for the Linear Park regardless of any type of time frame. Mr. Davis reported that the ironic thing is that the City received reimbursement from CSX of $48,000 as part of the "closeout" for the streetscape project and this proposed agreement requires a deposit of $40,000. Councilman Toomey made a motion to approve the Engineering Agreement with CSX Transportation. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

## REPORTS

Councilman Toomey reported that he has received several complaints regarding the low water pressure on Scott Street. Mr. Friday advised that his Department has been monitoring the problem and have some things on order that will help enhance the pressure in that area.

Councilman Brookshire reported that he has had reports of possible water leaks on Sadler Street.

Councilman Moore asked of the status of the phone survey as recommended by the Recreation Commission in regard to the Recreation Master Plan. Mr. Davis advised that there is an adequate amount of funds left over from the Recreation Master Plan Contract to include the phone survey as part of the contract. Mayor Hough advised that if needed Council can take action on this item tonight. Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the phone survey as part of the Recreation Master Plan Project. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Mayor Hough reported that there was an event at National Gypsum and it is his understanding that Council was not notified of the event. He advised that he was partially to blame for this because he was invited by email and did not pass it along to the rest of the Council. Council was in agreement that they would like staff to notify them of such events.

Mr. Davis reported that he received an email from Whitewater and their debt has been restructured and $26 million of their debt has been waived. He advised that the only debt left is that of which has been promised from the local municipalities.

Mr. Davis reported that he and Mr. Michael had spent the afternoon in Charlotte calling in a letter of credit for $118,000 from the developers from Stonewater. Mr. Michael explained that a letter of credit is required from developers at the time their project is started to cover any type of infrastructure that is not completed at the time the developer pulls out of the project or the project is completed. He advised that the City will allow extensions to these letters of credit but in this instance the notices that the City sent to the developer were not responded too. Mr. Michael further advised that the City will keep this money to complete any unfinished items at the time the development is complete.

Mr. Davis reported that the City has received the proposed contract from the State for $1,000,000 for the recycling containers. He further advised that News Channel 3 had a report on the Mount Holly Recycling Program. The City of Charlotte plans to mimic our program.

## ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Moore made the motion to adjourn the February 8, 2010 Council meeting. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.