

CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 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:

***Special Note:** Mayor Pro Tem Lauren Shoemaker was present via video.

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	Ryan Baker, Fire Chief
Councilwoman Phyllis Harris	Greg Beal, Planning Director
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	Danny Jackson, Consultant to the City Council

Invocation

Councilman David Moore led the Council, staff and attendees in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilwoman Phyllis Harris led the Council, staff and attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Set the Agenda

With no changes to the agenda, Councilwoman Christina Pawlish made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman David Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. *Mayor Pro Tem Lauren Shoemaker identified herself as present for the vote and voted yes.* (Motion Carried)

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Plat for Phase 2 of Beatty Woods
2. Approval of Preliminary Investigation of Minimum Commercial Maintenance Code at 700 Tuckaseege Road
3. Approval of Planning Commission Member Appointments/Re-Appointments

Councilman Jeff Meadows made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Charles McCorkle seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. *Mayor Pro Tem Lauren Shoemaker identified herself as present for the vote and voted yes.* (Motion Carried)

Presentations

1. Presentation of The Commander's Coin Award for Officer Tyler Herndon

Chief Roper recognized Officer Tyler Herndon for excellence in the performance of his duties on December 11, 2020. The Commander's Coin is the highest award currently available to members of the department.

2. Presentation of Employee Service Awards

Mayor Bryan Hough presented the following employees awards for their years of service:

5 Years

Steven Dodd
Cheri Love
Derek Dixon

10 Years

Douglas Baker

15 Years

Stephanie Howell
Jeff Lowery

20 Years

Melinda Lail
Timothy Jones
Robert D. Walker II
Mark Jusko

30 Years

Todd Calhoun

3. Presentation of Retirement Resolution for Sergeant Todd Calhoun

Mayor Bryan Hough and Chief Roper present Sergeant Todd Calhoun a framed retirement resolution for 30 years of dedicated service. Sergeant Calhoun was presented with the Key to the City.

Public Hearing

1. Public Hearing on the Question of Annexation for Gaston County Parcel ID: 304155 (Riverbend)

Councilwoman Phyllis Harris made a motion to enter into public hearing on the question of Annexation for Gaston County Parcel ID: 304155. Councilwoman Christina Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. *Mayor Pro Tem Lauren Shoemaker identified herself as present for the vote and voted yes.* (Motion Carried)

There was no one signed up to speak. Councilman Jeff Meadows made a motion to go out of public hearing and return to open session. Councilman Charles McCorkle seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. *Mayor Pro Tem Lauren Shoemaker identified herself as present for the vote and voted yes.* (Motion Carried)

1. City Attorney Marie Anders discussed the information provided in the agenda packet. City Attorney Marie Anders advised that due to Mayor Pro Tem Lauren Shoemaker's remote participation in the meeting, that no action could be taken at this time. Remote participation requires that there be a 24-hour waiting period after the public hearing to allow for public comments to be submitted. Mayor Bryan Hough announced that any public comments should be emailed to tara.douglas@mttholly.us. As of 1/14/2021, there were no public comments submitted to Tara Douglas regarding the Annexation for Gaston County Parcel ID: 304155 (Riverbend)

Public Comment- Three (3) minute limit

There was no one signed up to speak.

Old Business

1. Tyler A. Herndon Memorial Committee Update

Mr. Bobby Black spoke on behalf of the committee and listed the members. Mr. Black stated that the Herndon family was invited to participate in the committee activities. Mr. Black stated that it was an honor to be working on this committee with the City of Mount Holly and that the committee is dedicated to doing a great job. Mr. Black stated that the first meeting's topics were the possible location of the memorial, the time frame and how they could be allowed to raise funds. Mr. Black stated that the committee decided that the dedication date for the memorial should be 12/11/2021. The committee will meet weekly on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm beginning tomorrow 1/12/2021.

2. Discussion of Street/Bridge Renaming in honor of Officer Tyler Herndon

Mayor Bryan Hough discussed the options and advised that NCDOT requirements were provided and that a unanimous vote was needed. Councilwoman Phyllis Harris made a motion to name the five (5) mile section of Highway 273 from the southern City Limits of Mount Holly near Interstate 85 north to the intersection with Morningside Drive the:

OFFICER TYLER A. HERNDON MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

Councilman Charles McCorkle seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. *Mayor Pro Tem Lauren Shoemaker identified herself as present for the vote and voted yes.* (Motion Carried)

New Business

1. Grand Hall-North Carolina and American Flag Display Discussion

Councilman David Moore discussed having the North Carolina and American Flag displayed in the Grand Hall. After discussion, Councilman Moore stated that he would give direction to staff as to where the display should be located.

2. Discussion of the Property located at 219 East Catawba Avenue

Project Manager Jonathan Wilson discussed the options available for the property located at 219 East Catawba Avenue to include renovation, demolition and possible rental income. Project Manager Jonathan Wilson gave the cost estimates for renovation as \$128,870 and \$150,000. Project Manager Jonathan Wilson stated the estimate for structure demolition is \$17,820.00 and the possible rental income estimate of \$1800.00 per month less the typical 10% property management fee. Council discussed the pros and cons to renovate and lease. Councilman Jeff Meadows made a motion for staff to obtain quotes for demolition of the property. Councilwoman Phyllis Harris seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. *Mayor Pro Tem Lauren Shoemaker identified herself as present for the vote and voted yes.* (Motion Carried)

3. Consideration and Approval of the Low Bid for Mowing Contract

Project Manager Jonathan Wilson discussed that the bidding was broken into two separate packages. Adams Landscape Group was the low bidder. Councilman Jeff Meadows discussed consideration for performing the mowing in house instead of contracting it out. City Manager Miles Braswell stated that the recommendation was to bid out to contractors. Councilman Jeff Meadows makes a motion to approve Adams Landscape Group for the mowing contract. Councilman Charles McCorkle seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. *Mayor Pro Tem Lauren Shoemaker identified herself as present for the vote and voted yes.* (Motion Carried)

4. Consideration of a request by Grant Gildehaus to approve sewer utilities as an outside customer to 00 Brook Crossing Drive, Gaston Tax Parcel ID#221429.

Greg Beal discussed the planning staff's recommendation for approving the extension. Mayor Bryan Hough confirmed that Mr. Gildehaus understood his responsibilities. Councilman David Moore made a motion to approve the sewer utilities as an outside customer to 00 Brook Crossing Drive, Gaston Tax Parcel ID#221429. Councilman Jeff Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. *Mayor Pro Tem Lauren Shoemaker identified herself as present for the vote and voted yes.* (Motion Carried)

Closed Session

1. Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a) (3, 5 and 6)

Councilwoman Christina Pawlish makes a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a) (3,5 and 6). Councilman David Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. *Mayor Pro Tem Lauren Shoemaker identified herself as present for the vote and voted yes.* (Motion Carried) Time was 7:50 pm.

Councilwoman Phyllis Harris made a motion to return to open session. Councilwoman Christina Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. *Mayor Pro Tem Lauren Shoemaker identified herself as present for the vote and voted yes.* (Motion Carried) Time was 8:09 pm.

Councilwoman Christina Pawlish made a motion to purchase the property at 137 E. Catawba Avenue for \$150,000. Councilman Charles McCorkle seconded the motion. All Council

Members present voted in favor. *Mayor Pro Tem Lauren Shoemaker identified herself as present for the vote and voted yes.* (Motion Carried)

Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Bryan Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Christina Pawlish made the motion to adjourn the January 11, 2021 Council Meeting. Councilman David Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. *Mayor Pro Tem Lauren Shoemaker identified herself as present for the vote and voted yes.* (Motion Carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.