

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2012
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 David Moore	Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Jerry Bishop	Greg Beal, Senior Planner
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare	James Friday, Director of Utilities
Councilman J. Jason Gowen	Dale Oplinger, Fire Chief
Councilman Jim Hope	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 Joe Mullins pastor at Grace 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 Agenda

Mayor Hough advised that consent agenda item 1 regarding the Statesville Housing Authority needs to be moved to Old Business, Item 2 under Presentations needs to be omitted and replaced with a proclamation for Judge Harvey Gaston. With no additional changes to the agenda, Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of a Resolution to transfer the Ownership of Public Housing to Statesville Housing Authority—moved to old business
2. Approval of Lien for the property located at 103 Webb Street
3. Approval of Lien for High Grass and Weeds for 200 Clegg Street
4. Approval of the minutes for the December 12, 2011 regular meeting

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of the 2010-2011 Audit

Erica Brown from Martin and Starnes presented the 2010-2011 Audit to the City Council. She advised that the audit came back with a clean opinion and the City increased the fund balance 4%. She further advised that Staff was very helpful during the process and they look forward to working with the City in the future.

2. Presentation to Sergeant Wes Monroe for Achieving the Advanced Certificate

Chief David Belk recognized Sergeant Wes Monroe for achieving his Advanced Certificate in Law Enforcement. He advised that it takes a lot of hard work and dedication to achieve this status.

3. Proclamation in Memory of Judge Harley Gaston
Mayor Hough read the proclamation honoring the memory of Judge Gaston. .

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing regarding a request by Clariant Corporation for a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Section 5.20 Design Regulations for Commercial Buildings, to allow for the new construction of perimeter fences on industrial property to be galvanized, chain-link fencing along with barbed-wire runners if necessary for security purposes.

At this time, Councilman Toomey made a motion to enter into the public hearing. Councilman Gowen seconded the motion. All council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

With no one signed up to speak, Councilman Toomey made a motion to return to regular session. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Councilman Gowen made a motion to approve a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Section 5.20 Design Regulations for Commercial Buildings, to allow for the new construction of perimeter fences on industrial property to be galvanized, chain-link fencing along with barbed-wire runners if necessary for security purposes. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

2. Public Hearing regarding a request by Carolina Holdings Acquisition, LLC for a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Section 5.20 Design Regulations for Commercial Buildings, which would allow two rows of parking, not greater than 40% of the total amount of parking located on the parcel, to be located in front of the proposed retail building in the B-3 General Business District outside of the Gateway Overlay areas.

At this time, Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to enter into the public hearing. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Bill Masonic was present to represent a national retailer that intends to build in Mount Holly on the site that is in question. Councilman Hope shared his concerns regarding the text amendment versus a variance request.

With no one signed up to speak, Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to return to regular session. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Section 5.20 Design Regulations for Commercial Buildings, which would allow two rows of parking, not greater than 40% of the total amount of parking located on the parcel, to be located in front of the proposed retail building in the B-3 General Business District outside of the Gateway Overlay areas. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

Tim McCarn with Harvest Time Church came before Council to report on the number of community projects the Church has been involved with. He advised that the church is anticipating a great year in 2012.

Jeannie Clayburn
102 Sunset Drive
Mount Holly, NC 28120

Ms. Clayburn asked if the Council could share any information on the widening of Highway 273. Mayor Hough advised Ms. Clayburn to get with Mr. Beal and he can provide her with the information she has requested.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of City Logo and Tagline

Mr. Beal presented the city logo and tagline to the Council. He advised that Economic Development Committee made a unanimous decision to recommend this logo and tagline to the Council as it “Connects Community and Nature.” Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the logo and tagline presented. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

2. Approval of Transfer of Ownership of Public Housing to Statesville Housing Authority

Councilman Hope made a motion to adopt a Resolution approving the Transfer of Ownership and Operation of the Rollins Public Housing Apartment Complex to Statesville Housing Authority (01092012A). Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Councilman Hope made a motion to adopt a Resolution approving the Transfer of Ownership and Operation of the Holly Hills Public Housing Apartment Complex to Statesville Housing Authority (01092012B). Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Councilman Hope made a motion to adopt the document between the City of Mount Holly and the Statesville Housing Authority Affirming Statements (01092012C). Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Councilman Hope made a motion to approve the Offer to Purchase and Contract for Rollins Apartments (01092012D). Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Councilman Hope made a motion to approve the Offer to Purchase and Contract for Holly Hills Apartments (01092012E). Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of Piggyback Bid for a Garbage Truck

Mr. Santmire came before Council for approval of a piggyback bid for a garbage truck that's purchase price was included in the current year budget. The requested purchase is a Freightliner truck which will keep the purchase local. Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the piggyback bid. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Moore reported that the wreaths have not been taken down yet at the old city hall.

Councilman Toomey asked the Council to recognize Wanda McElveen at one of the upcoming meetings for the work she has done in the past organizing the Christmas Parades.

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Bishop made the motion to adjourn the January 9, 2012 Council meeting. Councilman Gowen seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.