

**City of Mount Holly  
Mount Holly City Council Meeting  
Monday, December 11, 2017  
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                 | Danny Jackson, City Manager                    |
| Mayor Pro Tem David Moore         | Greg Beal, Planning Director                   |
| Councilman Jerry Bishop           | Ryan Baker, Fire Chief                         |
| Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare      | Ray Clemmer, Assistant Director of Utilities   |
| Councilman Jeff Meadows           | Dave Johnson, Utilities Director/City Engineer |
| Councilman Jim Hope               | Don Roper, Chief of Police                     |
| Councilman Perry Toomey           | Miles Braswell, Assistant City Manager         |
| Kemp Michael, City Attorney       | Africa Otis, Finance Officer                   |
| Councilman Elect Charles McCorkle |                                                |

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**Invocation**

Councilman Jim Hope 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 there are no changes to the agenda. With no changes to the agenda Councilman Hope made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of the 2018 Meeting Schedule
  2. Approval of Low Bidder, Landsdown Earth and Pipe Inc., for installation of the relocated parallel force main for the Greenway Project
  3. Approval of Budget Amendments
    - Parallel gravity sewer design surveying services—Utilities
    - Installation of a parallel force main—Utilities
    - Drug Asset Forfeiture-Police
  4. Call for Public Hearing to consider amending the prohibited and permitted uses, found in Section 5.20 South Gateway Overlay District of the Zoning Ordinance, as well as Section 6 Table of Permitted and Special Uses, as it relates to such.
  5. Approval of the minutes of the November 13, 2017 Council Meeting
  6. Approval of the minutes of the November 27, 2017 Special Meeting
- Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Hope seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Presentation of Employee Service Awards

At this time, Mayor Hough and the City Council presented City Employees with service awards that mark mile stones in their employment with the City. Mayor Hough recognized employees with 5,

10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years with the city. The City Manager, Danny Jackson was recognized for 30 years of service.

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Mayor Hough presented Councilman Jerry Bishop with a resolution to celebrate his years of service as a Councilman for the City of Mount Holly. Councilman Bishop's wife Shirley and daughter Jennifer were in the audience for the presentation. Councilman Bishop had kind words for the City Employees and advised that he will continue to be involved in some capacity with the City.

Mayor Hough presented Councilman Jim Hope with a resolution to honor his years of service with the City of Mount Holly. Councilman Hope has been an active member of the City Council. His wife Barbara and daughters Allison and Angela accompanied him at the meeting. Councilman Hope also had kind words regarding the City employees and his supporters for the past 25 years.

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

No one was signed up to speak

### **SWEARING –IN CEREMONY**

#### **1. Oath of Office for Councilman Charles McCorkle**

Judge Jesse B. Caldwell III was present to administer the oath of office to the newly elected Councilman Charles McCorkle. Councilman McCorkle's wife assisted with the swearing in ceremony by holding the Bible for her husband. Other friends and family were also present.

#### **2. Oath of Office for Councilman David Moore**

Judge Jesse B. Caldwell III was present to administer the oath of office to incumbent Councilman David Moore. Councilman Moore's son and daughter assisted with the swearing in ceremony by holding the Bible for their Dad.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **1. Mayoral Appointments**

Mayor Hough advised that he has talked to each Council person in regard to Mayoral Committees and a roster has been provided to each Council member.

Mayor Hough advised that the Council Retreat will be held on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.

The City Attorney, Kemp Michael, reported that he is entering a letter into the record that 'The City finds no conflict of interest by Councilman Jeff Meadows in the Charlotte Water contract decision. This letter will be part of the official record and part of the meeting minutes.

### **ADJOURN**

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made the motion to adjourn the December 11, 2017 Council Meeting. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Kemp A. Michael  
Brooke E. Shepherd Elting  
Marie Michael Anders\*  
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TO: Mayor and City Council, City of Mount Holly

FROM: Kemp A. Michael, City Attorney *Kemp A. Michael*

DATE: December 11, 2017

RE: Finding of no conflict of interest by Councilman Jeff Meadows in Charlotte Water contract decision

It has come to my attention as City Attorney that one of our Council members, Jeff Meadows, has been accused of having a conflict of interest, based upon his employment with the Charlotte Housing Authority, relating to his vote to approve a contract which would provide for the City of Mount Holly to discharge all of its wastewater to Charlotte Water. Mr. Meadows is not a board member of the Charlotte Housing Authority. His responsibilities pertain to the development and financing of public housing. His job has no direct or indirect relationship with Charlotte Water, and the proposed contract between Charlotte Water and the City of Mount Holly has no bearing on Mr. Meadow's compensation or standing with the Charlotte Housing Authority. Mr. Meadows derives no direct benefit from this contract, nor does he have a financial interest in this contract, and therefore has no conflict of interest, according to the laws of the State of North Carolina. Furthermore, Mr. Meadows has made no ethical violation.

Based upon the foregoing, since Mr. Meadows has no conflict of interest in this matter, he was required to vote on the contract by the laws of the State of North Carolina as part of his duties as Councilperson and will continue to be required to vote on matters pertaining to the Charlotte Water contract.