

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Work Session Meeting
Monday, November 22, 2010
Council Chambers
6:30 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Bryan Hough called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The following were present:

Mayor Bryan Hough	Danny Jackson, City Manager
Mayor Pro-Tem Carolyn Breyare	Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Jerry Bishop	David Belk, Chief of Police
Councilman Jim Hope	Dale Oplinger, Fire Chief
Councilman Perry Toomey	James Friday, Director of Utilities
Councilman Bennie Brookshire	Mike Santmire, Director of Streets and Solid Waste
Councilman David Moore	Ed Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	Greg Beal, Senior Planner

Invocation

Councilman Brookshire led the Council, staff and attendees in prayer.

Set the Agenda

Mayor Hough asked Council for any changes to the November 22, 2010 work session agenda. With no changes to the agenda, Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. With all Council Members present, all voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation from the Catawba River District

Mr. Daleure from the Catawba River District (CRD) came before Council to present the goals and mission of the Catawba River District. He explained that the goal of the CRD is for the citizens to voluntarily become environmental stewards. He explained that The Mountain Island Lake area is expected to be the next growth area in our district. Therefore the CRD has developed voluntarily guidelines to develop or redevelop homes and businesses that are within the district boundaries.

Presentation From Mount Hollydays Regarding the 2011 Alive After 5

Ms. Featherstone was present on behalf of Mount Hollydays to present the plan for the 2011 Alive After 5. She advised that they have been working with Belmont and plan to double the number of Alive After 5 events from last year and flip flop them with the Belmont dates. She further advised that Mount Hollydays is requesting to sell beer and wine this year pending approval of permits. Ms. Featherstone advised that Mount Hollydays would like the support and co-sponsorship from the City Council for this year's events. She further advised that to secure some of the big bands that are planned she will need an answer from Council in January. Mayor Hough commented that Staff would be getting in touch with her regarding the details and this item would be brought back to Council at a future meeting.

Discussion of the Proposed Changes to the Personnel Policy

Ms. Allen advised that staff has been working on the revisions to the policy for some time and have undergone several policy meetings. After the final draft document was prepared it has also been under review by the City Attorney. Ms. Allen advised that staff hopes to finalize this document in early 2011. Councilman Bishop had a question regarding education reimbursement. Mayor Hough reported that Council has the draft document and can take some time to look it over. This item will be discussed again at the January work session.

Discussion of Surplus Police Property

Chief Belk came before Council to request the approval of surplus property of K-9 cages that are no longer being used by the Police Department. He advised that after Council approval he would like to sell one of the cages to a local municipality. Council agreed to place this item on the Consent Agenda for the December meeting.

Discussion of the Council Code of Ethics Policy

Mr. Michael advised that due to legislation, municipalities have to adopt a Council code of ethics in addition to completing a 2 hour course. He advised that Council has met the course requirement and if there is no questions or changes to the proposed policy then the policy can be placed on the Consent Agenda for the December meeting. Council agreed and this item will be on the December Consent Agenda.

Discussion of Council Retreat Date and Agenda Items

Mr. Jackson advised that the Retreat date is set for February 3rd –5th. He asked Council to let him know of any items they would like discussed.

Closed Session (*pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3 and 5)*)

At this time, Councilman Moore made a motion to enter into closed session. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

Councilman Moore made a motion to return to open session. Councilman Brookshire seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

At this time, Councilman Bishop made a motion to enter into contract for the sell of the old police department located at 125 East Charlotte Avenue for the amount of \$318,000 pursuant to no upset bid. Councilman Brookshire seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

Councilman Brookshire asked the status of the street paving project. Mr. Jackson replied that the preconstruction meeting is scheduled for Wednesday.

Councilman Hope advised that the Committee to choose the Employee of the Year has met but he would like the entire Council to see the nominations. He asked the Council to email him any recommendation by Friday.

Councilman Bishop commented that presentation to the Council should be limited to 15 minutes. With the Council agreeing, Staff was directed to let presenters know that they have a 15 minute time slot when making a presentation.

Mayor Pro Tem Breyare suggested that it is time the City get some signage for the Government Buildings. Her opinion was that that the City Seal should be used as the logo for the signs. Council agreed to discuss this item at the Retreat.

Mayor Pro Tem Breyare advised that with the new year coming up the Facilities Committee will have several things to be discussed. She asked that the Mayor appoint Mr. Bishop back to the Committee. Mayor Hough advised that he will be looking into the Committees before the December meeting.

Mr. Jackson advised that due to the short week there will not be a weekly update. If something comes up to report the update will be emailed.

Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Toomey made the motion to adjourn the November 22, 2010 Council Work Session Meeting. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.