CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, November 14, 2022
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Mayor Bryan Hough	Miles Braswell, City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem Phyllis Harris	Brian DuPont, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Ivory Craig	Brian Reagan, Police Chief
Councilman Jeff Meadows	Ryan Baker, Fire Chief
Councilman David Moore	Greg Beal, Planning Director
Councilwoman Christina Pawlish	Tony Walker, Streets and Solid Waste Director
Councilwoman Lauren Shoemaker—absent	Jonathan Wilson, Director of Utilities
Marie M. Anders, City Attorney	Mark Jusko, Recreation Supervisor
Kemp Michael, Assistant City Attorney	Michelle Wood, Finance Director

Invocation

Reverend Shirley Canty, Pastor at Burge Memorial led the Council, staff and attendees in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Boy Scout Troop 59 led the Council, staff and attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Set the Agenda

With no changes to the agenda, Councilwoman Pawlish made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Budget Amendment
    - Vehicle Replacement—Police
    - State Drug Tax—Police
    - Yule Love Mount Holly—TDA
2. Approval of Liens for Weeds and Grass
    - 102 Maple Drive
    - 219 Walnut Avenue
3. Approval of Municipal Services Legal Contract with Michael, Elting and Anders, PLLC
4. Approval of a Resolution approving the Installment Financing Contract for the Powell Bill Project
5. Approval of Minutes of the October 24, 2022 Council Work Session Meeting

Councilman Meadows commented that he would like to see an end date on the Municipal Services Legal Contract. He commented that he is accustomed to contracts having a beginning and end date and advised that he is not opposed the contract and is fine with approving it tonight and let the City Manager and Attorney work out the details of an end date. Mayor Pro Tem Harris made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the direction for the City Manager and the City Attorney to work out an ending date to the Municipal Services Legal Contract. Councilman Craig seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of a Resolution to Honor Mrs. Helen Hager for her 100th Birthday

The Mayor and City Council presented Mrs. Helen Hager with a resolution to honor her on the celebration of her 100th birthday. Mrs. Hager commented that that the secret to a long life is to stay active.

2. Presentation of a Resolution to Honor Mrs. Jessie Rhyne for her 105th Birthday

The Mayor and City Council presented Mrs. Jessie Rhyne via live stream with at resolution to honor her on the celebration of her 105th birthday. Mrs. Rhyne was unable to attend due to health reasons but was watching the live feed. Mrs. Rhyne's granddaughter will come by City Hall and pick up the resolution.

3. Presentation of a Resolution Honoring Former Mayor Robert Whitt for his years served at the Mayor of Mount Holly

Former Mayor Robert Whitt was honored earlier in the evening at a dinner reception for his time serving the City of Mount Holly as Mayor. The Mayor and City Council honored Former Mayor Whitt with a resolution for his years served. Former Mayor Whitt commented that he was grateful for the Council he worked with and enjoyed his tenure as the Mount Holly Mayor.

4. Presentation of a Resolution Recognizing Sophie Hoerst for being an Icon Amongst Today's Youth in Mount Holly

The Mayor and Council recognized Ms. Sophie Hoerst for being a forward thinker and coming to the City Council 3 years ago at the age of 10 and requesting crosswalks for the city. Since that time, the requested crosswalks have been installed and the Mayor and Council called her back and presented her with a resolution.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

No one was signed up to speak.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion of ARPA Fund Distribution

Mr. Wilson gave a recap of the fund balance on the proposed ARPA Fund Projects. He reviewed the cost estimates and reported on the percentage of remaining unassigned fund balance that would be available after the pay as you go options being above the 25% internal staff general fund policy. Councilman Meadows made a motion to move forward with the connector road project with the $3M committed unassigned fund balance for the connector road. Mayor Pro Tem Harris seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried) Councilman Meadows commented that the General Fund Policy is not a Council Approved policy and is an internal staff policy.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of a Firm to perform Old City Hall Facility Condition Assessment

Mr. Brinkley reported that the Old City Hall Facility Condition Assessment Committee met and reviewed the proposals received for the assessment of the condition for the old city hall. He advised that the Committee agreed to recommend Creech and Associates for the study. Councilman Moore made a motion to enter into contract with Creech and Associates for the Old City Hall Facility Condition Assessment. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

2. Consideration and Approval of PAAC Recommendation for Year 2 Art Projects

Mr. Lowe advised that PAAC met and agreed on a recommendation for the 22/23 art projects. He advised that PAAC agreed to recommend 2 Crosswalk Creations-Crosswalk Projects and 8 Signal Box Wrapping Projects. The Crosswalk at South Alexander Street and South Main Street will be completed in this year's budget. The prep for the crosswalk projects will be paid for by the city and then work with the Farmers Market and Arts on the Greenway for the design. Mr. Lowe advised that the staff will plan an art contest with local schools for the Signal Box Wrapping Projects. He further advised that the Planning Department is seeking approval from NCDOT to wrap the signal boxes. Councilman Meadows suggested that staff contact the Shelby NCDOT office as they are sometimes more responsive.

3. Consideration and Approval of the final design of the Mural for the Traust Brewing Building, located at 128 S Main Street

Mr. Beal presented the design for the mural on the Traust Brewing Building. He advised that the cost of the mural is $21,000 and PAAC recommends approval of the design. Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve the final design of the Mural for the Traust Brewing Building, located at 128 S Main Street. Councilman Craig seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried) Councilman Moore asked about the timeline for completion. Mr. Beal advised that they would start on it this week and have it completed before the holiday events downtown.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a) (3, 4 and 5)

Councilman Moore makes a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a) (3, 4 and 5). Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

The time was 7:51 pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Harris made a motion to return to open session. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

The time was 8:49pm.

Councilwoman Pawlish made a motion to enter into a purchase agreement with the Allocco's for the property located at 143 East Catawba Avenue in the amount of $900,000. Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Pawlish made the motion to adjourn the November 14, 2022 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Harris seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.