

**City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, November 12, 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 James, Interim Chief of Police
Councilman Perry Toomey-absent	Mike Santmire, Streets and Solid Waste Director
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	

Invocation

Reverend Jason Marlow from Tuckaseege Baptist Church in Mount Holly gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Boy Scout Troop 59 was not available for the meeting. Councilman Bishop led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this time, Mayor Hough recognized the Veteran's asking them to stand.

Set Agenda

Mayor Hough advised that Item #3 from the Consent Agenda will be moved to Item #3 New Business and Item #4 New Business will added to Discuss the Historical Signs. With no additional changes to the agenda, Councilman Gowen made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Liens for Weeds and Grass
2. Approval and Appointment of CONNECT Consortium
3. Approval of Amendments to the Sewer Use Ordinance
4. Approval of a Resolution for a Continuation of Sales Tax Hold Harmless Funds
5. Call for a public hearing regarding a request by David Beaty, to consider rezoning a 0.38-acre tract of land from R-12 Single Family to Conditional District [CD] Zoning, located at 301 Beaty Road, Tax Parcel ID # 184319.
6. Approval of the minutes for the September 24, 2012 Work Session meeting
7. Approval of the minutes for the October 8, 2012 Council meeting

Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PRESENTATIONS

1. Purple Heart Proclamation

Mayor Hough read the proclamation honoring the Purple Heart's. Mr. Stubbs spoke for the group and expressed his appreciation.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing to amend Article 9 Entitled *Signs* of the Mount Holly Zoning Ordinance
Mr. Beal reviewed the changes to the sign ordinance.

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

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 amend Article 9 Entitled *Signs* of the Mount Holly Zoning Ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted for the motion with the exception of Councilman Gowen who was opposed.

2. Public Hearing To Close First Street in the River Street Park Area

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

With no one signed up to speak, Councilwoman Breyare 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 Hope made a motion to close First Street in the River Street Park Area (Resolution # 11122012a) Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

Rodney Current

Riverfront Community

Mr. Current came before Council to comment on the huge traffic issue that the marina has caused. He advised that kids and adult walk in the neighborhood and changing the 2 way stop to a 4 way stop would help with these traffic issues.

Mary Dogan

233 Nassau Place

Mount Holly, NC 28120

Ms. Dogan came before Council to comment on the Community Development Block Grant. She advised that it took the contractors two weeks to put a roof on an 800 square foot house and since that time things have come to a standstill. She further advised that she hopes the new grant administrators do a better job than the current ones.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of the Proposal for the Pedestrian Plan

Mr. Dupont made the recommendation that the Council move forward with awarding the bid for the development of the Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan Alta Greenways. He advised that the City has worked with this company in the past. Councilman Bishop made a motion to award the bid to Alta Greenways not to exceed \$45,000. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of a Sound Amplification Ordinance

Ms. Anders advised that it came to the attention of staff that the City needs to have some type of sound ordinance to follow when someone made a request to preach on one of the downtown street corners. Ms. Anders further advised that this ordinance has been tailored to meet the needs of Mount Holly. Councilman Gowen suggested that staff look further into outdoor café's as it relates to the sound amplification ordinance. Council agreed but in the mean time agreed that the City needs to move forward with have a sound ordinance in place. Therefore Councilman Toomey made a motion to approve the Sound Amplification Ordinance as submitted by staff. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

2. Consideration and Approval of an Incentive Grant and Budget Amendment

Mr. Beal advised that William and Henry Salon have applied for a Business Incentive Grant to install an upper level exterior staircase for a second form of ingress and egress therefore meeting building and fire code so the upper level of their Salon can be updated and expand services to the public as well as to relocate their corporate offices to Mount Holly. Councilman Hope was concerned about the upper level of the building not being ADA compliant. Mr. Beal advised that there is nothing in the application process to address ADA compliance. Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to approve the proposed incentive grant for William and Henry Salon. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

3. Award of Bid for Administrative Services for the CDBG Project

Councilman Toomey made a motion to award the bid for administrative services for the CDBG Project to Carolina Governmental Services. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

4. Historical Signs

Mayor Hough advised that the Community Development Foundation has secured the Historic Designation for Mount Holly and would like to use the city logo on the historical markers. Councilman Bishop made a motion to allow the Foundation to use the logo on the markers. Councilman Gowen seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

5. Approval of Text Amendment to the Mount Holly Collection Practices

Councilman Gowen advised that cul du sacs need to be addressed in the Collection Practices Policy. Council agreed and directed staff to look into the issue and bring back at a future meeting.

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Moore made the motion to adjourn the November 12, 2012 Council Meeting. Councilman Gowen seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.