

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, November 9, 2015
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 Perry Toomey	Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Jerry Bishop	Greg Beal, Planning Director
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare	Ray Clemmer, Assistant Director of Utilities
Councilman J. Jason Gowen	Ryan Baker, Interim Fire Chief
Councilman Jim Hope	Brian Reagan, Deputy Chief of Police
Councilman David Moore	Dave Johnson, Utilities Director/City Engineer
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	Miles Braswell, Director of Streets and Solid Waste

Invocation

Councilman David Moore 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

With no changes to the agenda, Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Gowen seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Lien for Weeds and Grass
2. Approval of a Veteran's Day Proclamation
3. Approval of a Pancreatic Cancer Proclamation
4. Approval of a Budget Amendment (Police and Time Flies Business Incentive Grant)
5. Approval of the minutes from the October 12, 2015 Council Meeting

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of a Resolution Honoring Fred Jackson

The Mayor and City Council presented Mr. Fred Jackson with a resolution honoring him upon his retirement from American and Efrid. .

2. Swearing In of Fire Fighter Zack King

Chief Baker introduced Fire Fighter Zack King. Mayor Hough administered the Oath of Office to Mr. King and he was pinned by his Grandfather, a firefighter of 41 years.

3. Presentation of Advanced Fire Fighter Certificates

Chief Ryan Baker recognized Deputy Chief Craig Spry and Captains Chris Riddle and David Stephens for receiving their Advanced Fire Fighter Certificate. Deputy Chief Spry presented Chief Baker with his Advanced Fire Fighter Certificate.

4. Presentation to Award Community Foundation Grants

Reeves McGlohon came before the council to present the Community Impact Grants from the Community Foundation of Gaston County. The grant applications are reviewed and decided upon by

the committee. The first grant was presented to FROGS for \$3000 for benches on the Greenway. The second was presented to the Downtown Revitalization Committee in the amount of \$5000 and an additional \$2000 for the help with the purchase of a Christmas Tree for the Downtown area.

5. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Financial Audit *Ko Tang Cha-Moses*

Ko Tang Cha-Moses from Martin and Starnes (City Auditors) came before the City Council to present the 2014-2015 Financial Audit. She reviewed the audit and advised that the City continues to maintain its financial stability. A copy of the 2014-2015 will be on file in the City Clerk's office.

6. Presentation regarding Sludge

Mr. Tom Springs came before the City Council to discuss the matter of sludge being applied to property in Mount Holly. He advised that he attributes his years of sinus problems to the sludge that has been placed on his property for years and now on the property next to his on West Catawba. Mr. Springs also shared concerns in regard to contamination to the river. He asked the Council to consider adopting an ordinance that would not allow sludge to be placed on property within Mount Holly. Mayor Hough advised that Council and Staff would look into this matter further.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

Debbie Pack

Mount Holly, NC 28120

Ms. Pack came before the city Council to express her concerns regarding the new intersection at Highway 273 and Ferstl Avenue. She advised that Browns Used Autos is on the left and the way the arrows are positioned in the middle road it is dangerous and encourages the possibility of a head on collision.

Kevin Collier

165 Wood Hill Drive

Mount Holly, NC 28120

Mr. Collier came before the Council to speak about a concern presented by Mr. Springs regarding sludge. He advised that the property of concern is located in his back yard and has never liked the smell and always wondered if it has contributed to his children's allergy problems. He understands the sludge has to be put somewhere but he thinks a better location would be away from schools and neighborhoods.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of a Consultant Firm for the Feasibility Study of City Parks

Mr. Jusko advised that at the October meeting staff was directed to check further into the references for the proposed firms. He advised that all the references came back favorable. Councilman Gowen made a motion to approve the bid for McGill Associates for the Feasibility Study of City Parks. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of Architectural Firm for the Public Works Facility

Mr. Braswell advised that five firms responded to the RFP put out for the Architectural Firm for the Public Works Facility. Out of those five, three were short listed and came before key staff and the Construction Committee to present their plan. At the end of the presentations Boomerang Design stood out and had the top vote. Therefore Staff recommends approval of Boomerang Design to provide a fee for architectural design and construction administration services for the Public Works Facility. Councilman Moore made the motion to approve Boomerang Design to provide a fee for architectural design and construction administration services for the Public Works Facility. Councilman Hope seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CLOSED SESSION

At this time Councilman Bishop made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5 and 6). Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried) It was 8:16 p.m.

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

The Mayor and City Council returned to open session. Councilman Hope stated that “based upon the recommendation by the Construction Committee regarding the cost of the architectural services proposed by Creech and Associates, I move that negotiations with Creech and Associates end and that negotiations proceed with the next most qualified firm, which is Boomerang Design. Councilman Gowen 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. Councilman Moore made the motion to adjourn the November 9, 2015 Council Meeting. Councilman Gowen seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.