

**CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, November 8, 2021
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	Brian DuPont, Assistant City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem Lauren Shoemaker	Michelle Wood, Finance Director
Councilman David Moore	Don Roper, Police Chief
Councilman Jeff Meadows	Brian Reagan, Deputy Police Chief
Councilwoman Phyllis Harris	Ryan Baker, Fire Chief
Councilman Charles McCorkle	Tony Walker, Streets and Solid Waste Director
Councilwoman Christina Pawlish	David Johnson, City Engineer/Director of Utilities
Miles Braswell, City Manager	Mark Jusko, Recreation Supervisor
Marie M. Anders, City Attorney	Greg Beal, Planning Director

Invocation

Councilman Charles McCorkle led the Council, staff and attendees in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilwoman Christina Pawlish led the Council, staff and attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance

SET THE AGENDA

With no changes to the agenda Mayor Hough entertained a motion to approve the November 8, 2021 Council Meeting agenda as presented. Councilman Moore made the motion to approve the agenda. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Liens for Weeds and Grass
 - 530A East Central Avenue
 - 509 1/2 West Henry Street
 - 105 Walnut Cove
 - 106 Adrian Circle
2. Approval of Proclamation Celebrating Gaston County 175th Anniversary
3. Call for a Public Hearing for a Resolution for Street Closures (Catawba and Alexander)
4. Call for a Public Hearing on an Amendment to Section 5.2.1 of the Downtown Development Manual
5. Approval of Minutes of the October 11, 2021 Council Meeting

Councilman Moore was attending virtually when in actuality Councilman Moore was present at the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Shoemaker made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilman McCorkle seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of NCDOT Road Dedication to Honor the Memory of Officer Tyler Herndon

Mr. Brad Lail with NCDOT presented the resolution for the road dedication of Highway 273 from the southern city limits to Morning Side Drive to honor the memory of Officer Tyler Herndon. The Honorable John Torbett and his wife Videia were present for the ceremony. Mr. Lail advised that the signs have been installed.
2. Swearing In Ceremony for Fire Fighter Hayden Kish and Fire Captain Patrick Mayhew for Promotion

Mayor Hough administered the Oath of Office to Fire Fighter Hayden Kish and Fire Captain Patrick Mayhew. Both Fire Fighters were pinned by their Father's.

3. Presentation of Eagle Scout Project for Tuckasegee Park

Mr. Will Andrews came before the City Council to seek approval for his Eagle Scout Project which consisted of constructing and installing 30 bird houses throughout Tuck Park. Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve the Eagle Scout Project. Councilman McCorkle seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

6. Presentation of Eagle Scout Project at Mountain Island Park at Mount Holly Mountain Bike Trails

Mr. Nathan Legnosky came before the City Council to seek approval of his Eagle Scout project which consists of constructing an archway at the entrance of the Mount Holly Mountain Bike Trail. He shared the construction plans with Council. Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the Eagle Scout Project. Councilman McCorkle seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

No one was signed up to speak.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation of the 2020-2021 Audit

Martin Starnes and Associates

Ms. Claire Chase with Martin Starnes and Associates came before the City Council to report on the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Audit. She commented that staff was very cooperative during the process. She advised that the fund balance increased approximately 30% largely due to the ad valorem tax collections. She spoke on the revenues and the expenditures in concurrence with each fund. Ms. Chase advised that the City had one material weakness due to significant audit adjustments and one significant deficiency due to a payroll control finding. She advised that both of these items have been addressed and corrected. Ms. Chase advised that the City has a positive cash flow and is in good financial standing. Councilman Meadows explained that the deficiencies found in the audit was under the previous staff. He advised that the current staff made the corrective measures and the city is in better shape moving forward.

2. Consideration and Approval of a Lease Agreement

Ms. Anders advised that Dr. Catherine Peterson is interested in renting some of the available space in the Municipal Complex located at 410 East Central Avenue. Dr. Peterson will be responsible for the upfit. The lease agreement is \$20.50 a square foot. Councilwoman Harris made a motion to approve Resolution #11082021A Authorizing the City Clerk to Advertise the Intent of Leasing the Property Located at 410 East Central Avenue at the December 13, 2021 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Councilman Moore made the motion to enter into Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a)(3 and 5) at 7:52 pm. Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

Councilwoman Pawlish made a motion to come out of closed session and back into regular session at 8:45 pm. Mayor Pro Tem Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Mayor Pro Tem Shoemaker made a motion to approve the purchase of the property located at 147 East Catawba Avenue in the amount of \$300,000 with the due diligence ending on November 30, 2021. The city will lease the property back to the owner for a 12-month period and allow the owner \$27,125.62 moving

expenses. Councilwoman Pawlish 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 McCorkle made the motion to adjourn the November 8, 2021 Council Meeting. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.