

**CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, October 24, 2022
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:30 PM**

Call to Order

Mayor Hough called the meeting to order at 6:30 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--absent	Greg Beal, Planning Director
Councilwoman Christina Pawlish	Tony Walker, Streets and Solid Waste Director
Councilwoman Lauren Shoemaker	Jonathan Wilson, Director of Utilities
Marie M. Anders, City Attorney	Mark Jusko, Recreation Supervisor
Kemp Michael, Assistant City Attorney	Michelle Wood, Finance Director

Invocation

Mayor Bryan Hough led the Council, staff and attendees in prayer.

Set the Agenda

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Budget Amendment
 - Mountain Island Road Parking Area—Parks and Recreation
 - Tourism Development Authority (TDA)
 2. Approval of Veteran's Day Proclamation
 3. Approval of minutes from the October 10, 2022 Council Meeting
- Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Harris seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing for Powell Bill Financing

Ms. Wood advised that at the September 12, 2022 meeting, Council approved a resolution for installment financing for the Powell Bill Project in the amount of \$8,290,510 at 3.60% finance rate with Pinnacle Bank. She commented a public hearing is required as part of the LGC approval process.

Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to enter in a public hearing for Powell Bill Financing. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried) With no one signed up to speak, Councilwoman Pawlish made a motion

to return to open session. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Councilman Meadows commented that the City receives Powell Bills Funds each year from the state. The funding from the state is determined by the number of roads within the city limits. The city will use the Powell Bill Funds to make the installment payments. Mayor Hough commented that the city banks with South State Bank and asked what the determining factor in using Pinnacle? Ms. Wood advised that Pinnacle will hold the rate until December 30th.

Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve Pinnacle Bank for Powell Bill Project Installment Financing. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

AGENDA

1. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Audit

Ms. Fresperman with Martin and Starnes came before the City Council and presented the 2022 audited financial statements. She thanked Ms. Wood and her staff for be helpful and corporative during the process. The audit has been submitted to the LGC and they will contact Ms. Wood when approved. She advised that there were no performance indicator of concern or audit findings on the current year. Ms. Fresperman reported that the total fund balance is \$20,164,174 and a total of \$13,728,521 unassigned fund balance. That is an increase of \$2,839,729 from last year's unassigned fund balance amount. Mayor Hough thanked Ms. Wood and her staff for a job well done. Councilman Meadows added that with the professional staff that we currently have he would like the City to apply for some budget awards and finance awards.

2. Presentation of ARPA Fund Distribution

Ms. Wood and Mr. Wilson advised that staff provided an update on the ARPA Funds at the August 22, 2022 Council Work Session. Mount Holly was allocated \$5,181,064 in ARPA Funds. Staff shared the list of priorities and gave some different payment options using ARPA Funds and General Fund. Council directed staff to contact Mr. Cheatwood and have him run some scenario's that would offer some clarification on financing versus paying and also research any options that the city could have similar to what we are currently doing will Powell Bill Funds. Staff will bring this back at the November meeting.

3. Discussion of 147 East Catawba Avenue (*follow up from the October 10, 2022 Council Meeting*)

Mr. DuPont advised that staff was directed to table this discussion at the last meeting to give the Council more time to make a final decision. Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve the option to auction the house located at 147 East Catawba Avenue and have it moved at the buyer's expense. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Councilman Meadows advised that he would like to exercise this option in the future and auction off dwellings instead of tearing them down.

CLOSED SESSION

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

The time was 7:06 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 8:33pm.

Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to enter into contract with Haggard Solution in the amount of \$1,800 per month for lobbying services. Mayor Pro Tem Harris seconded the motion. All Council Members present 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 October 24, 2022 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Harris seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.