

**City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, October 13, 2014
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	Don Roper, 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

Dr. Kendall Cameron of Mount Holly First Baptist Church 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

Mayor Hough added that Fireman Dustin Westbrook needs to be added to the Swearing In of Firemen under presentations. Councilwoman Breyare made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Jolly Holly Days Event
2. Approval of Liens for Weeds and Grass
3. Call for a Public Hearing for a Rezoning Request for River Park Subdivision
4. Approval of a Proclamation Identifying October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month
5. Approval of the minutes of the September 8, 2014 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. Presentation of the Community Foundation Community Impact Grant Awards

Reeves McGlohon came before the Mayor and City Council to present organizations with the Community Foundation Community Impact Grant Awards. He presented Ecorps Expeditions Inc. with \$1860 for the BIG TREE Project, the Mount Holly Historical Society with \$700 for software, the Mount Holly Community Development Foundation \$3720 for the amphitheatre project and the Mount Holly Farmers Market for the Community Garden project.

2. Presentation of the Community Foundation Grant Award

Ernest Sumner came before the Mayor and City Council to present the Mount Holly Community Foundation with a grant in the amount of \$7500 to be used for Historic Signage.

3. Recognition of the ABC Board

Mayor Hough and the City Council honored the past and current ABC Board(s) for the wonderful job they have done during the past several years. He read a resolution which commended the Board for their financial success.

4. Swearing in Ceremony for Sergeant Scott Wright, Corporal Arnold Hilton, Officers Austin Cox and John Weathers

Chief Roper recognized Officers Austin Cox and their mothers came forward to pin their badges. Chief Roper then introduced Corporal Arnold Hilton and advised that Corporal Hilton was recently promoted to the position of Corporal. His daughter pinned his badge. Chief Roper then asked Sergeant Scott Wright to come forward. He advised that he is pleased to announce that Scott has been promoted to the position of Sergeant. His wife came forward and pinned his badge. At this time, Mayor Hough preformed the swearing in.

5. Swearing in Ceremony for Captain Craig Spry

Interim Chief Baker introduced Justin Westbrook. He advised that Justin came from Community Fire Department and was hired as a full time firefighter for Mount Holly in 2012. Mr. Westbrooks father pinned the badge. Interim Chief Baker introduced Captain Craig Spry. He advised that Craig was promoted to Captain in February. Captain Spry's wife pinned his badge. At this time, Mayor Hough preformed the swearing in.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

Christian and Herman Beatty
516 Belmont Mount Holly Road
Mount Holly, NC 28120

The Beatty's came before the City Council to petition the City to block off or help with the easement that joins their property. They advised that the easement accesses 58A and B Blanche Ave which the couple stated are is "drug property" as they have found drug paraphernalia liter on their own property. They asked the City to please help correct the problem.

Scott Griffin
110 Oakland Street
Mount Holly, NC 28120

Mr. Griffin came before the Council to thank the Mayor and City Council for their continued support of the Mount Holly Farmer's Market. He advised that the Mount Holly Farmer's Market is ranked in the top 3 in North Carolina and top 10 in the nation

Kaye Yaffe
4341 Sequoia Lane
Charlotte, NC

Ms. Yaffe came before the Mayor and Council to ask the Council to move forward with the rezoning request at 411 Beatty Lane from a B2 to a B3 which will allow auto sales on the lot according to the table of permitted uses.

Donna Ledoux
225 Rock Ridge Road
Mount Holly, NC 28120

Ms. Ledoux came before the Mayor and City Council to thank them for their support of the Art and Music Festival. She advised that the two day event was a huge success.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval Request to Partner with the Mount Holly Christmas Parade

Ms. Daphne Barton came before the council to request a partnership with the City for the Annual Hometown Christmas Parade. She advised that it has gotten harder each year for the parade to be self sustaining. In the past the parade has depended mainly on donations to keep it afloat as donation are made to certain organizations for participation in the annual parade. Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made a motion to approve the request of \$3500 for the Mount Holly Christmas Parade. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. Councilwoman Breyare added that she would like to see the Christmas Tree Lighting take place at the same time. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. (Motion carried)

2. Consideration and Approval to Deny a Call for a Public Hearing for a Rezoning Request for 411 Beatty Drive

Mr. Wilson advised that the Planning Commission recommends not to rezoning the property as it would cause spot zoning. Councilman Gowen made a motion to deny the request for a public hearing. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

3. Consideration and Approval of Architect Selection for the new Public Works Facility and the North Fire Station

Mr. Braswell advised that he is seeking approval/direction from Council regarding the architectural selection process for the Public Works Facility and the North Fire Station. He advised that staff is requesting to start the process of advertising for an architectural firm. Mr. Braswell further advised that after the RFQ's are received and reviewed staff the firms will be short-listed and interviews with the Council will be set up. It was the consensus of Council to slow the process down and discuss further at a work session meeting.

4. Consideration and Approval Adopting a Naming Rights Policy for Parks and Other Facilities

Mr. Jackson reported that the draft naming rights policy has been reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission and they recommend approval of the policy. Mr. Jackson advised that this is a policy not an ordinance and any future changes can be made upon request. Councilman Gowen made a motion to approve the Naming Rights Policy for Parks and Other Facilities as presented. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed Session (*pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5 and 6)*)

At this time Councilwoman Breyare 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)

Councilman Gowen made a motion to return to open session. Councilman Bishop 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 Gowen made the motion to adjourn the October 13, 2014 Council Meeting. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.