

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, October 12, 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

Reverend Bryan Hovey, Interim Pastor of First Presbyterian 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

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 Proclamation for Breast Cancer Awareness Month
3. Approval of a Proclamation for North Carolina Breaking the Silence on Domestic Violence Day
4. Approval of Budget Amendment (Powell Bill and Business Incentive Grant)
5. Approval of the minutes from the September 14, 2015 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 a Resolution Honoring Casey Eichfeld

The Mayor and City Council presented Olympic Medalist Casey Eichfeld with resolution for his accomplishment as a Slalom Canoeer and a Olympic Medalist. Casey is a seven year Mount Holly resident of Mount Holly.

2. Presentation from Mount Holly Arts & Business Collective

Mr. Jeff Lee with the Mount Holly Arts and Business Collective came before the council to thank the Council and the City Staff for being proactive with downtown events. He was excited to see the large crowds of people congregating downtown on the streets for Food Truck Friday. On behalf of the Mount Holly Arts and Business Collective he expressed their sincere appreciation.

3. Presentation from the Mount Holly Community Development Foundation *Wendy Foster*

Wendy Foster with the Mount Holly Community Development Foundation came before the Council to thank them and City Staff for the help with the Art and Music festival. She advised that without help from the City it would be impossible. She gave a special thanks to David Clark and the

Streets Department as they are “top notch.” Ms. Foster further advised that the 2016 Art and Music Festival is already in the works and is planned for the weekend of September 23rd and 24th.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

Chuck Degraffenreid
104 West Henry Street
Mount Holly, NC 28120

Mr. DeGraffenreid came before the City Council to request lowering the speed limit in Catawba Heights. He advised that the speed limit on Cherry Bolton and Maragrette is 35 mph and with the sidewalks making the community neighbor friendly the speed limit should be reduced to 25mph

NEW BUSINESS

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

Mark Jusko reported that RFQ's for the Feasibility Study of City Parks went out in August. Four (4) firms responded and made presentations to the Recreation Commission. The Recreation Commission narrowed the decision down to (2) Firms, McGill and Associates and Alfred Benesch and Company. There was discussion regarding qualifications and references for both firms. Mr. Jusko advised that McGill and Associates was the Recreation Commission first choice. Council directed staff to contact some other Cities and Town's that have used the proposed firms for additional references and bring the information back to the Council for discussion at the November Meeting.

2. Consideration and Approval of the Business Incentive Grant to Time Flies

Mr. Beal advised that the Incentive Review Committee voted unanimously to grant Time Flies Country Store the Business Incentive Grant for improvement made to the front display area. Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the Business Incentive Grant for Time flies Country Store. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Mayor Hough took this opportunity to commend the Streets and Solid Waste Department for their work at the Art and Music Festival and Food Truck Friday.

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made the motion to adjourn the October 12, 2015 Council Meeting. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.