CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, October 11, 2010
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
Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Breyare
Councilman Jerry Bishop
Councilman Brookshire
Councilman Jim Hope
Councilman David Moore
Councilman Perry Toomey
Kemp Michael, City Attorney

Danny Jackson, City Manager
Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Greg Beal, Senior Planner
James Friday, Director of Utilities
Dale Oplinger, Fire Chief
David Belk, Chief of Police
Mike Santmire, Streets and Solid Waste Director
Mark Jusko, Interim Parks and Recreation Director

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Breyare was absent from the meeting

Call to Order by Mayor Hough

Mayor Hough called the Mount Holly City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation

In the absence of Reverend Kendall Cameron, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Mayor Hough 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 Agenda

Mayor Hough asked Council for any additions or amendments to the meeting agenda. Councilman Bishop requested that *Consent Agenda Item #2* Amendment to the Grass Mowing Contract be taken off the Consent Agenda and placed under *Old Business #6*. Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the agenda with the stated changes. Councilman Brookshire seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Debt Setoff Memorandum of Understanding and Resolution
2. Approval of a Resolution of Intent to Permanently Close Crossover Street
3. Approval of an Ordinance to Abate Minimum Housing at 402 West Glendale Avenue
4. Approval of the Acceptance of Infrastructure for Kendrick Farm
5. Approval of Liens for the following Properties for the Clearing of Grass and Weeds
    - 103 Webb Street
    - 200 Clegg Street
    - 210 Maple Drive
    - 17, 21, 25, 29. 33, 37, 41, 45, 48, 53, 57, 65, 101 and 109 Ashton Bluff Circle
    - 101 Ashmore Drive
    - 104 Autumn Bluff Circle
    - Parcel ID#'s 208130, 208110, 208131, and 208109 on Ashton Bluff Circle
6. Approval of the minutes for the August 23, 2010 work session meeting
7. Approval of the minutes for the September 9, 2010 special meeting
8. Approval of the minutes for the September 13, 2010 business meeting

Councilman Toomey 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 from Mount Hollydays Regarding Upcoming Events

Ms. Featherstone with Mount Hollydays came before Council to report on the success of the Alive After 5 events that were held during the summer. She thanked the City Council and the City Staff for their help and support. Ms. Featherstone reported that the date for the Beer Band and BBQ has been postponed until November 6th. She asked if tents could be put up outside at the entrance for the event. She advised that the tents would be secured with weights. Ms. Featherstone reminded Council of the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Sunday, November 28th at 5:00 p.m. On that note, Ms. Featherstone advised that the solar lights that were purchased to replace the ones that had been damaged due to vandalism have been taken to the Streets Department. She advised that Mount Hollydays has never gotten a clear answer from Council in regard to the City hanging these lights. Ms Featherstone added that the Annual Downtown Christmas Celebration is scheduled for Friday, December 10th. She advised that there are plans for vendors, Santa Claus and a concert at the Presbyterian Church. Mayor Hough advised that the request to use the tents will be sent to the Facilities Committee and the lights for the trees will be discussed at the end of the meeting

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing on Rezoning Request for a 0.22 Acre Tract on Wilson Street

Mr. Beal explained that the applicant, Parker Poe Adams and Bernstein LLP, wishes to rezone this property from Residential Downtown to B1 Central Business District. At this time, Jonathan Cronny, representative from the applicant, came forward to answer any questions. Councilman Toomey asked of the intended use for this property. Mr. Cronny simply replied medical. With no additional questions, Councilman Bishop made a motion to enter into the Public Hearing. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council

Members present voted in favor. With no one signed up to speak, Mayor Pro Tem Breyare made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor.

Councilman Toomey made a motion to approve the rezoning request. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

Adrianna Howard
329 Ashton Bluff Circle
Mount Holly, NC 28120

Ms. Howard came before Council to express her sincere appreciation to the City Manager, Danny Jackson. She advised that Mr. Jackson had listened to her several times and gave her good advice in regard to her Homeowners Association. She thanked Mr. Jackson from the bottom of her heart.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of Renovations to the Catawba Heights Fire Station

Councilman Hope advised that the items Council requested at the last meeting are included in their packets and asked Council for any comments or questions. Councilman Bishop commented that several of these items could be future budget items. He further commented that there are a few items that could be completely omitted like the washer and dryer and the dishwasher. Councilman Bishop advised that he would be in favor of moving forward with the renovations if some of the items that are not a necessity are omitted. At this time Mayor Hough suggested this item go back to the Construction Committee and review the items that would be considered unnecessary. Then bring the revision back to Council at the work session meeting for approval. Noting that Council normally does not take action at work sessions but in this case a provision will be made.

2. Discussion of Design Guidelines for Single Family and Commercial Construction

Mr. Beal reviewed the timeline of events in regard to design guidelines for single family construction. He advised that Council directed staff to come up with less restrictive guidelines than first proposed. Therefore staff has scaled down the guidelines to allow for more flexibility. He advised that the scaled down version is included in their Council packet. Councilman Hope commented that he is in favor of design guidelines but is concerned for the citizens in these hard economic times, but is willing to move forward with the Public Hearing to see what the public has to say. Councilman Toomey made a motion to call for a public hearing at the November 8th Council Meeting in regard to design guidelines for single family construction. Councilman Hope seconded the motion. All Council Member present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Mr. Beal advised that at the direction of Council, the Planning Staff researched and developed guidelines for commercial construction. The proposed guidelines were presented to the Planning Commission and the Commission made some specific changes to the

proposed recommendations but felt like they are in-line with what has already been approved for commercial construction in the gateway corridors. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare made a motion to call for a public hearing at the November 8th Council Meeting in regard to design guidelines for commercial construction. Councilman Hope seconded the motion. All Council Member present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

3. Consideration and Approval of Bid for the 2010 Paving Project

Mr. Santmire advised that Red Clay came in with the low bid for the 2010 Paving Project. He further advised that Red Clay has worked with the City on past projects and has completed satisfactory work. Councilman Hope made a motion to approve Red Clay for the 2010 Paving Project. Councilman Brookshire seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

4. Consideration and Approval of Funding for the CDBG Grant Process

Mr. Jackson advised that the City applied for block grant about 1 year ago. The grant was awarded to the City to Rehabilitate and make street improvements in the River Street area. He advised that at this time he is asking for Council's approval of the Grant Process which was provided to them as part of the agenda packet. Mayor Hough asked if this grant is all inclusive or does the city have to come up with matching funds? Mr. Jackson responded that it is all inclusive. Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the Community Development Block Grant process (Resolution # 101110A). Mayor Pro Tem Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

5. Award of Bid for the Raw Water Interconnect

Mr. Friday advised that Hickory Sands came in with the low bid for the Raw Water Interconnect Project. He advised that Hickory Sands has worked with the City on past projects and has completed satisfactory work. Councilman Hope asked if we will be using the City Engineer for this project. Mr. Friday advised that she would be used when possible. Councilman Hope made a motion to approve Hickory Sands for the Raw Water Interconnect Project. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

6. Consideration and Approval to an Amendment to the Grass Mowing Contract

Councilman Toomey made a motion to approve the amended grass mowing contract with RDS Landscaping. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed with 6 ayes and 1 nay. Councilman Bishop voting against. (Motion carried)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution to Support Trick or Treating within the City take place on Saturday, October 30, 2010

Mr. Jackson advised that some Cities are picking the night that they would prefer trick or treating to take place. He commented that this item was placed on the agenda just to see if Council has a preference. There was discussion as to which night the local churches were having festivities to go along with Halloween. Councilman Moore made a motion to pass the resolution to support trick or treating on Saturday, October 30th with the understanding that it would not be

enforced in the case that Mount Holly citizens would prefer to let their children trick or treat on Sunday night. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

REPORTS

Councilman Moore advised that volunteers are needed on Saturday, October 23rd to help redo planters downtown. He further advised that Council needs to set dates for their Christmas dinner and Council Retreat. Councilman Moore added that Employees of the Year nominations will be coming before them soon and in the past has been decided on by a small committee within the Council.

Councilman Bishop asked where the campaign signs could be placed during one stop voting. He advised that he did not want to see campaign signs stuck all over the Citizen Center grounds. Mr. Michael advised that they are restricted to use the door on the Catawba Ave side of the building; therefore he suggested that staff make some signage only allowing signs on that side of the building. Mr. Jackson advised that the Code Enforcement would take care of any signs that are out of place.

Councilman Toomey asked if the City could put some type of screen around the dumpsters in the back of the Citizens Center.

Mayor Hough advised that the issue of the tents for the Beer Band and BBQ will be sent to the Facilities Committee for consideration.

Mayor Hough asked for Council direction regarding the lights downtown. Councilman Bishop commented that replacing these lights could become a huge expense in the future. There was continued discussion regarding damage to the trees and just putting the lights up for the season instead of leaving them up year round. Councilman Brookshire made a motion and then withdrew the motion to let Mount Hollydays put the lights up and maintain them. Councilman Brookshire then made a second motion that would allow City Staff to place the lights on the downtown trees on November 1st and take them down February 28th with the understanding that the City is not responsible for any maintenance of these lights in the case of vandalism or any other type of mechanical issue. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare advised that she would like to recues from voting since she is a part of the Mount Hollydays Board of Directors. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

On the third request from Mount Hollydays to close the street on December 10th for their Christmas Festivities, Councilman Bishop made a motion to close Main Street beginning at 6:00 p.m. after the banks have closed for the day. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Mayor Hough asked Captain Benfield if the Police Department is continuing to patrol Cedar Lane during school hours. Captain Benfield replied that Cedar Lane is continuing to be monitored on a daily basis and the Police Department is giving out ticket to speeders.

Mayor Hough advised that he needs to find someone to Chair the Beautification Committee. If Council has any suggestions please let him know.

Mayor Hough asked Council for recommendation regarding the Christmas Dinner. Council agreed to check a couple different restaurants for availability.

Mayor Hough asked Council for any additional recommendation regarding the Council Retreat. It was decided that the Council Retreat will be at the Grandover Resort in Greensboro on either February 3rd-5th or February 17th-19th.

Mayor Hough advised that Councilmen Moore, Hope and Toomey would form a small Committee to award the Employee of the Year.

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Moore made the motion to adjourn the October 11, 2010 Council meeting. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.