

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, October 10, 2011
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 Carolyn Breyare	Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Jerry Bishop	Greg Beal, Senior Planner
Councilman Bennie Brookshire	James Friday, Director of Utilities
Councilman Jim Hope	Dale Oplinger, Fire Chief
Councilman David Moore	David Belk, Chief of Police
Councilman Perry Toomey	Mike Santmire, Streets and Solid Waste Director
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	Ed Smith, Recreation Director

Call to Order by Mayor Hough

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

Invocation

Reverend Joe Mullins, from the Grace Baptist Church in Mount Holly 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 for any changes to the agenda. With no changes Mayor Pro Tem Breyare made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Official Traffic Map
2. Approval of Budget Amendment for E911 funds
3. Approval of an Ordinance Establishing a Lien on Real Property for Clearing of Weeds and Grass for the following Properties:
 - 205 Forest Drive
 - 111 Cavin Avenue
 - 501 Elm Street
 - 107 Killian Avenue
 - 111 Tomberlin Road
 - 121 Tomberlin Road
 - 105 Beech Bluff Drive
4. Approval of the minutes for the September 12, 2011 business meeting
5. Approval of the minutes for the September 23, 2011 special meeting

Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing regarding a request by Mount Holly Supply Company (Mount Holly Farm Supply), for a rezoning of the rear portions of 208 and 210 Rose Street, Tax Parcel ID #'s 182041 and 182044, from R-12 Single Family to B-2 Neighborhood Business.

Mr. Beal explained that Mount Holly Farm Supply is anticipating losing parking to future development at the corner of Belmont-Mount Holly Road and Highway 273. Therefore they are anticipating the purchase of 208 and 210 Rose Street to use as a designated parking area for the Farm Supply. Mr. Beal emphasized that there will be no access to the Farm Supply from Rose Street and the surrounding area will remain residential.

At this time, Councilman Toomey made a motion to enter into the public hearing. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Bill Gary

106 Forest Hills Drive

Mount Holly, NC 28120

Mr. Gary came before Council on behalf of the Planning Commission and commented that there was concern regarding the traffic behind Rose Street. Mr. Gary commented that Mount Holly Farm Supply has been in business for a long time and he would like to see them stay here. He added that the proposed parking would primarily be used by their employees. Therefore the Planning Commission voted in favor of the rezoning.

With no one else signed up to speak, Mayor Pro Tem Breyare made a motion to return to regular session. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Councilman Toomey made a motion to approve the rezoning as stated. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Council Members except Councilman Brookshire voting in favor. Councilman Brookshire cast a nay vote. (Motion carried 5-1)

2. Public Hearing regarding a request by David Church, to consider rezoning a 1.84-acre tract of land located at 810 West Central Avenue, Tax Parcel ID # 124912, from H-1 Heavy Industrial to B-3 General Business.

Mr. Beal reported that Mr. Church with Clippard's Auto is requesting that 810 West Central Avenue be rezoned from an H-1 to B-3 to allow for automobile repairs.

At this time, Councilman Toomey made a motion to enter into the public hearing. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Bill Gary

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Mr. Gary spoke on behalf of the Planning Commission and commented that the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the proposed rezoning to the City Council.

With no one else signed up to speak, Councilman Moore made a motion to return to regular session. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Councilman Toomey made a motion to approve the rezoning as stated. Councilman Brookshire seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

Carol Featherstone

1010 Pierce Avenue

Mount Holly, NC 28120

Ms. Featherstone came before Council on behalf of Mount Hollydays to request road closure on December 9th for the Mount Hollydays Downtown Christmas Event.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of revisions to Chapter 13 *“Motor Vehicles and Traffic”* Article 6 *“Abandoned, Nuisance and Junked Motor Vehicles”*

Mr. Wilson advised that at the September 26th work session, staff was directed to draft a new definition for car cover. He advised that staff reviewed the definition and is recommending that car covers remain neutral or earth tones. At this time, Councilman Brookshire made a motion to table this discussion until the November Council Meeting. Feeling he has not had enough time to review the proposed amendments. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. Councilmen Toomey and Brookshire and Mayor Pro Tem Breyare voted for the motion and Councilmen Bishop, Hope and Moore voted against the motion creating a 3-3 tie. Mayor Hough voted against the motion the break the tie. (Motion failed 3-4) was denied .

To continue the discussion, Councilman Hope asked if the people that already had car covers would be grandfathered under the current regulations. Mr. Wilson advised that the regulations would not affect the current people on record. Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the revisions as presented. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Council Members except Councilman Brookshire voting in favor. Councilman Brookshire cast a nay vote. (Motion carried 5-1)

REPORTS

Councilman Toomey reported a line of site problem on Spring Street at Woodland Park and he also reported that some of his neighbors are having trouble getting their recycling picked up. He asked the the contact information for recycling be added to the monthly newsletter.

Mayor Pro Tem Breyare reported that the street sign at East Catawba is missing the Avenue.

Mr. Jackson reminded Council that Economic Development Committee will meet tomorrow night.

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Bishop made the motion to adjourn the October 10, 2011 Council meeting. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.