October 9, 2023
Council Meeting

Mayor Bryan Hough
Mayor Pro-Tem Phyllis Harris
Councilman Ivory Craig
Councilman Jeff Meadows
Councilman David Moore
Councilwoman Christina Pawlish
Councilwoman Lauren Shoemaker
Marie M. Anders, City Attorney
Danny Jackson, Interim City Manager

CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

October 9, 2023
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR

INVOCATION
Pastor Randy Arrowood, First Free Will Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Boy Scout Troop 59

SET THE AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA
1. Approval of a Budget Amendment to allocate funds from Enterprise Net Position to Field Services-Maintenance/Repair Water Sewer Lines.
2. Approval of a Resolution to Request Maintenance on a portion of North Main Street.
3. Approval of a Proclamation recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month
4. Approval of Minutes from the September 25, 2023 Council Meeting
5. Approval of Minutes from the September 25, 2023 Closed Session

PRESENTATIONS
1. Presentation of a Proclamation for the Mount Holly Police Department inaugural Faith & Blue Weekend.

   Mayor Bryan Hough

2. Presentation of a donation to the Mount Holly Police Foundation from Mount Holly High School Class of 1972.

   Scott Pope, MHHS Treasurer

PUBLIC HEARING
1. Public hearing to amend Sections 6.4 & 7.1 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow tattoo studios as a permitted use with conditions in the B-1 District. ***Brandon Livingston***

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS
1. Consideration and approval to award a contract for Downtown Water Improvements Phase 1 (8-inch Water Line Under Railroad) to the lowest bidder, RNF Construction, LLC. ***Jonathan Wilson***

CLOSED SESSION
1. Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a) (3 and 5)

ADJOURN

CONSENT AGENDA

City of Mount Holly
Action Agenda Item

To: Mayor and City Council	**Date:** October 4, 2023
From: Jonathan Wilson, Utilities Director	**Meeting Date:** October 9, 2023

Agenda Item to be considered: Budget Amendment to allocate funds from Enterprise Net Position to Field Services – Maintenance/Repair Water Sewer Lines.

Will this require a public hearing? ☐ YES ☒ NO

Background/Purpose of Request:

In working with the owner of Muddy River Distillery regarding their water and sewer for their new location in Mount Holly Staff realized that there is an abundance of outdated infrastructure on the site. One of the main pieces of outdated infrastructure is the water vault which is located off of the driveway for the building and actually in the rear yard of 121-A Alsace Street. In an effort to improve and upgrade the City infrastructure and in an economic development initiative Staff believes that it is in the City's best interest to abandon the existing water vault and tap for this property and relocate it to North Main Street.

By relocating the vault it will provide a clear delineation between public and private infrastructure and ensure that both the City and business owner have a new water connection to the public water supply. Utilities Staff have received quotes from contractors to perform this work which would include a new 6-inch water tap, boring under North Main Street with a 6-inch water service, new water meter vault and all other components associated with this connection. The quotes that have been received are approximately $75,000.

By allowing the Utilities Department to utilize a portion of the Downtown Infrastructure Improvement funding that the City will be receiving through the State budget it will allow the Field Services Division to not fund this unexpected project from their normal operating and maintenance budget. Additionally, it affords the Utilities Department to be a great economic partner to a new business coming to Mount Holly.

Fiscal Impact:

Will Item affect current budget	☒ YES	☐ NO	☐ N/A
Reviewed by Finance Director	☒ YES	☐ NO	☐ N/A
Preaudit Certification required	☐ YES	☒ NO	☐ N/A
Capital Project Ordinance required	☐ YES	☒ NO	☐ N/A
Budget Transfer required	☒ YES	☐ NO	☐ N/A
Total City Dollars:	$ 75,000.00		
Budget Code	62-91-7900-354		
Reviewed by City Attorney	☐ YES	☒ NO	☐ N/A

Manager/Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the approval of a budget amendment to allocate funds from Enterprise Net Position to Field Services – Maintenance/Repair Water Sewer Lines.

Result of City Council Decision:

Attachments:

1. Budget Amendment Worksheet (Provided by the Finance Department)

CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
FY 23-24 Budget Amendment

Account Number	Description	Account Debit	Account Credit
62-91-7900-354	M/R Water/Sewer Lines	$75,000.00	
62-91-3991-000	Fund Balance Appropriation		$75,000.00
	TOTAL	$75,000.00	$ 75,000.00

Date Submitted: 09-Oct-23

Finance Officer: _____

City Manager: _____

Department Comments:

Amendment to appropriate fund balance to cover expenditures for Field Services Maintenance/Repair Water Sewer Lines

City of Mount Holly
Action Agenda Item

To:	Mayor and City Council	**Date:**	September 29, 2023
From:	Jeremy Moss, Facility Maintenance	**Meeting Date:**	October 9, 2023

Agenda Item to be considered:
Approval of a resolution to request road maintenance from NCDOT for 787 feet of roadway between 107 N Main St and 160 N Main St.

Will this require a public hearing? ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

Background/Purpose of Request:

Our application to NCDOT for the installation of overhead street lighting along N Main St was denied. We are requesting from NCDOT to take over road maintenance for 787 feet of N Main St. Ownership would allow the City to implement the overhead street lighting project. Another opportunity may be adding additional parking. The current road condition is good, no known problems. The traffic signals and loops will remain the responsibility of NCDOT. The Powell agreement will be increased by 787 feet. A similar process was done to install the overhead lights on S Main St.

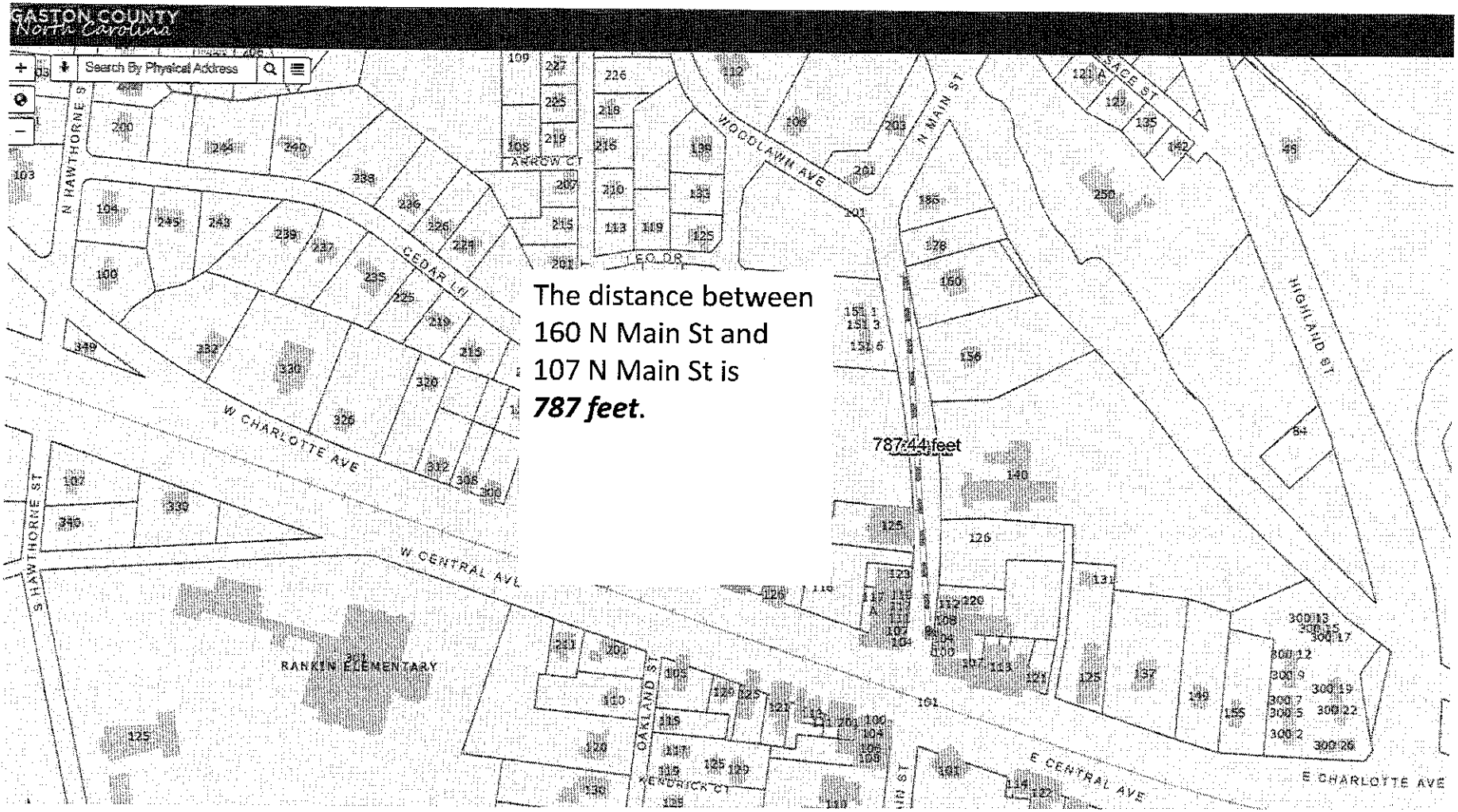
Fiscal Impact:

Will Item affect current budget	☐ YES	☐ NO	☐ N/A
Reviewed by Finance Director	☐ YES	☐ NO	☐ N/A
Preaudit Certification required	☐ YES	☒ NO	☐ N/A
Capital Project Ordinance required	☐ YES	☐ NO	☐ N/A
Budget Transfer required	☐ YES	☐ NO	☐ N/A
Total City Dollars:	***$0.00***		
Budget Code	***See above accounts***		
Reviewed by City Attorney	☐ YES	☐ NO	☐ N/A

Manager/Staff Recommendation:
Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

Result of City Council Decision:

Attachments: *1. Map showing area we are requesting from NCDOT. 2. Resolution*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787.44 feet
The distance between 160 N Main St and 107 N Main St is ***787 feet***.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING ABANDOMENT OF A PORTION OF
STATE ROAD 2198, ALSO KNOWN AS NORTH MAIN STREET,
FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE MAINTAINED SECONDARY ROAD SYSTEM

WHEREAS, in keeping with the economic revitalization efforts in the downtown area of the City of Mount Holly, the City Council wishes to install overhead street lighting and pursue and investigate additional beautification projects on a portion of North Main Street (State Road 2198) as shown on an attached map incorporated herein by reference; and,

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) currently maintains this section of road and the City of Mount Holly would need to accept maintenance of this road in order to install lighting and pursue additional projects as aforesaid; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to adopt the attached petition requesting NCDOT to abandon the portion of North Main Street (State Road 2198) that is approximately 787 feet as shown on an attached map incorporated herein by reference so that the City of Mount Holly can accept the maintenance of the aforesaid road as an official City street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Mount Holly hereby adopts the attached petition to NCDOT to abandon the portion of North Main Street (State Road 2198) that is approximately 787 feet between 160 North Main Street and 107 North Main Street as shown on an attached map incorporated herein by reference.

ADOPTED this 9th day of October, 2023.

CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY

By: _____
Bryan M. Hough, Mayor

Attest:

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Deputy City Clerk

PROCLAMATION for BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, one in eight American women is diagnosed with breast cancer at some point in her life; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most commonly recognized cancer among women in the nation, and is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, In the United States in 2023 over 297,790 new cases of breast cancer are projected to be diagnosed in women and over 11,723 cases in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, one woman will be diagnosed with breast cancer every two minutes, and one woman will die of breast cancer every thirteen minutes in the United States: and

WHEREAS, every woman is at risk for breast cancer even if she has no family history or other risk factors of the disease; and

WHEREAS, early detection can be an extremely effective tool, timely screening mammograms could prevent 25% percent of all deaths from breast cancer in women over age 40; and

WHEREAS, 98% of all breast cancer patients survive when the disease is detected early and there are over 2.9 million breast cancer survivors in the United States; and

WHEREAS, October is designated as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and community organizations, churches and other places of worship, as well as work sites, can play a special role in education members or employees about breast cancer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Mount Holly Mayor and City Council the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Mount Holly and encourages all citizens to learn the facts about breast cancer. Further, all Mount Holly residents are encouraged to wear pink and pink ribbons throughout the month in recognition of breast cancer awareness and in honor of those who have lost their lives to breast cancer and who are now courageously fighting the battle with breast cancer.

SIGNED:

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Bryan Hough, Mayor

Attest:

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Tara Douglas, Interim City Clerk

CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY

MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, September 25, 2023

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	Danny Jackson, Interim 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	Greg Beal, Planning Director
Councilwoman Christina Pawlish-**NOT PRESENT**	Tony Walker, Streets and Solid Waste Director
Councilwoman Lauren Shoemaker	Jonathan Wilson, Director of Utilities
Marie M. Anders, City Attorney	Mark Jusko, Recreation Supervisor
Tara Douglas, Interim City Clerk	Michelle Wood, Finance Director

Mayor Hough stated that Councilwoman Pawlish would not be present for tonight's meeting.

INVOCATION

Councilman Craig led the Council, staff and attendees in prayer.

SET THE AGENDA

With no changes to the agenda, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilwoman Shoemaker 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 Release of Letter of Credit for River Park Phase 4, 5 and 6.
2. Approval of Fire Department Administrative Assistant / Fire and Life Safety Educator
3. Approval of Minutes from the September 11, 2023 Council Meeting
4. Approval of Minutes from the September 11, 2023 Closed Session

Mayor Hough entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Harris made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY

MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, September 25, 2023

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

6:30 PM

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation from Better City — Jason Godfrey and Meng Guo

Mr. Godfrey presented from Better City. Mr. Godfrey stated that the intent is to give monthly reports to Council. Mr. Godfrey stated that at the next meeting, they will present a detailed action plan for Councils review. Mr. Godfrey stated that Mr. Jackson and Mr. DuPont have been extremely helpful in pointing the team in the right direction. Mr. Godfrey stated that there has been a change in staffing and that the primary point of contact moving forward will be Meng Guo. Mr. Godfrey presented on what has been completed to date regarding a parking analysis. Mr. Godfrey explained that they are coming up with a custom dashboard with key metrics. Mayor Hough gave Council the opportunity to ask any questions. There were no questions from Council at this time. Mayor Hough thanked Mr. Godfrey for his presentation and all of the hard work that is being done.

2. Presentation on River Bend Access Area Improvements- Duke Energy — Ethan Pardue

Jeff Lineberger presented for Ethan Pardue. Mr. Lineberger is the General Manager of Hydro Strategy and Licensing for Duke Energy. Mr. Lineberger stated that River Bend is the largest of the public access areas on Mountain Island Lake. Mr. Lineberger discussed the history of the licensing requirements and stated that the license expired in the early 2000's. Mr. Lineberger discussed the comprehensive licensing agreement process and examples of how this process has been implemented. Mr. Lineberger explained the three-year process and the extent to which the river basin had been studied. Mr. Lineberger stated that the goal is to give people more access to the river other than the people that live around the area. Mr. Lineberger stated that there had been over 300 public meetings around this process. Mr. Lineberger stated that the comprehensive licensing agreement is the product of this community event. Mr. Lineberger stated that there is an opportunity for the City to lease this access area from Duke Energy for $1 per year in exchange for the City operating the facilities that are there. The only requirement is that Duke Energy makes the offer and that the City considers the offer. Mr. Lineberger stated that the City is not obligated to lease the access area. Mr. Lineberger stated that construction would occur from 2023-2027 and that if the City were to lease this site the lease agreement would be for the term of the new license which would expire 10/31/2055. Mr. Lineberger stated that this is a 40-year license that was issued in 2015. Mr. Lineberger discussed what is there now. Mr. Lineberger stated that this is largely a wooded site. Mr. Lineberger stated that Duke Energy would construct the following facilities independently of whether the City of Mount Holly leased the area or not: restrooms, fishing pier, swimming area, and parking for approximately 130 single car parking spaces.

Mr. Lineberger stated that fees could be charged for use of the facilities if the City chooses, but would need to be reasonable and customary. Mr. Lineberger stated that the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission maintains the boat landing for Duke Energy under contract which gets the Wildlife Commissions presence there. Mr. Lineberger stated that this has been a beneficial addition and encourages the City to keep them as partners if the City chooses to lease the access area. Mr. Lineberger discussed the benefits of leasing this access area. Mr. Lineberger stated that he knew that management is not free and that it would be a cost to the City, but it would enhance the quality of life in Mount Holly and the surrounding area.

Councilman Meadows asked Mr. Lineberger to go back to the required and suggested items slides and asked about the items colored in blue which is the trail and the campgrounds. Councilman Meadows asked Mr. Lineberger to confirm that Duke would not build out that campground and it would be up to the City of Mount Holly to decide whether that campground would come or go. Mr. Lineberger stated that the City would not be obligated to go in and build that campground currently. Councilman Meadows asked if the Federal Government typically comes in and dictates particular items. Mr. Lineberger stated that Duke makes it clear to the FDRC that this is a regional plan and that the government does not wish to micromanage. Councilman Meadows asked Mr. Lineberger if Duke Energy would meet with neighborhoods that did not exist prior to the previous planning events. Mr. Lineberger stated that Duke wishes to be a good neighbor.

Councilwoman Shoemaker asked what their stance is on the traffic sustainability and the closeness to neighborhood with regards to access and Duke's involvement in upgrades? Mr. Lineberger stated that the Department of Transportation (DOT) typically would do studies to determine if new developments equal the need to expand the roadway.

Councilman Meadows asked if there is a possibility to explore folding the current entry through the church parking lot into the main road so that there is one way in and one way out? Mr. Lindenberger stated that this is a good point and that it is being looked at right now by the engineers. Mayor Hough discussed lighting and that there is no safe way to get from the church to the boat landing and asked what can Duke do to get some lighting out there? Mr. Lindenberger stated that the issue is being looked into right now. Mayor Hough stated that because it is not clearly marked, people wander into yards and private property due to no clear stop designation. Mr. Lindenberger stated that this would be looked at and addressed. Mr. Lindenberger stated that the intent would be to start out soft with signs and then move to fencing if needed.

Councilwoman Shoemaker stated that there are concerns about trash, trespassing, and boating accidents and that it sounds like some of these concerns would be addressed with the development of the focused usage areas. Mr. Lineberger stated that this concern would be mitigated by the property management controlled by the City should it choose to enter into a lease agreement. Mr. Lineberger stated that property management, to include city staffing, would be an expectation of the lease

agreement. Mr. Lineberger stated that this site would need to be closed at times during construction and he feels like that this would be a great time to reset expectations of usage, but that it will take a focused effort. Mr. Lineberger stated that in some instances they have had to remove trash receptacles.

Councilman Meadows asked about the amount of time that the ramps would be closed during traffic? Mr. Lineberger stated that construction would be months long and could start in spring of 2024. Councilman Moore asked about the entry fees at some of the other locations and how that works? Mr. Lineberger stated that Duke would have to review and approve any fees charged to ensure that the fees are reasonable and customary depending on the locations. Mr. Lineberger stated that fees could not be so high that it would exclude visitors. Mayor Hough confirmed that Belmont South Point area is charging $7 per hour. Councilman Moore stated that one of the biggest concerns is for the safety of the neighborhoods and that whatever is done there that it will be complementary to the neighborhood. Mr. Lineberger stated that Duke Energy intends for this to improve the area and be good for the neighborhoods. Councilman Meadows asked if Duke has had any examples of other partnerships between multiple counties? Mr. Lineberger stated that they do not have multiple local governments coming together on one side, but that this would be a great opportunity to test out this type of partnership.

Mayor Hough stated that a follow up would be to contact Mecklenburg County Commissioner Elaine Powell who leads that effort there. Mayor Hough stated that an additional follow up would be to contact Gaston County and Lincoln County. Mayor Hough stated that an additional concern is with the entry fees and that the Wildlife Commission historically not wanting to charge for fishing and boat use. Mayor Hough stated that we would want to make sure that the City can differentiate how and what people are using the access for since the fees would offset the cost to properly maintain the site. Mr. Lineberger stated that he thinks that there should be a meeting between the City of Mount Holly, Duke Energy and the Wildlife Commission. Mayor Hough asked Mr. Lineberger if such a meeting could be scheduled. Mr. Lineberger stated that a meeting could be scheduled. Council had no further questions for Mr. Lineberger. Mayor Hough thanked Mr. Lineberger for his presentation.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Offer to Purchase PID 122990 on Woodlawn Avenue — Marie Anders

Ms. Anders brought to Council a proposed offer to purchase and contract for vacant land for PID #122990 in the amount of $1110.00. Ms. Anders stated that the due diligence period is 14 days from when the contract is signed by both parties and the proposed closing date is 30 days from when the contract is signed by both parties. Ms. Anders stated that if Council wishes to move forward with purchasing this property, the next step would be a motion to approve this offer and to allow the City

Manager to sign and forward the contract to the attorney for the estate. Ms. Anders stated that once the estate accepts the offer, the attorney indicated that there would be an upset bid period so that the attorney could follow the appropriate disposal procedures for a property that is inside an estate.

Mayor Hough entertained a motion to approve the consideration of offer to purchase PID #122990 in the amount of $1110.00 Councilman Craig made the motion to approve the consideration of offer to purchase PID#122990 in the amount of $1110.00. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion.

All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a) (3 and 5)

Mayor Hough entertained a motion to go out of the regular meeting and enter into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a) (3 and 5). Councilman Craig made a motion to go out of the regular meeting and enter into closed session at 7:15 pm. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

Mayor Hough entertained a motion to come out of closed session and back into the regular meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Harris made a motion to come out of closed session and back into the regular meeting at 8:39 pm. Councilman Moore 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. Councilman Moore made the motion to adjourn the September 25, 2023 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor.

(Motion Carried)

The meeting adjourned 8:39 pm

City of Mount Holly
Action Agenda Item

To: City Council	**Date:** October 5, 2023
From: Office of the Clerk	**Meeting Date:** October 9, 2023

Agenda Item to be considered: Approval of the Minutes from the September 25, 2023 Closed Sessions

Will this require a public hearing? ☐ YES ☒ NO

Background/Purpose of Request: As per the internal staff policy shared with Council, approval of closed session minutes will be part of the consent agenda. A copy of the minutes will be provided under a separate cover to Council as part of the closed session information packet.

Fiscal Impact:			
Will Item affect current budget	☐ YES	☐ NO	☐ N/A
Reviewed by Finance Director	☐ YES	☐ NO	☐ N/A
Preaudit Certification required	☐ YES	☐ NO	☐ N/A
Capital Project Ordinance required	☐ YES	☐ NO	☐ N/A
Budget Transfer required	☐ YES	☐ NO	☐ N/A
Total City Dollars:	$		
Budget Code			
Reviewed by City Attorney	☐ YES	☐ NO	☐ N/A

Manager/Staff Recommendation:
Approval

Result of City Council Decision:

Attachments:
1. Minutes emailed with the closed session information

PRESENTATIONS

City of Mount Holly
Action Agenda Item

To: City Council	**Date:** 10/4/23
From: Chief Reagan	**Meeting Date:** 10/9/23

Agenda Item to be considered: Consideration of an ordinance to designate a Social District in Downtown Mount Holly.

____ 1st Annual Faith & Blue Event Proclamation

Will this require a public hearing? ☐ **YES** ☒ **NO**

Background/Purpose of Request: *Reading of the 1ST Annual Faith & Blue Proclamation. Faith & Blue is an event where Law Enforcement and local Faith Based Organizations come together to strengthen our community. A series of events will be held throughout the weekend of October 7th 2023 through Monday October 9th 2023.*

Fiscal Impact:			
Will Item affect current budget	☐ YES	☒ NO	☐ N/A
Reviewed by Finance Director	☐ YES	☐ NO	☒ N/A
Preaudit Certification required	☐ YES	☐ NO	☒ N/A
Capital Project Ordinance required	☐ YES	☐ NO	☒ N/A
Budget Transfer required	☐ YES	☐ NO	☒ N/A
Total City Dollars:			
Budget Code			
Reviewed by City Attorney	☐ YES	☐ NO	☒ N/A

Manager/Staff Recommendation:

Result of City Council Decision:

Attachments: Faith & Blue Proclamation

PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING THE INAUGURAL FAITH & BLUE COMMUNITY WEEKEND

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Holly recognizes the critical importance of fostering strong and positive relationships between law enforcement agencies and the diverse communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, the Faith & Blue initiative underscores the pivotal role that faith-based organizations play in strengthening these bonds, as they are the largest community resource in our nation, engaging approximately 65 million participants in weekly events, and encompassing the rich diversity that mirrors our society; and

WHEREAS, the principles of Faith & Blue are rooted in the shared belief of Americans that we are all responsible for one another's well-being, promoting the ideals of unity, justice, and communal care; and

WHEREAS, the Faith & Blue initiative seeks to cultivate safer, more resilient, and just communities by facilitating local partnerships among law enforcement professionals, residents, businesses, and community groups, utilizing the connections forged by local faith-based organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Faith & Blue initiative pursues its objectives through the implementation of solutions-focused, in-person, socially distanced, and/or virtual activities, collaboratively organized by faith-based and other community groups, in conjunction with law enforcement agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Mount Holly hereby proclaims the first weekend of October each year as "Faith & Blue Community Weekend" in collaboration with the Mount Holly Police Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council encourages all residents, community organizations, faith-based institutions, law enforcement agencies, and businesses to participate actively in the Faith & Blue Community Weekend, to strengthen relationships, foster understanding, and promote unity within our vibrant city; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council extends its deepest appreciation to the Mount Holly Police Department for their dedication and commitment to building bridges of trust and collaboration between our law enforcement professionals and the communities they serve.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Bryan Hough, Mayor of the City of Mount Holly, have set my hand and caused the official seal of the City to be affixed on this 9th of October in the year 2023.

SIGNED:

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Bryan Hough, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tara Douglas, Interim City Clerk

City of Mount Holly
Action Agenda Item

To: City Council	**Date:** October 5, 2023
From: Office of the Clerk	**Meeting Date:** October 9, 2023

Agenda Item to be considered: **Presentation of a donation from Mount Holly High School to the Mount Holly Police Foundation**

Will this require a public hearing? ☐ **YES** ☒ **NO**

Background/Purpose of Request: Scott Pope MHHS Treasurer will present a donation to the Mount Holly Police Foundation on behalf of the class of 1972.

Fiscal Impact:			
Will Item affect current budget	☐ YES	☐ NO	☐ N/A
Reviewed by Finance Director	☐ YES	☐ NO	☐ N/A
Preaudit Certification required	☐ YES	☐ NO	☐ N/A
Capital Project Ordinance required	☐ YES	☐ NO	☐ N/A
Budget Transfer required	☐ YES	☐ NO	☐ N/A
Total City Dollars:	$		
Budget Code			
Reviewed by City Attorney	☐ YES	☐ NO	☐ N/A

Manager/Staff Recommendation:
Approval

Result of City Council Decision:

Attachments:
1.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

City of Mount Holly
Action Agenda Item

To:	City Council	**Date:**	10-3-2023
From:	Brandon Livingston, Planner I	**Meeting Date:**	10-9-2023

Agenda Item to be considered: Public hearing to amend Sections 6.4 & 7.1 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow tattoo studios as a permitted use with conditions in the B-1 District.

Will this require a public hearing? ☒ **YES** ☐ **NO**

Background/Purpose of Request:

This proposed text amendment, submitted by Billy Rick, would amend Chapter 6: Table of Permitted and Special Uses-Section 6.4-Business, Professional and Personal Services to permit tattoo studios as a permitted use with conditions in the B-1-Central Business District & modify the conditions that pertain to the use, Note 33, which are found in Chapter 7: Special Requirement Notes to the Table of Permitted and Special Uses.

The Planning Commission voted to provide a favorable recommendation to City Council concerning the proposed text amendment during their October 2nd meeting.

Fiscal Impact:			
Will Item affect current budget	☐ YES	☐ NO	☒ N/A
Reviewed by Finance Director	☐ YES	☐ NO	☒ N/A
Preaudit Certification required	☐ YES	☐ NO	☒ N/A
Capital Project Ordinance required	☐ YES	☐ NO	☒ N/A
Budget Transfer required	☐ YES	☐ NO	☒ N/A
Total City Dollars:	***$***		
Budget Code			
Reviewed by City Attorney	☐ YES	☒ NO	☐ N/A

Manager/Staff Recommendation:
Staff recommends approval of the proposed text amendment.

Attachments:

1. **Text Amendment Application.**
2. **Proposed Redlines.**
3. **Email from Chief Reagan.**

APPLICATION FOR TEXT AMENDMENT

CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY, NORTH CAROLINA

Date Filed: **9-6-23.** Application Number: **TA-23-11**

I, the undersigned, do hereby respectfully make a formal application for your review of my request concerning the text amendment described below:

1. The amendment is found in the City of Mount Holly Zoning Ordinance relating to: **amend Chapter 6: Table of Permitted and Special Uses. Section 6.4-Business, Professional and Personal Services & to Chapter 7: Special Requirement Notes to the Table of Permitted and Special Uses.**

2. The following statement best describes what you would like the text amendment to reflect: **This proposed text amendment, submitted by Billy Rick, would amend Chapter 6: Table of Permitted and Special Uses-Section 6.4-Business, Professional and Personal Services to permit tattoo studios as a permitted use with conditions in the B-1-Central Business District & modify the conditions that pertain to the use, Note 33, which are found in Chapter 7: Special Requirement Notes to the Table of Permitted and Special Uses.**

3. Name: **Billy Rick.**

   Address: **PO BOX 1, MT HOLLY, NC 28120-1618.**

704-506-4846	**billy.rick@rtrrenovations.com**	*Billy Rick*
Phone Number	Email	Signature of Applicant

INSTRUCTIONS: Applications must be TYPED or LEGIBLE and filed with the City of Mount Holly Planning and Zoning Department, together with the application fee in the amount of **$250.00** **(See Fee Schedule)** at least 30 days prior to the Planning Commission meeting for initial consideration.

Proposed Redlines

-Chapter 6: Table of Permitted and Special Uses. Section 6.4-Business, Professional and Personal Services

§ 6.4 BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES.

Use Types	Note	R-A	R-20	R-12	R-10	R-8SF	R-8MF	RD	MHMU	O&I	B-1	B-2	B-3	L-I	H-I
Tattoo studio	33										~~S~~ X				

Chapter 7: Special Requirement Notes to the Table of Permitted and Special Uses

Note 33, Tattoo Studios in Conjunction with an Art Gallery, Art Studio And/or Retail Boutique or Multi-Tenant Building

(A) A tattoo studio, defined as an establishment whose only business activity is placing ink under the skin using needles that result in the coloration of the skin with an optional accessory use of body piercing, which is defined as insertion of an object, such as jewelry, into a hole for display purposes, shall be allowed as a ~~special~~ permitted use in the B-1, Central Business District, subject to the conditions found in divisions (B)(1) through (B)(6) below. Activities such as, or similar to, cutting of the skin or subcutaneous tissue, cutting or modification of cartilage or bone, implantation, branding, deep tissue penetration, threading, stapling or any other invasive procedure, whether or not such act would constitute the practice of medicine requiring licensure as a physician shall not be allowed.

(B) Conditions:

(1) Clients to the tattoo studio and related consultation area shall be by appointment only.

(2) The tattoo studio must be located in the rear portion of the building, if utilized in conjunction with the art gallery, art studio and/or retail boutique being located in the front portion of the building.–

(~~4~~ 3) The tattoo studio and related rooms such as the consultation area, may not occupy more than 60% of the gross floor space. The art gallery, art studio and/or retail boutique must occupy at least 40% of the gross floor space

(~~3~~ 4) ~~The tattoo studio must have separate ingress/egress for clients to the business- related space, whether it be the studio itself or consultation area.~~ In lieu of meeting the requirements of a tattoo studio operating in conjunction with an art gallery, art studio and/or retail boutique with the applicable conditions, multi-tenant buildings, defined as having four or more leasable spaces under one common roof, may allow one space dedicated to a tattoo studio. In this case, the area used for tattooing must be a minimum of 144 square feet and shall be located in a separate room or behind an enclosure that is completely screened from the consultation area of the studio to provide privacy for clients.

(5) Tattoo studios can also offer limited sales and retailing as a part of their studio operation.

(~~5~~) ~~No loitering signage shall be posted on the building.~~

(~~6~~ 6) All federal, state and local regulations for tattoo establishments shall be met.

Paul Lowe <paul.lowe@mtholly.us>

RE: Proposed Text Amendment for Tattoo Studios

Brian Reagan <brian.reagan@mtholly.us> Tue, Sep 26, 2023 at 2:43 PM
To: Paul Lowe <paul.lowe@mtholly.us>

Paul,

I have no objections to the request. There are other ways we could address someone loitering in the event it was causing an issue. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Brian

Brian K. Reagan
Chief of Police
Mount Holly Police Department
400 E. Central Avenue
(704)827-4343

On Tue, Sep 26, 2023 at 12:36 PM Paul Lowe <paul.lowe@mtholly.us> wrote:

> Brian,
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> Hope that you are having a good day. We received a text amendment application from Billy Rick regarding tattoo studios. As a part of the language, the requirement that no loitering signs be installed would be removed. Do you have any thoughts on this? I was just checking to see any issues with this.
>
> (~~5~~) ~~No loitering signage shall be posted on the building.~~
>
> Best Regards,
>
> Paul Lowe
> Assistant Planning Director
> City of Mount Holly
> 704-951-3014
> paul.lowe@mtholly.us

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NEW BUSINESS

City of Mount Holly
Action Agenda Item

To:	Mayor and City Council	**Date:**	October 4, 2023
From:	Jonathan Wilson, Utilities Director	**Meeting Date:**	October 9, 2023

Agenda Item to be considered: Consideration and approval to award a contract for Downtown Water Improvements Phase 1 (8-inch Water Line Under Railroad) to the lowest bidder, RNF Construction, LLC.

Will this require a public hearing? ☐ **YES** ☒ **NO**

Background/Purpose of Request:

In FY 21-22 the Utilities Department undertook a project to update the City's water distribution model and study the water distribution system in downtown Mount Holly. As a result of this study and evaluation it was recommended that the City construct a new 8-inch water line underneath the railroad along Main Street. By doing this, it would interconnect the northern and southern portions of downtown. It is important to note that there is currently a 6-inch water line in this approximate location that has been valved off (closed) due to a leak in the line. By replacing the broken line and connecting both sides of downtown, the northern portion of downtown should experience significant fire flow improvements.

Funding for this project is in the current budget. The City received bids on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 for this project. There were four bids received with the lowest being RNF Construction, LLC with a total bid of $654,710.00. After completing our due diligence process the bid for RNF Construction, LLC did not contain any irregularities. Additionally, RNF Construction, LLC provided a list of similar projects that have been completed and that are currently underway and in following up with their references it has been determined that it appears that RNF Construction, LLC is qualified and capable of constructing the project.

Fiscal Impact:

Will Item affect current budget	☐ YES	☒ NO	☐ N/A
Reviewed by Finance Director	☒ YES	☐ NO	☐ N/A
Preaudit Certification required	☒ YES	☐ NO	☐ N/A
Capital Project Ordinance required	☐ YES	☒ NO	☐ N/A
Budget Transfer required	☐ YES	☒ NO	☐ N/A
Total City Dollars:	$ 654,710.00		
Budget Code	62-91-8000-550		
Reviewed by City Attorney	☐ YES	☒ NO	☐ N/A

Manager/Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the approval to award a contract for Downtown Water Improvements Phase 1 to the lowest bidder, RNF Construction, LLC.

Result of City Council Decision:

Attachments:

1. Bid Tabulation
2. Recommendation of Award Letter from Design Engineer

	City of Mount Holly Downtown Water Improvements Phase I Contract 17.0 - 8-inch Water Line Under Railroad			RNF Construction, LLC York, South Carolina License No. 79991		O.L. Parker and Son Grading Charlotte, North Carolina License No. 76538		Fuller & Co. Construction, LLC. Bessemer City, North Carolina License No. 64580		Sanders Utility Construction Co., Inc. Charlotte, North Carolina License No. 39394	
	Description	Unit	Number of Units	Unit Price	Total	Unit Price	Total	Unit Price	Total	Unit Price	Total
1	8-inch DIP Water Line	LF	40	$126.00	$5,040.00	$196.00	$7,840.00	$871.00	$34,840.00	$625.00	$25,000.00
2	6-inch DIP Water Line	LF	15	126.00	1,890.00	182.00	2,730.00	603.00	9,045.00	500.00	7,500.00
3	8-inch DIP 45 Bend	EA	4	840.00	3,360.00	1,800.00	7,200.00	1,824.00	7,296.00	2,500.00	10,000.00
4	8x6 DIP Tee	EA	2	840.00	1,680.00	1,800.00	3,600.00	3,569.00	7,138.00	3,800.00	7,600.00
5	8-inch MJ Plug	EA	2	700.00	1,400.00	600.00	1,200.00	2,247.00	4,494.00	2,000.00	4,000.00
6	6-inch Tapping Sleeve and Valve	EA	2	5,600.00	11,200.00	16,500.00	33,000.00	8,578.00	17,156.00	8,000.00	16,000.00
7	8-inch Gate Valve	EA	4	1,400.00	5,600.00	4,500.00	18,000.00	5,152.00	20,608.00	4,500.00	18,000.00
8	16-inch Cased Crossing	LF	140	3,150.00	441,000.00	2,589.00	362,460.00	3,942.00	551,880.00	5,400.00	756,000.00
9	Excavation Below Subgrade	CY	25	84.00	2,100.00	100.00	2,500.00	5.00	125.00	840.00	21,000.00
10	Stone Fill Material	CY	25	140.00	3,500.00	130.00	3,250.00	75.00	1,875.00	156.00	3,900.00
11	Asphalt Base Course	TN	45	420.00	18,900.00	625.00	28,125.00	420.00	18,900.00	534.00	24,030.00
12	2-inch Asphalt Overlay	SY	265	56.00	14,840.00	160.00	42,400.00	72.00	19,080.00	568.00	150,520.00
13	Incidental Stone Base (ABC Stone)	TN	200	98.00	19,600.00	65.00	13,000.00	71.00	14,200.00	80.00	16,000.00
14	Landscape and Misc. Restorations	LS	1	7,000.00	7,000.00	43,100.00	43,100.00	20,423.00	20,423.00	15,500.00	15,500.00
15	Erosion Control Measures	LS	1	7,000.00	7,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	4,359.00	4,359.00	7,700.00	7,700.00
16	Traffic Control Devices	LS	1	77,000.00	77,000.00	73,500.00	73,500.00	14,960.00	14,960.00	82,500.00	82,500.00
SUBTOTAL (All Items 1 through 16)					621,110.00		647,905.00		746,379.00		1,165,250.00
17	Mobilization (Not to Exceed 3% of Items 1 through 16)	LS	1		18,600.00		10,000.00		20,194.00		34,000.00
18	Contingency Allowance	LS	1		15,000.00		15,000.00		15,000.00		15,000.00
TOTAL BID PRICE (All Items 1 through 18)					$654,710.00		$672,905.00		$781,573.00		$1,214,250.00
Irregularities				None		None		None		None	

I certify that this Tabulation is a true and correct copy of the Canvass of Bids received on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 2:00 PM.

WILLIS ENGINEERS

BY: Jonathan B. Taylor

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September 22, 2023 976.038 (50)

Mr. Jonathan Wilson, MPM
City of Mount Holly
218 Adrian Street
Mount Holly, North Carolina 28120

Subject: Downtown Water Improvements Phase I
Contract 17.0 – 8-inch Water Line Under Railroad
Recommendation of Award

Dear Mr. Wilson:

We have completed a canvas of the bids received on September 12, 2023 for Downtown Water Improvements Phase I, Contract 17.0 – 8-inch Water Line Under Railroad. The original bids and a detailed tabulation of all bids received are attached for your use.

The lowest bidder for Contract 17.0 is RNF Construction, LLC. with a total bid of $654,710.00. The bid did not contain any irregularities. Following receipt of bids, we requested RNF Construction provide information regarding references and experience. RNF Construction promptly provided a list of similar projects that have been completed and that are currently underway, which is attached. We contacted several of the references on this list seeking insight on their experience with the contractor. We received only positive feedback and each indicated that the projects were completed satisfactorily and they would be willing to utilize the contractor on future projects. Based on the work experiences demonstrated and these positive reviews, it appears that RNF Construction is qualified and capable of constructing the project. We therefore recommend award of Contract 17.0 to RNF Construction, LLC.

Should you have any questions please let us know.

Yours very truly,

WILLIS ENGINEERS

Charles A. Willis, Jr., PE, BCEE

Attachments

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