

CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, October 9, 2023
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hough called the meeting to order at 7:00 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	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

INVOCATION

Pastor Randy Arrowood from First Free Will Baptist Church led the Council, staff and attendees in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boy Scout Troop 59 led the Council, staff and attendees in the pledge of allegiance.

SET THE AGENDA

With no changes to the agenda, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation of a Proclamation for the Mount Holly Police Department inaugural Faith & Blue Weekend. ***Mayor Bryan Hough***

Mayor Hough read the Proclamation for the Mount Holly Police Department inaugural Faith & Blue Weekend. Mayor Hough called on Police Chief Regan to speak. Chief Reagan stated Faith & Blue is an event where Law Enforcement and local faith-based organizations come together to strengthen our community through a series of events that will be held throughout the weekend of October 7, 2023 through Monday, October 9, 2023.

2. Presentation of a donation to the Mount Holly Police Foundation from Mount Holly High School Class of 1972 ***Scott Pope, MHHS Treasurer***

Mayor Pro Tem Harris spoke about her class from Mount Holly High School class of 1972. Mayor Pro Tem Harris stated that this class is special and that it was the last class of MHHS. Mr. Pope stated that Randy Pendleton was one of their own who was killed in the line of duty. Mr. Pope stated that in honor of Randy Pendleton and on behalf of the Mount Holly High School Class of 1972 they are donating \$1000.00 to the Mount Holly Police Foundation.

Mayor Hough called a 5-minute break.

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***

Mr. Livingston presented a proposed text amendment that was submitted by Billy Rick. Mr. Livingston stated that this text amendment 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 and 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. Mr. Livingston stated that there is an email from Police Chief Regan in the agenda packets stating that there had been no issues or concerns with loitering. Mr. Livingston

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stated that the applicant is in attendance for any questions. Mr. Livingston stated that the Planning commission voted to provide a favorable recommendation to City Council concerning the proposed text amendment during their October 2, 2023 meeting. Mr. Livingston stated that staff recommend the approval of the proposed text amendment.

Mayor Hough entertained a motion to go out of the regular meeting and into the public hearing. Councilwoman Shoemaker made the motion to go out of the regular meeting and into the public hearing. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

With no one signed up to speak at the public hearing, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to come out of the public hearing and back into the regular meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Harris made a motion to come out of the public hearing and return to the regular meeting. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

With no questions for Mr. Livingston or the applicant, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to approve the amendment to Sections 6.4 & 7.1 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow tattoo studios as a permitted use with conditions in the B-1 District. Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve the amendment to Sections 6.4 & 7.1 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow tattoo studios as a permitted use with conditions in the B-1 District. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Hough stated that there was no one signed up to speak.

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

Mr. Wilson stated that the City received bids on September 12, 2023 for this project. Mr. Wilson stated that the lowest bid was from RNF Construction, LLC and was in the amount of \$654,710.00. Mr. Wilson stated that RNF Construction, LLC provided vetted references. Mr. Wilson stated that staff recommends the approval to award a contract for Downtown Water Improvements Phase 1 to the lowest bidder, RNF Construction, LLC.

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With no questions from Council, Mayor Hough entertained a motion for approval of a contract for Downtown Water Improvements Phase 1 (8-inch Water Line Under Railroad) to the lowest bidder, RNF Construction, LLC. Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion for approval of a contract for Downtown Water Improvements Phase 1 (8-inch Water Line Under Railroad) to the lowest bidder, RNF Construction, LLC. 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). Councilwoman Pawlish made a motion to go out of the regular meeting and enter into closed session at 7:18 pm. Councilman Craig 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. Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to come out of closed session and back into the regular meeting at 7:45 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. Councilwoman Pawlish made a motion to adjourn the October 9, 2023 Council Meeting. Councilman Craig seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor.

(Motion Carried)

The meeting adjourned 7:45 pm.