

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, September 25, 2017
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 David Moore	Greg Beal, Planning Director
Councilman Jerry Bishop	Ryan Baker, Fire Chief
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare	Ray Clemmer, Assistant Director of Utilities
Councilman Jeff Meadows	Dave Johnson, Utilities Director/City Engineer
Councilman Jim Hope	Don Roper, Chief of Police
Councilman Perry Toomey	Miles Braswell, Assistant City Manager
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	Africa Otis, Finance Officer

Invocation

Councilman David Moore 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 Councilwoman Breyare made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Liens for Weeds and Grass
 - 222 Adrian
 - 102 Maple
 - 109 McLean
 - 214 Highland
2. Approval of a Resolution Accepting the Records Retention and Disposition Schedule
3. Approval of a Resolution for the Gaston County Tax Collectors Office to Levy and Collect Taxes for the City of Mount Holly.
4. Approval of an Amendment to the Fee Schedule to Include a Meter Testing Fee
5. Approval of the minutes of the August 14, 2017 Council Meeting
6. Approval of the minutes of the August 28, 2017 Council Work Session Meeting

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Swearing In and Pinning Ceremony for Firefighter William Costello
Mayor Hough administered the Firefighter Oath of Office to William Costello. Officer Costello's wife pinned the badge.
2. Recognition of Jason Jackson for his Advanced Fire Fighter Certificate
Assistant Fire Chief Spry recognized Jason Jackson for receiving his Advanced Fire Fighter Certificate.

3. Introduction of New City Employees

At this time Department Heads introduced new employees. The City Council welcomed the employees.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing on the CDBG Infrastructure Grant for Globe Mill Neighborhood Water and Sewer

Adam Kiker, Principal of LKC Engineering, PLLC was present to discuss the purpose of the public hearing for the City of Mount Holly's CDBG-I funding application. Mr. Kiker stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to obtain citizen's views and to respond to funding proposals and answer any questions posed by citizens. Mr. Kiker also stated that the public hearing must cover the City of Mount Holly's community development needs, development of the proposed activities, and a review of program compliance before the submission of the City's CDBG-I funding application to the state of the North Carolina.

The City proposes requesting funding from NCDEQ'S CDBG-I program for the Globe Mill Neighborhood Water and Sewer Rehabilitation – Phase 1 Project. The purpose of the CDBG-I grant program is to replace approximately 3,700 LF with 8-inch PVC sanitary sewer and replace approximately 4,200 LF with 6" DIP water main along portions of Clegg, N. McGinnis, Craig, Globe and Clark Streets.

To improve the quality of life for low to moderate income people by providing a safe, clean environment and clean drinking water through water and sewer infrastructure improvements and extensions of service.

- To benefit a residential area where at least 51% of the beneficiaries are low to moderate income as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- To perform eligible activities.
- To minimize displacement, and
- Provide displacement assistance as necessary.

For the fiscal year of 2017 the CDBG-I funding available is expected to be \$21,725,000. The maximum available grant is \$2.0 million over a 3-year period. Applications for funding will be received on September 29, 2017.

The CDBG program is able to fund a wide variety of community development activities. The State of North Carolina has chosen to fund two activities: water and sewer infrastructure, and economic development projects that lead to job creation or retention. The infrastructure program, or CDBG-I program can fund a range of water and sewer infrastructure and economic development activities, including, but not limited to the, following:

Water:

- Projects that resolve water loss in distribution systems.
- Projects that extend public water to areas with contaminated wells.
- Projects that extend water lines to areas with dry wells.
- Projects that assist with low water pressure in public water systems.
- Projects that regionalize two or more water systems.
- Project that rehabilitate or replace a water treatment plant.

Wastewater:

- Projects that resolve inflow and infiltration to collection systems and surcharges from pumps stations and manholes.
- Projects that extent public sewer to areas with failed septic tanks.
- Projects that rehabilitate a wastewater treatment plant to allow for greater efficiency/compliance with regulations.

The City of Mount Holly is seeking an amount in CDBG-I funds not to exceed \$1,843,000 for the Globe Mill Neighborhood Water and Sewer Rehabilitation Project. The purpose of the City's request is to replace approximately 3,700 LF with 8-inch PVC sanitary sewer and replace approximately 4,200 LF with 6" DIP water main. Informal community meetings were held in the project area to inform citizens of the potential project and get feedback from the residents.

A total of 100% of the CDBG- I funding will be used to benefit Low to Moderate Income (LMI) people. The project area in the City of Mount Holly been determined to have an income survey area of 84 persons; of which

98.80% are low and moderate income. The project area includes the Globe Mill Neighborhood which includes portions of Clegg Street, N. McGinnis Street, Craig Street, Globe Street and Clark Street.

The range of activities covered by the CDBG-I funds for the Globe Mill Neighborhood Water and Sewer Rehabilitation Project includes:

- Construction.
- Environmental Review
- Engineering Design
- Construction Administration and observation.
- Legal activities.
- Surveying.
- Grant Administration.

If the City of Mount Holly is awarded a CDBG-I grant, the town is required to adhere to federal procurement requirements and other federal regulations which include:

- American with Disabilities Act/Section 504 Survey
- Davis-Bacon & Related Labor Acts
- Adoption/Submittal of a Citizen's Participation Plan
- Adoption/Submittal of an Equal Opportunity Plan
- Adoption/Submittal of a Fair Housing Plan
- Adoption/Submittal of a Language Access Plan
- Adoption/Submittal of a Relocation Assistance Plan
- Adoption/Submittal of a Section 3 Plan
- Excess Force Provision

The State of North Carolina requires that if the City of Mount Holly receives CDBG grant funding that the City will certify that they will comply with the requirements of the general displacement and relocation policy for CDBG grant funding. This policy assists low to moderate income people with costs associated with relocation or displacement, should such relocation become necessary due to the project activities. CDBG funds can be used for those costs, if necessary. If no displacement and relocation will occur as a result of the proposed CDBG grant activity, then the City of Mount Holly confirms that during this public hearing.

In the past, the City has applied for and received for the following completed CDBG project:

- 2009 – River Street Park Area Community Revitalization
\$1,000,000

The City will submit its CDBG-I application for the Globe Mill Neighborhood Water and Sewer Rehabilitation Project on September 29, 2017. The CDBG-I application will be available for review during normal business hours at Mount Holly City Hall, 400 East Central Avenue in Mount Holly. Additional information is available from Danny Jackson, Mount Holly City Manager: (704) 827-3931 or dannyjackson@mtholly.us. Should you have any complaints or grievances regarding the subject public hearing, they should be addressed to the addressee mentioned above within 10 days.

At this time, Councilman Bishop made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

With no one signed up to speak, Councilman Bishop made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Councilwoman Breyare made a motion to approve the resolution setting the guidelines for applying and following through the CDBG process. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. (Resolution #09252017A) All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

Ms. Lousie Faulkenbury came before the City Council with an invitation for them to participate in the Life Chain against abortion. Life Chain was taking place on Sunday, October 1st.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Phase 2, Street Tree Lights along Central Ave and Highway 27

Mr. Braswell advised that at the last meeting, Council directed him to come back with an estimate for Phase 2, Street Tree Lights along Central Ave and Highway 27. The estimated cost is \$62,000. Mayor Hough asked if the lighting can be done before the Christmas Parade. Mr. Braswell advised that if approved tonight the project can be complete before the parade. Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve Phase 2, Street Tree Lights along Central Ave and Highway 27. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

2. Discussion of Lighting of the I-85 Elevated Water Tank

Mr. Johnson thanked the Council for their willingness to take a look at the lighting demo at the I-85 water tank after the last Council meeting. He advised that the issue with lighting stems from there not being enough space around the tank to properly light. The topic has currently been laid to rest.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of exterior signage / lighting request at the Mount Holly Historical Society

Ms. Mary Smith with the Mount Holly Historical Society reviewed the new things going on with the new school room and newspaper achieves. She advised that she is coming before them tonight to ask for approval of a sign on the front of the building and lighting similar to that of the Vintage Nest. This sign and lighting project will be 100% financed by the MHHS. Councilman Toomey made a motion to approve the exterior signage / lighting request at the Mount Holly Historical Society. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

2. Discussion of the Belmont Mount Holly Road Sidewalk Engineering Firm

For informational purposes, Mr. DuPont informed the Council that Vaughn and Melton has been chosen as the engineering firm for the Belmont Mount Holly Road Sidewalk Project. Vaughn and Melton bid the project in the amount of \$59,378. The City and NCDOT is responsible for \$28,237. Mr. DuPont further advised that Beatty Road also has been funded for sidewalks.

3. Discussion of a Special Event Request for East Central Avenue

Mr. Jackson advised that a special events application has been submitted and does not meet the requirements for a City sponsored events. Therefore the application permit was denied. The applicant has since came back and asked for that their event be a city sponsored event. Mr. Jackson asked for Council direction. It was the consensus of Council that the special event will continue to be Mr. Jackson's decision and Council will support the decision 100%.

5 MINUTE RECESS

At this time Mayor Hough called for a 5 minute recess to review the minutes provided by the City Clerk regarding the Public Hearing on the CDBG Infrastructure Grant for Globe Mill Neighborhood Water and Sewer.

RECONVENE

Mayor Hough reconvened the meeting

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Approval of a portion of the September 25, 2017 minutes regarding the Public Hearing on the CDBG Infrastructure Grant for Globe Mill Neighborhood Water and Sewer

Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve of a portion of the September 25, 2017 minutes regarding the Public Hearing on the CDBG Infrastructure Grant for Globe Mill Neighborhood Water and Sewer. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Mr. Jackson advised that Council needs to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$62000 for Phase 2 of the tree lighting project. Councilwoman Breyare made the motion to approve the

budget amendment. Councilman Hope seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Moore made the motion to adjourn the September 25, 2017 Council Meeting. Councilman Hope seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.