City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2015
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 Perry Toomey	Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Jerry Bishop	Greg Beal, Planning Director
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare	Ray Clemmer, Assistant Director of Utilities
Councilman J. Jason Gowen	Ryan Baker, Interim Fire Chief
Councilman Jim Hope	Brian Reagan, Deputy Chief of Police
Councilman David Moore	Dave Johnson, Utilities Director/City Engineer
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	Miles Braswell, Director of Streets and Solid Waste

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Invocation
Dr. Cameron Kendall, Pastor at First Baptist, 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
Mayor Hough advised that the agenda needs to be amended to reflect that item under Old Business entitled *Consideration and Approval of the Amendments to Section 21-14 (Firearms) and Section 21-20 (Intoxicating Liquors and Beverages) of the City Code* will be removed from the agenda and the Discussion of Canceling the September Work Session will be added under Other Business. With no additional changes to the agenda, Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA
1. Approval of Lien for Weeds and Grass
2. Approval of a Proclamation for Dyslexia Awareness Month
3. Approval of the Hicks Bell Sewer Maintenance Bond Release
4. Approval of the minutes from the August 10, 2015 Council Meeting
5. Approval of the minutes from the August 24, 2015 Work Session Meeting

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

PRESENTATIONS
1. Boy Scout Popcorn Sales Kickoff
   Boy Scout Troop 59 came before the City Council to announce their annual popcorn fundraiser event. They explained that the proceeds from the fundraiser help offset the cost of troop activities that award merit badges. The City Council took this opportunity to buy popcorn from the Scouts.
2. Swearing In Ceremony for Officer Anthony Huskins
   Chief Roper introduced Officer Anthony Huskins. Officer Huskins was recently hired to become part of the Mount Holly Police Department. Mayor Hough administered the Oath of Office to Officer Huskins.
3. Recognition of Officer Jerry Arthurs for Achieving his Advanced Certificate

Chief Roper recognized Officer Jerry Arthurs for receiving the Advanced Law Enforcement certificate from the North Carolina Training Standards. Chief Roper advised that this is one of the highest standards awarded to a law enforcement officer.

4. Recognition of Officers for Exemplary Service

Chief Roper advised that from time to time he will be recognizing Police Officers within the department that have demonstrated exemplary service and present these officers with the Commanders Coin. To be considered for this award the officer has to be nominated by his peers and management staff will make the final decision. Chief Roper introduced the three recipients of the award, Officer Seagraves, Corporal Parsons and Sergeant Sisk. \

Officer Seagraves was presented with the award for the exemplary service he displayed on July 27th when he saw a gentleman that is confined to a wheel chair stranded on the side of the road. Officer Seagraves pushed this gentleman 3 blocks to his residence.

Corporal Parsons was presented with the award for the exemplary service that he has displayed as a leader of the Department since 2010. Corporal Parsons has been a leader in acquiring over $6000 in equipment grants with no cost to the City.

Sergeant Sisk was presented with the award for the exemplary service he displayed on May 1st when responding to a call for medical assistance. Sergeant Sisk was first at the scene and found the patient in emergency distress. Sergeant Sisk opened the patients airway and assisted in the breathing process until the patient was transported by ambulance. Captain Jim Benfield was the patient and he and his wife Julia have expressed their sincere appreciation to Sergeant Sisk and all the people and departments that assisted with the call

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing on the Financing of Two (2) Fire Trucks

Mr. Guffey advised that the City recently entered contract for the purchase two fire trucks in the amount of $957,000. As part of the financing process, the LGC requires that a public hearing must be heal on the proposed borrowing before LGC approval.

Councilwoman Breyare made a motion to enter into the Public Hearing on the Financing of Two (2) Fire Trucks. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor.

Mr. Guffey advised that he will be bringing financing options to the council for approval before the November 27th delivery date of the fire trucks.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

Lousie Faulkenberry
109 Walnut Avenue

Ms. Faulkenberry came before the City Council to invite them to be a part of Life Chain of Gaston County on October 4th at 2:00p.m. Life Chain is an opportunity for Christians to come together and witness and pray together.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Jackson advised the Council that there were not items for discussion for the September Work Session Meeting. Councilman Toomey made the motion to cancel the September Work Session Meeting. Councilwoman Breyare 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. Councilman Bishop made the motion to adjourn the September 14, 2015 Council Meeting. Councilman Gowen seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.