CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, September 12, 2022
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	Miles Braswell, 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
Kemp Michael, Assistant City Attorney	Michelle Wood, Finance Director

Invocation

Reverend Mark Massey, Pastor at True Light Tabernacle 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, Councilwoman Pawlish 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 Liens for Weeds and Grass
   - 202 Rick Street
   - 224 Adrian Street
   - 102 Maple Drive
2. Acceptance of Grant from the State of North Carolina 911 Board in the amount of $216,328
3. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Finance Officer to go before the LGC for approval of financing for a Powell Bill Project
4. Approval of a Resolution Declaring Surplus Property
5. Approval of Minutes of the August 22, 2022 Council Work Session Meeting

Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

PRESENTATIONS

6. Presentation of a check to the city for an Artistic Bike Rack

   Ms. Janice McCrorie with the Mount Holly Community Development Foundation presented the city with a check in the amount of $5100 to continue in support of the arts and healthy living in Mount Holly and assist in the cost of the decorative bike racks that are being created and will eventually be at locations throughout the City. Several Foundation Board Members were present and came forward for a photo op with the City Council.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public hearing to consider amending Section 5.15 Watershed Overlay District of the Zoning Ordinance to allow for density averaging credits as authorized by NC General Statute 143-214.5

    Mr. Beal advised that as per NCGS 143-214.5 jurisdictions must offer density averaging credits in their respective ordinances that relates to Water Supply Watershed Protection. The proposed changes would allow for density averaging which has been allowed in North Carolina since 2012.

    Councilman Meadows made a motion to enter into a public hearing to consider amending Section 5.15 Watershed Overlay District of the Zoning Ordinance to allow for density averaging credits as authorized by NC General Statute 143-214.5. Councilman Craig seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried) With no one signed up to speak Mayor Pro Tem Harris made a motion to come out of the public hearing. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

    Councilman Meadows made a motion to amend Section 5.15 Watershed Overlay District of the Zoning Ordinance to allow for density averaging credits as authorized by NC General Statute 143-214.5. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

Gary Brinkley, 176 Tom Sawyer Lane, Mount Holly NC—Mr. Brinkley advised that several people had contacted him and advised that they were going to come and sign up to speak tonight at public comment on the relocation issue of the Historical Society. He commented that he received a message from Mr. Braswell inviting the MHHS to the September 26th Work Session Meeting for a Town Hall type setting with the Council and MHHS. He advised that he is looking forward to the upcoming meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of the Firm selected for Dutchman's Creek Pedestrian Bridge Final Design

Mr. Jusko advised that the RFQ for the final design of the Dutchman's Creek Bridge was released on August 8th. Three firms submitted their qualifications. A staff selection committee reviewed the proposals and agreed to make the recommendation to move forward with Kisinger Campo and Associates (KCA). Councilman Moore made a motion to move forward with the staff recommendation of Kisinger Campo and Associates. Councilman Craig seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

2. Consideration and Approval of Purchase of a Ladder Truck and Financing Options

Chief Baker advised that a committee was formed and has worked over the past 6 months on specifications and demoing apparatus from different manufacturers. The current ladder is 24 years old and is found difficult to find replacement parts for repairs. He advised that to keep in line with the Capital Improvement Plan staff is seeking approval to move forward with the purchase and financing of a new ladder truck. A committee was formed to review the bids and specs that were submitted. He advised that the committee has worked hard during this process to narrow down the recommendation. Chief Baker reported that the committee/staff recommendation is to move forward with Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. in the amount of $1,629,998. He presented the justification of a ladder truck and additional options to the truck. Mrs. Woods presented financing options. Staff recommended Option "2" which is a 24-month deferral plan on the first payment. Chief Baker commented that it will take 2 years and 4 months to build. Councilman Moore asked about the length of the ladder truck and if it would fit in the station. Chief Baker commented that it will fit in the bay at headquarters and will be housed there. Mayor Hough asked if the committee considered Freightliner as an option? Chief Baker commented that Freightliner does not offer the particular type of truck. Councilman Craig made a motion to move forward with the purchase of the Pierce Ladder Truck using Option "2" for financing. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a) (3, 4 and 5)

    Councilwoman Pawlish made the motion to enter into Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a)(3, 4 and 5) at 7:29pm. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to come out of closed session and back into regular session at 9:03pm. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Councilman Craig made a motion to move forward with an offer contract in the amount of $850,000 for the property located at 143 East Catawba Avenue signed by the City Manager with a 15-day due diligence period and 7 days to close. Councilwoman Pawlish 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. Councilwoman Shoemaker made the motion to adjourn the September 12, 2022 Council Meeting. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

The meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.