City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, September 9, 2019
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	Miles Braswell, Assistant City Manager
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare	Ryan Baker, Fire Chief
Councilman Charles McCorkle	Tony Walker, Assistant Streets and Solid Waste Director
Councilman Jeff Meadows	Dave Johnson, Utilities Director/City Engineer
Councilman David Moore	Don Roper, Chief of Police
Councilwoman Lauren Shoemaker	Greg Beal, Planning Director
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	Africa Otis, Finance Director

Invocation
Reverend Kendall Cameron from the First Baptist Church in Mount Holly gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance
Boy Scout Troop 59 led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SET THE AGENDA
Mayor Hough advised that #5 Presentations would need to be added as a Presentation of the Water and Sewer Rate increase and Old Business #2 Updated Annexation Petition for Jonas Property. With no changes to the agenda, Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All council members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA
1. Call for public hearing, regarding a request by Eastwood Homes, for a rezoning of Tax Parcel ID #'s 202122, 181227, 202690, 181214, 225889, 199264 and 180092 from R-1 and RS-12 Gaston County to Conditional District Residential. (Hunter's Ridge)
2. Approval of Resolution's to investigate the Annexation Petition, Certificate of Sufficiency and Call for a Public Hearing for Hunter's Ridge
3. Approval of a Resolution for the adoption of Zoning Petition filed by REO Funding Solutions, III, LLC by Charles Jonas Hwy Properties, LLC
4. Approval of a Resolution to Authorize the Upset Bid Process for 0.71 acres located off of South Main Street—LKI Holdings
5. Approval of Release of Dutchman's Ridge Bond
6. Approval of Application Process for the Governor's Crime Commission Grant (Police)
7. Approval of the minutes of the May 20, 2019 Council Work Session Meeting
8. Approval of the minutes of the June 3, 2019 Special Meeting
9. Approval of the minutes of the June 10, 2019 Council Meeting
10. Approval of the minutes of the June 24, 2019 Council Work Session Meeting
11. Approval of the minutes of the June 27, 2019 Special Meeting

Councilman McCorkle made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PRESENTATIONS
1. Recognition of Travis Rhyne for receiving the CGCIO Certificate

Mr. Braswell presented the IT Director, Travis Rhyne with his CGCIO Certificate that he earned through the Institute of Government.

2. Swearing In Ceremony for Officers Haley Helton and Steven Scarborough

Mayor Bryan Hough performed the swearing in ceremony for Police Officers Haley Helton and Steven Scarborough. Family members were present for the pinning ceremony.

3. Recognition of Police DC Memorial Unity Bike Ride

Chief Roper recognized Corporal Robert Ellison for representing the Mount Holly Police Department in the Police Unity Ride to D.C.

4. Presentation of Employee Recognition Awards

Mr. Jackson and Chief Roper recognized Corporal Robert Ellison, Officer Michael Dodd and Officer Delton Williams for going above and beyond their call of duty by assisting a female in an abusive relationship return to her home in Mississippi.

5. Presentation of Water and Sewer Rates

Ms. Otis explained how staff came up with the new water and sewer rates as she also explained the rate study. She advised that even with the increase Mount Holly still has the lowest rate in Gaston County. She further explained the Enterprise Fund and how money cannot be transferred from fund to fund. Ms. Otis advised that in 2007/2008 the City added tiers to the rate schedule but actual rates have not been increased in over 10 years. Ms. Otis added that in the past few years with the growth of the City more and more demands are being made on the aging infrastructure and the rate increase will help fund improvements.

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

Debra Brown
225 Moses Rhyne Drive
Mount Holly, Nc 28120

Ms. Brown came before Council and asked how did the City get to the point of the water rate increases all at one time? Why did it take decades to increase? She advised that Council should have been implementing gradual increases so the hit would have not been so massive at one time. She also commented that her revenue neutral tax rate saw an increase in her actual bill.

Patty Brown
313 Stonewater Bay
Mount Holly, NC 28120

Ms. Brown came to invite council to Catawba Coffee on Thursday, September 26th from 7-9 to local artist play. She advised that this is a tremendous opportunity to come and give back to the community.

Crystal Wayman
2236 Hampton Meadows Lane
Cramerton NC

Ms. Wayman came to formally invite the Mayor and City council to Community Outreach Block Party September 14th from 10-2 on Lee Street

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of Amendments to the Golf Cart Ordinance

Ms. Anders advised that the changes were made as directed by Council at the last meeting to specifically excluded Highways 273, 16 and 27 as roads that golf carts are allowed. Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve the amended Golf Cart Ordinance. (Resolution # 09092019A) Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried

2. Jonas Property Updated Annexation Petition

Ms. Anders advised that the Public Hearing has already been held but the ownership haschanged and therefore the process will need to be repeated. She advised that all zoning conditions will be incorporated into the new agreement. Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to approve the Resolution to Call for a Public

Hearing on the updated annexation agreement for the Jonas Property. (resolution #090920149b) Councilman Moore seconded the motion. (Motion carried)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of Crosswalk/Pavement Art Program

   Mr. Braswell presented the crosswalk/pavement art program. He advised that he used Charlotte's and Chapel Hill's program as a guide. Council agreed that Charlotte's program is more what they are looking for in the program and directed Mr. Braswell to simulate Charlotte's program for Moutn Holly and bring back at the work session for further review.

2. Consideration and Approval of River Park Phase 5 Final Plat

   Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve River Park Phase 5 Plat. Councilwoman Breyare 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 and 5))

   Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a)(3 and 5). Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried. The time was 8:23 p.m.

   Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made a motion to return to open session. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried. The time was 9:14 p.m.

   There was no action taken during closes session.

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Breyare made the motion to adjourn the September 9, 2019 Council Meeting. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.