City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, September 9, 2013
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
Mayor Pro Tem David Moore
Councilman Jerry Bishop-absent
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare
Councilman J. Jason Gowen
Councilman Jim Hope
Councilman Perry Toomey
Kemp Michael, City Attorney
Danny Jackson, City Manager
Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Greg Beal, Senior Planner
James Friday, Director of Utilities
Dale Oplinger, Fire Chief
Don Roper, Chief of Police
Mike Santmire, Streets and Solid Waste Director

Invocation

Reverend Kendell Cameron, Pastor of First Baptist Church 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 Samatha Black needs to be added to #3 under Presentations and Westland Farms under New Business. With no additional changes, Mayor Pro Tem Moore 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

Approval of Budget Amendments
Approval of MPO Memorandum of Understanding
Approval of MPO Bike/Ped Project List
Call for Public Hearing to close out CDBG Project
Approval of Liens for Nuisance Abatement
Approval of the minutes for the July 22, 2013 Work Session Meeting
Approval of the minutes for the August 12, 2013 Council meeting

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Update from the Mount Holly Historical Society

Dr. Vogel reported that the Historical Society has worked 3 years to create what is now known as the Mount Holly Historical Society. He advised that they started out ahead of the game because the City provided the space for the museum. He invited anyone that has not been through the museum to come visit and reported that the Historical Society is always looking for new members.

2. Presentation of Marketing Videos for the City Website

Ms. Bailey presented marketing videos that she created during her summer internship with the City. The videos depicted Downtown Mount Holly as well as the Parks and services that the City provides. These videos will be part of the Mount Holly website and used for marketing purposes.

3. Presentation from Samatha Black

Ms. Black came before the City Council to advise them about a project she planned and carried out to collect shoes for children. Ms. Black collected and distributed over 100 pairs of shoes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of an Amendment to the Traffic Map, regarding the Runnymeade Subdivision

Councilman Gowen made a motion to lower the speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph in Runnymeade Subdivision. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

2. Consideration and Approval of Reducing the Speed Limit on East Catawba Avenue and Jenkins Avenue

Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to lower the speed limit to 25 mph on East Catawba and Jenkins Avenue. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members Present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

3. Discussion of Maintenance of North Main Street from Highway 27 to Woodlawn Avenue

Councilman Hope made a motion to approve resolution #992013A to take over Road Maintenance of North Main Street from Highway 27 to Woodlawn Ave. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in Favor (Motion carried)

4. Discussion of Westland Farms Speed Limit

Council directed Staff to look into lowering the speed limits throughout the city and discuss this issue further at the September work session.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed Session *(pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5))*

At this time Councilman Gowen made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5). Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to return to open session. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

Councilman Hope made a motion to approve the purchase offer to purchase 3.88 acres of property connecting Highway 16 and Highway 273 for $115000 with at 90 day right to refusal

option. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Chief Roper asked the Council to exit through the Police Department and look at the changes that have been made.

Councilwoman Breyare asked for an update on the fall grazing of the goats. Marie Anders with Mr. Michael's office advised that she would update Council as part of their weekly update.

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 9, 2013 Council Meeting. Councilman Gowen seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.