

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, September 8, 2014
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	Don Roper, Chief of Police
Councilman David Moore	Dave Johnson, Utilities Director/City Engineer
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	Miles Braswell, Director of Streets and Solid Waste

Invocation

Father John Vianney Hoover of New Creation Monastery 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, Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Liens for Weeds and Grass
2. Approval of a Resolution Honoring the FBH Sensationals
3. Approval of a Resolution Honoring the Mount Holly QC's
4. Approval of a Proclamation Identifying September 11, 2014 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance
5. Approval of the minutes of the August 11, 2014 Council Meeting

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation regarding Popcorn Fundraising Kick Off

The Boy Scouts came before the City Council to announce their annual popcorn fundraiser event. The City Council took this opportunity to buy popcorn from the Scouts.

2. Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation from the Marine Corps Reserve to the Police Department for Assistance with Toys for Tots

Sergeant Starr came before the City Council to recognize Officer Hoyle and Officer Barnes for their assistance with the Toys for Tots program that put together last Christmas. He gave the history of the program and advised that he is looking forward to working with the Officers again this year.

3. Swearing in Ceremony for Deputy Chief Brian Reagan

Chief Roper announced that he is pleased to that Brian Reagan was promoted to Deputy Chief of Police. He advised that the applicants were a very qualified candidate pool and it speaks highly of Mount Holly that the position was promoted from within the organization. Mayor Hough preformed the swearing in ceremony and Brian wife Angie assisted with the pinning ceremony.

4. Presentation of the Mount Holly Teacherage

Ms. Sandy Carter with the Mount Holly Histroical Society thanked the City council for their continued support. At this time she introduced Gary Brinkley and Bobby Black to present the information on the Mount Holly Teacherage. Mr. Black provided the historical information on the teacherage. He provided interviews from two of the teachers that lived in the teacherage and they explained how they shared the expenses and some of their daily activates. It was a very interesting part of Mount Holly's educational history.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of Support of Regional Freight Mobility Plan

Mr. DuPont advised that at the last Council meeting the Centralina COG came before Council and asked the city to support the grant for a Regional Freight Mobility Plan in the amount of \$500. Councilman Gowen asked if the CCOG came back with an answer to his question that he asked at last month's meeting regarding the impact this plan will have on the City of Mount Holly. Mr. DuPont responded that he has not received an answer from the COG regarding his questions. Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the requested funding of \$500 for the Regional Freight Mobility Plan. Mayor Pro Tem Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor with the exception of Councilman Gowen whom voted against the motion. (Motion carried 5-1)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval Bike/Pedestrian Project Funding Commitment

Mr. DuPont presented information regarding the Bike/Pedestrian Funding Commitment. He advised that the projects will be ranked through the state system for funding. Due to time constraints the City had to move forward with a letter of support for a 20% match funding but formal approval from the Council is necessary. Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the Bike/Pedestrian Project Funding Commitment. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

2. Real Estate Update

Robby McClure with Century 21 came before the city Council to provide an update regarding real estate matters. He reported that there have been two offers on the property located at the Holiday Inn but the price has been an issue. He advised that he has made contact with Holiday Inn and they currently have no interest in the property. Mayor Hough advised that the Council would take the information provided and discuss the matter further with the City Manager and City Attorney.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed Session (*pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5 and 6)*)

At this time Councilman Gowen made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5 and 6). Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

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

Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve property located at West Glendale Avenue and Hawthorne for the amount of \$75,000 in accordance with the offer and purchase agreement. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. Councilman Gowen added that he wants all efforts to be made to make this a special needs park facility. (Motion carried)

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Gowen made the motion to adjourn the September 8, 2014 Council Meeting. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.