City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Work Session Meeting
Monday, August 23, 2010
Council Chambers
6:30 pm

Call to Order
Mayor Bryan Hough called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The following were present:

Mayor Bryan Hough	Danny Jackson, City Manager
Mayor Pro-Tem Carolyn Breyare	Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Jerry Bishop	David Belk, Chief of Police
	Dale Oplinger, Fire Chief
Councilman Perry Toomey	James Friday, Director of Utilities
Councilman Benny Brookshire	Mike Santmire, Director of Streets and Solid Waste
Councilman David Moore	Mark Jusko, Interim Director of Parks & Recreation
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	Greg Beal, Senior Planner

Invocation
Mayor Pro-Tem Breyare led the Council, staff and attendees in prayer.

Set the Agenda
Mayor Hough asked Council for any changes to the August 23, 2010 work session agenda. With no changes to the agenda, Councilman Brookshire made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. With all Council members present, all voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Presentation from the Gaston County Board of Elections Regarding One Stop Voting at the Citizens Center
   Ms. Garver, Deputy Director of the Gaston County Board of Elections came before Council to request the use of the Training Room as a site for One Stop Voting. She explained that One Stop Voting runs for 2 weeks before the Election Day. There were questions regarding campaign signs and parking. It wa the consensus of Council to for the City Attorney and representatives from the Board of Elections to come up with an agreement and place the item on the Consent Agenda at the September Meeting
2. Presentation from the Archives Committee
   Ms. Brinkley with the Mount Holly Historical Society came before Council to invite them to the Historical Societies inaugural event on September 19th at 4:30 p.m. in the Grand Hall of the Citizens Center. She invited the Mayor to speak and advised that the historical panels would be revealed at the event.
3. Presentation from CSX Regarding Closing the Railroad Crossing at the Old Police Department

Mr. High with the CSX Railroad and a representative with North Carolina Department of Transportation Railroad Division came before Council to request closing the railroad crossing at Crossover Street. They advised that the crossover is very narrow and closing the crossover would not have an effect on traffic flow. They further advised that signalizing the crossover would not be a benefit the situation. Mayor Hough asked if rubberized mats would help the crossover situation. Mr. High advised that rubberized mats would make for a smother crossing. Mayor Hough commented that the City purchased the mats in the late 90's and had them installed, then shortly after, CSX came through and took them up. Mr. High advised that he did not have knowledge of that and therefore could not comment. Mr. High did however comment that CSX has been working hard with the City to resolve the Linear Park issue. Mayor Hough advised Mr. High that the Council would discuss this issue further at a future meeting and will get back with him.

4. Discussion of Park Shelters Fee Schedule

Mr. Jusko reported that the Recreation Commission reviewed the proposed shelter fee schedule at their last meeting and is recommending approval. He advised that it is also the recommendation of the Recreation Commission to rent the shelter facilities in three (3) hour increments. After a short discussion, it was the consensus of Council to add the shelter fee schedule to the Consent Agenda at the September meeting.

5. Discussion of West Creek Park Request

Mr. Jusko reported that the Recreation Commission heard the proposal from representatives from West Creek community regarding the City taking over the proposed property for a city park. He advised that the Recreation Commission is in favor of looking into the idea of developing and using West Creek Park. Councilman Moore reported that there is a lot of support from the West Creek Community. Mayor Hough added that he agrees with the concept but thinks this should be an item to be discussed further at the Council Retreat.

6. Approval of a Proclamation Recognizing the Week of August 30th as Small Business Week

Mr. Jackson reported that the Small Business Week Proclamation needs approval tonight due to the date of small business week verses placing the item on the Consent Agenda at the September meeting. Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the Small Business Week Proclamation (#08232010A). Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion of Marketing Firm Contract

Mr. Jackson reported that at the last meeting, Century 21 was chosen as the firm to market the old Police Department property and the property in front of the Holiday Inn. Mr. Jackson advised that he and the City Attorney have reviewed the terms of the contract and do not see any problem with them. Mr. Michael advised that his only suggestion would be to put something in the listing agreement that would limit what could be placed on the property. Councilman Bishop advised that the City already has certain restrictions in place that would take care of any unwanted business or structure. Mayor Hough advised that Council needs to move forward with the contract therefore he entertained a motion. Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the contract with Century 21 for a term of 1 year. Councilman Brookshire seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor.

8. Discussion of the ABC Resolution

    Mayor Hough advised that at the last meeting Carlton Broome brought this resolution up during his presentation. He advised that if Council has no objections the resolution will be added to the consent agenda at the September meeting.

9. Discussion of the Date for Ethics Training

    Mr. Jackson advised that Council needs to set a date for the required ethics training that is required by the state for elected officials. He advised that it is a webinar training that lasts approximately 2 hours. Council agreed to have a Special Meeting on September 9th at 6:00 for the training.

10. Discussion of the Date for the 2011 Council Retreat

    Mr. Jackson reported that staff is starting to work on a list of items to be discussed at the Council Retreat. He asked Council's preference on a location and date for the Retreat. Mayor Hough advised that he would rather have the Council Retreat in February. Council suggested 3 location for Staff to look into and bring bake for Council's final decision.

11. Closed Session *(pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3and 5))*

    At this time, Councilman Moore made a motion to enter into closed session. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

    Councilman Bishop made a motion to come out of closed session. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor. (Motion carried) Mayor Hough advised that no action was taken during closed session.

    At this time, Mayor Hough asked for any other comments.

    Mayor Pro Tem Breyare asked about the mentoring program for junior firefighters.

    Councilman Toomey asked how the cleaning service is working out. He advised that he noticed that there were some trash cans that needed to be emptied.

    Councilman Brookshire commented that the fire hydrants are in need of some maintenance.

    Councilman Moore asked how many times a year the sewer line is bush hogged. Mr. Guffey advised usually twice a year.

12. Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Moore made the motion to adjourn the August 23, 2010 Council work session meeting. Councilman Brookshire seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.