

CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, August 22, 2022
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:30 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Hough called the meeting to order at 6:30 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

Councilman David Moore led the Council, staff and attendees in prayer.

Set the Agenda

With no changes to the agenda, Councilman Craig made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

Consent Agenda

1. Budget Amendment

- South Gateway Connector Road
- First Responders Night at Gastonia Honey Hunters Commemorating 9/11

2. Approval of minutes from the August 8, 2022 Council Meeting

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

Agenda

1. Update on ARPA Funds

Micelle Wood

Michelle Wood gave an update on the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. Ms. Wood reported that the state of North Carolina was allocated \$5.4 billion. The City of Mount Holly was allocated \$5,181,064.35 with the first allocation of \$2,590,532.18 received on July 13, 2021 and the second allocation of \$2,590,532.17 received on July 15, 2022. Ms. Wood stated that staff would come back at a later date with options for spending the funds and amending the original ordinance. Ms. Wood stated that there would also need to be five policies placed on the consent agenda for adoption. Ms. Wood stated that the policies would include a retention policy, eligible use policy, allowable cost policy, civil rights compliance policy, and conflict of interest policy. Councilman Meadows asked if there was a target date for when this money would begin being set aside. Ms. Wood stated that there was not a target date set aside currently and that staff plans to meet internally to put together project options to bring back to the Council for their review. Councilman Meadows asked if anyone has looked at how this would impact the infrastructure projects that we thought we were going to do. Mr. Braswell discussed the current infrastructure priority project list and stated that is broken down by general fund and enterprise fund. Mr. Braswell stated the infrastructure priority project list would be reviewed and updated for Council to review. Mr. Braswell stated that he would like for Council to review the project list prior to the Council retreat. Councilman Meadows commented that this funding represents an opportunity to take certain things on that we normally would not have funding for. Councilman Meadows stated that the infrastructure projects have an ongoing funding source. Mayor Hough stated that he would like to see a list of the capital projects that were considered in the previous water and sewer rate study. Councilman Meadows stated that we have a couple of RFP's coming in the near future and that we could possibly partner with someone else who is doing a capital project.

2. Update on Belmont-Mount Holly Road Sidewalk Project.

Brian DuPont

Mr. DuPont stated that Council adopted a resolution of support for this project on November 2014. Mr. DuPont gave an update on the details of the current project. Mr. DuPont stated that the construction estimate is 1.1 million. Mr. DuPont stated that this project has been bid out and bids are due by September 9, 2022. Mr. DuPont stated that as part of the bid packet, staff is trying to bundle this in with a large scale paving project to achieve a better rate. Mr. DuPont stated that staff will be coming back to Council with bids for this project, for some crosswalk improvements in the downtown area, and some paving throughout the city. Mr. DuPont stated that this is a better and more comprehensive approach to secure a better rate. Mr. DuPont discussed the schedule and the process for the project. Mr. DuPont stated that staff will be coming back to the September 26, 2022 work session for direction on any LGC approvals. Mayor Hough asked if Councilmembers had any questions. There were no additional questions at this time.

3. Update on Mountain Island Park at Mount Holly Closing

Mark Jusko

Mr. Jusko stated that Duke Energy met with city staff last summer to inform us that in late 2022 they will be closing off our main access point to Mountain Island Park at Mount Holly for

upcoming maintenance projects. Mr. Jusko stated that the Duke says that the dam is in no danger of failing and that this closure is for maintenance purposes. Mr. Jusko stated that the closure will begin as of September 7, 2022. Mr. Jusko stated that the current access point will reopen in 2026. Mr. Jusko discussed details of a possible alternate route and trail access with a projected opening date of January 2023.

Closed Session

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

Councilman Moore makes a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a) (3 and 5). Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried) Time was 6:55 pm.

Councilwoman Pawlish made a motion to return to open session. Councilman Craig seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried) Time was 7:37 pm. There was no action taken.

Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Pawlish made the motion to adjourn the August 22, 2022 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Harris seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.