

**City of Mount Holly**  
**Mount Holly City Council Meeting**  
**Monday, August 10, 2015**  
**Council Chambers**  
**7:00 pm**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Bryan Hough called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following were present:

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| 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          | Brian Reagan, Deputy Chief of Police                |
| Councilman David Moore       | Dave Johnson, Utilities Director/City Engineer      |
| Kemp Michael, City Attorney  | Miles Braswell, Director of Streets and Solid Waste |

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**Invocation**

Reverend Matt Hill, Mount Holly Fire Department Chaplin 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 Gowen made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Liens for Weeds and Grass
  2. Appointment of Melanie Wilson to Planning Commission
  3. Budget Amendment (Streets and Solid Waste, Parks and Recreation and General Fund)
  4. Call for a Public Hearing on the Financing of Two (2) Fire Trucks
  5. Approval of the minutes from the July 13, 2015 Council Meeting
  6. Approval of the minutes from the July 27, 2015 Work Session Meeting
- Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Presentation of a Resolution Honoring Joe DePriest upon his Retirement for his Dedicated Years of Service  
Mayor Hough and the City Council honored Joe DePriest upon his retirement for his dedication to the City of Mount Holly during his tenure with the Charlotte Observer. Mr. DePriest was very appreciative of this honor.
2. Presentation of the Sharp Award to the Police Department  
Cherie Berry was present to present the Police Department with the Sharp Award. This award is given to entities that have an outstanding safety program.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit**

Scott Lilly

420 North Main Street

See attachment A. Comments submitted by Mr. Lilly for the record.

Laura Lilly

420 North Main Street

Ms. Lilly advised that truck traffic has progressively gotten worse since she moved to her residence on North Main. Furthermore she spoke about rerouting the truck traffic around Highway 16.

Klaus Schick

121 Shane Drive

Mr. Schick came before the City Council to introduce himself. He advised that he moved to Mount Holly 8 years ago and is speaking up today to applaud the City Council and Staff for making a difference in the community.

Steve Conder

1114 North Main Street

Mr. Conder commented that truck traffic on Highway 273 has become a real problem. He advised the trucks shake his house when they come by and a few years ago a truck traveling by his property lost a tire and it came through his privacy fence and came within feet of hitting his daughter that was playing inside the fence. He further advised that most of the trucks that travel on Highway 273 are carrying too much freight and are overweight. The road needs to be repaved and are currently not made for the amount of truck traffic that travels the road.

Joe Lankford

119 Oak Trail

Mr. Lankford had concerns regarding the property in his neighborhood located on Ferstl and Belmont Mount Holly Road. He advised that the people in the neighborhood would like to get some type of idea what is going to be used for. It is rumored that all around the neighborhood that a halfway house is going into the existing structure on the property and the citizens in the area would like some answers.

Kevin Oliver

2505 Court Drive

Gastonia, NC

Mr. Oliver spoke regarding the property on Ferstl and Belmont Mount Holly Road. He advised that the property will not be used as a halfway house but more so as a location Veteran's can move into to get themselves back into the community or people with some type of mental illness.

Elena Frost

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Ms. Frost shared her concerns regarding the truck traffic on Highway 273 and the proposed halfway house.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **1. Update on the Strategic Visioning Plan**

Mr. Beal gave an update on the progress of the Strategic Visioning Plan. He advised that several aspects of the Strategic Visioning Plan have been met such as the greenway and the five concepts stated in the plan while others are still work in progress. Mr. Beal advised that he is constantly making contact with interested retailers and developers therefore meeting one of the overall goals of the plan in Economic Development. He advised that the RFQ submittals will be under staff review by the end of September and a recommendation will come before Council at the October Meeting for approval.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Discussion of Re-Routing Truck Traffic off of North Main Street**

Mayor Hough advised that the City will not turn a blind eye to the problems reported on Highway 273 (North Main Street). Therefore Mr. Spangler with NCDOT was invited to come tonight and provide insight on the plans to repave North Main Street.

Mr. Spangler advised that NCDOT has plans to repave North Main from Nims to Lanier. The project is under contract to be completed no later than September 2016. The plans include 7 to 8 inches of milling and deeper in areas and complete resurfacing. He advised that a "C" mix will be put back which is a very sturdy mix. There was additional discussion regarding traffic counts and weight capacities. Mayor Hough advised that City Staff and Council will continue to look for ways to make improvements to the traffic and road conditions in that area. However, Freightliner has been very cooperative with the City, they employ over 2000 people and pay a huge amount of the tax base to the city. He advised that it is not all about money but we have to work on balancing it out. The city will start by contacting DMV and request more patrolling in the area and checking the truck weights. Then if future discussion is needed on this issue it can come back to Council at that time.

## **ADJOURN**

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Gowen made the motion to adjourn the August 10, 2015 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.