CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, August 9, 2010
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
	Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Jerry Bishop	Greg Beal, Senior Planner
Councilman Brookshire	James Friday, Director of Utilities
Councilman Jim Hope	Dale Oplinger, Fire Chief
Councilman David Moore	David Belk, Chief of Police
Councilman Perry Toomey	Mike Santmire, Streets and Solid Waste Director
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	Mark Jusko, Interim Parks and Recreation Director

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Breyare was absent from the meeting

<u>Call to Order by Mayor Hough</u>

Mayor Hough called the Mount Holly City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

<u>Invocation</u>

Reverend Jeremiah Robinson, retired pastor, gave the invocation.

<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>

Boy Scout Troop 59 of the First United Methodist Church in Mount Holly led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>Set Agenda</u>

Mayor Hough asked Council for any additions or amendments to the meeting agenda. With no changes to the agenda, Councilman Brookshire made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Hope seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

<u>CONSENT AGENDA</u>

1. Approval of the Graffiti Ordinance
2. Re-Appointment of Carlton Broome to the ABC Board
3. Approval of Closeout for the Elevated Water Tank Project
4. Approval of a Liens for High Weeds and Grass
   a. 501 Elm Street
   b. 113 Leo Drive
   c. 192 Brookstone Drive
   d. 409 Timberlane Drive
   e. 104 Goldenrain Court
   f. 106 Price Street
5. Approval of the minutes for the May 24, 2010 work session meeting
6. Approval of the minutes for the June 14, 2010 business meeting

7. Approval of the minutes for the June 28, 2010 work session meeting

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation to Officer Scott Wright for Achieving his Advanced Certificate

The Mayor and City Council along with Chief Belk presented Officer Scott Wright with his Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate. Chief Belk explained that the Advanced Certificate is one of the most prestigious achievements that a Police Officer can obtain.

2. Update on the ABC Board Financial Status

Mr. Broome came before Council and gave the status of the local ABC Store. He advised that they are in very good financial shape and reported that starting next year the City Council will be required to adopt the ABC Boards budget. Mr. Broome commented that at the next meeting Council will be asked to pass a resolution opposing the privatization of local ABC Stores.

3. Update on the City Logo

Ms. Danzi came before Council to update them on the status of the City Logo. She advised that Council agreed to let the Economic Development Committee (EDC) look into the logo idea and come back with a recommendation to Council. She reported that the EDC is going to work with different organizations within the City and come up with a logo that will hopefully be accepted by all parties involved. Ms. Danzi reported that there will be a visioning meeting on September 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Training Room. She invited everyone to attend.

Ms. Danzi then asked for Council's blessing on moving forward with tweaking the design that won the logo contest and making a banner to display on the light poles downtown. It was the consensus of Council to move forward with the design but Council would have final approval before the banners are ordered and hung in the downtown area.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

Todd Young
107 Cooper Street
Mount Holly, NC 28120

Mr. Young came before Council to give an update on the local Chamber. He advised that there is now a website presence for the Mount Holly Chamber and the Chamber has also invited a very prestigious NC Speaker to come to Mount Holly and speak but a date has not been set yet.

John Kimbrell

Mr. Kimbrell came before Council to introduce himself as the new Chamber of Commerce Director. He advised that is from Greer, South Carolina and is excited to work with the City. Mayor Hough invited Mr. Kimbrell back to talk with Council in more detail at a future meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of the Grass Cutting Contract

Mr. Michael reported that he has worked out the details of the Grass Cutting Contract with RDS Landscaping. He advised that according to the contract, a new price will be negotiated after December 2011. He further advised that RDS will also need to provide proof of insurance before validating the contract. Councilman Toomey made a motion to approve the contract with RDS contingent upon proof of insurance. Councilman Brookshire seconded the motion. Councilmen Brookshire, Hope, Moore and Toomey vote for the motion. Councilman Bishop voted against the motion. With Mayor Pro Tem Breyare being absent the motion carried

2. Consideration and Approval of a Recommendation to Control Speeding on Cedar Lane

Chief Belk reported that the greatest speed recorded on Cedar Lane was 34 mph and the slowest was 14 mph. He advised that the study from the Police Department does not show a problem with speeding on Cedar Lane at this time. He further advised that this could change once school is back in session because Cedar Lane is used as a cut through for school traffic. Mr. DuPont gave the options of paint and posting or temporary speed humps, both options would help control speeders on the street. It was the consensus of Council to perform additional studies after schools starts and bring the data back to Council for additional direction.

3. Consideration and Approval of Costs Associated with the Water Plant Sewer Line

   Mr. Friday reported that the Utility Committee met and recommends the City move forward with gravity fed sewer lines. Mr. Friday further advised that Mr. Cooke with USI has estimated the cost at approximately $600,000. He added that the cost the engineering fees need to come out of the system development fees. Mayor Hough asked how much it will cost to get the ball rolling on this project. Mr. Friday replied that the start up cost is estimated at $90,000. This includes the surveying work, the design work and the bid process. Councilman Hope commented that he would like the City to use a surveyor from Gaston County. That being said, Councilman Hope made a motion to move forward with the first phase of the project to include the surveying, design and bid process, not to exceed $90,000 with the funds being taken from the system development fees. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

4. Consideration and Approval for the Advertisement of Construction Bids Regarding the RAW Water Interconnect

   Mr. Friday reported that Staff is ready to move forward with the bid process for the RAW Water Interconnect project and would like to get Council's approval to do so. Councilman Hope made a motion to move forward with the bid process for the RAW Water Interconnect project. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

5. Consideration and Approval of the Outdoor Special Events Park Policy

   Mr. Jusko advised that the changes have been made that was directed by Council at the last meeting. With no additional discussion, Councilman Toomey made a motion to approve the Outdoor Special Events Park Policy. Councilman Brookshire seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

6. Consideration and Approval of a Recommendation from the Construction Committee Regarding the Catawba Heights Fire Station

   Councilman Hope reported that the Construction Committee met at the Catawba Heights Fire Station and put together a list of issues that need immediate attention. He advised that there are some electrical code issues that need to be looked into as well as the asbestos issue. Councilman Hope further advised that there are some cosmetic problems that need to be looked into such as painting the living quarters and some work in the kitchen area. Councilman Hope also commented that the Catawba Heights Fire Station is not gender friendly. There is not a place that can separate male and female firefighters. Councilman Moore commented that the issues at the Catawba Heights Fire Station are needs, not wants and Council needs to look into some firm numbers as far a cost and make some final decisions in that regard. Councilman Hope advised that the Construction Committee would bring some firm numbers before Council at the next meeting.

<u>CLOSED SESSION</u>

At this time, Councilman Moore made a motion to enter into closed session. Councilman Bishop 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.

REPORTS

Councilman Toomey advised Council that he has Sports Hall of Fame tickets for sale if anyone would like to purchase one.

Councilman Brookshire gave Mr. Jackson a city map of Belmont and asked that Mount Holly do the same to put in the Gaston County Visitors Center.

Mayor Hough asked if the City was ever reimbursed by CSX for the expense of the rubber mats that put down a the City's expense and taken up by CSX. He advised that Frank McLean Was Mayor at that time and would like Staff to look into this issue.

Mr. Jackson reported that Century 21 came and looked at the Police Department and is going to get back with him with a renovation request. Council agreed that the Construction Committee should look at the request as well.

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Moore made the motion to adjourn the August 9, 2010 Council meeting. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.