

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Work Session Meeting
Monday, July 26, 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
Councilman Jim Hope	Dale Oplinger, Fire Chief
Councilman Perry Toomey	James Friday, Director of Utilities
Councilman Benny Brookshire	
Councilman David Moore	Mark Jusko, Interim Director of Parks & Recreation
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	

Invocation

Councilman Toomey led the Council, staff and attendees in prayer.

Set the Agenda

Mayor Hough asked Council for any changes to the July 26, 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. Consideration and Approval of the 10 Year Property Tax Insolvents

Mr. Guffey explained that the City is required to approve tax insolvents that have been on the books for 10 years. This is a requirement from the State. Councilman Brookshire made a motion to approve the 10 year property tax insolvents. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Consideration and Approval of the Grass Cutting Contract

Mr. Guffey reported that the City received two (2) bids for the Grass Cutting Contract. He gave an analysis of the bids, both being responsible bidders, both having a bid bond, both have their pesticide license and both have been in business for several years. He advised that there is only about \$300 difference in the bids with A & J Landscapers coming in with the low bid. Mayor Hough asked if either company has done work for the City in the past. Mr. Guffey advised that RDS Landscaping currently has the contract with the City for the Downtown Streetscape. It was the consensus of Council to award the contract to RDS Landscaping at the August Meeting since they do have experience with the City and they are a local company. Councilman Bishop was concerned that giving the contract to the high bidder would discourage companies from

bidding on future projects for the City. Council directed Mr. Michael to work out the details of the contract with RDS Landscaping and bring it back at the next meeting for final approval.

3. Consideration and Approval of Improvements to the Catawba Heights Fire Station
Councilman Hope advised that the Construction Committee would have a proposal to bring before Council at the August 9th meeting.

4. Consideration and Approval of a Marketing Firm for City Owned Property
This item was moved until after Closed Session.

5. Discussion of a Graffiti Ordinance

Chief Belk advised that the changes were made to the proposed graffiti ordinance as per the direction of the Council at the last meeting. Council agreed to place the graffiti ordinance on the consent agenda at the next meeting for approval.

6. Presentation of the Water Plant Sewer Line

Mr. Friday presented a power point presentation regarding the water plant sewer line. He explained the process of sludge removal and a gravity fed sewer line. There was discussion regarding the benefits of the gravity sewer line, the cost of the project and different payment options for the project such as using service development fees to pay for a gravity fed line. It was the consensus of Council for Staff to get firm numbers regarding the cost of the gravity fed line and bring them back to Council as soon as possible. Staff was also directed to meet with the Utility Committee for additional input.

7. Discussion of Speed Humps on City Streets

Mr. DuPont presented several different options in regard to speed humps on City streets. Mayor Hough advised that the complaints that have come before Council from the HOA's in regard to speeders are people from within their neighborhoods. He advised that the problem on Cedar Lane is a different situation. Cedar Lanes problem is caused by cut through school traffic. It was the consensus of Council to have staff perform a traffic study on Cedar Lane and try to resolve the problem before the start of school and then go back and look at what is best for each neighborhood.

8. Discussion of Design Guidelines for Single-Family Homes

Mr. Wilson advised that modular homes cannot be singled out in regard to design guidelines. He commented that if Council wishes to regulate design guidelines they would have to be placed on all single family dwelling throughout the City. Council agreed to move forward on the design guidelines for single family homes. Staff will bring a draft ordinance back before Council at a future work session meeting.

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

At this time, Councilman Brookshire 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 Hope made a motion to come out of closed session. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

Mayor Hough advised that no action was taken during closed session.

Marketing Firms

Councilman Bishop made a motion to enter into contract with Century 21 for the purpose of marketing city owned property. Councilman Brookshire seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

At this time, Mayor Hough asked for comments from Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Breyare commented that it was discussed at a previous meeting that the Mount Hollydays group have used the sound system. She advised that they have never used the City's sound system.

Councilman Toomey reported that CSX has been in an out of Woodland Park with heavy equipment and advised that the City should go in and evaluate the streets in that area.

Mayor Hough asked if the City received any money from CSX for the rubberized mats that were paid for and put down by the City but later taken up by CSX. Mr. Jackson responded that CSX has not reimbursed the City for the cost of the mats.

Councilman Moore advised that Council needs to reappoint Carlton Broome to the ABC Board at the next meeting and would like Mr. Broome to give a financial update at that time.

Councilman Moore reported that the Recreation Commission interviewed candidates for the Parks and Recreation Director position. He advised that the Commission narrowed it down to their top three (3) candidates.

Councilman Hope asked about the status of the property in Meadow Brook. He advised that he has heard it is under foreclosure. He commented that the property could go for a modular home development. Mayor Hough commented that staff needs to bring architectural standards back before Council as soon as possible.

10. Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Brookshire made the motion to adjourn the July 26, 2010 Work Session meeting. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.