

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Work Session Meeting
Monday, July 25, 2016
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	Danny Jackson, City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem David Moore	
Councilman Jerry Bishop	David Johnson, City Engineer/ Director of Utilities
Councilman Jim Hope	Ryan Baker, Fire Chief
Councilman Perry Toomey	Mark Jusko, Recreation Supervisor
Councilman Jeff Meadows	Miles Braswell, Assistant City Manager
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare	Don Roper, Police Chief
Attorney Kemp Michael	Greg Beal, Planning Director

Invocation

Mayor Hough led the Council, staff and attendees in prayer. Mayor Hough took this opportunity to thank Chief Baker and his staff for their superior work during the structure fire at First Baptist Church.

SET THE AGENDA

Mayor Hough advised that Closed Session will be moved to item #7 on the agenda and a Discussion on Bike Safety will be added as Item #6. Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

1. Discussion of South Water Tank Repainting Proposal

Mr. Johnson advised that the water tower is one of the largest landmarks coming into Gaston County. Therefore he would like to repaint it with the Mount Holly City Logo. As a second part he advised that he would also like to work with the lighting and relight the water tank. Councilman Bishop explained that in July 2008 Council voted not to relight the tank because of the direction the light on the tank. There was Council discussion regarding the lighting and painting the tank and it was the consensus that Mount Holly has the opportunity to really do something that sets the City aside from other locations. Council directed Mr. Johnson to brainstorm some ideas for repainting and bring them back to Council at a future date.

2. Construction Projects Update

Councilman Hope advised that the Construction Committee met last Wednesday and wants to bring everybody up to date on the status of the projects.

(1) North Fire Station

Mr. Johnson presented the site plan for the North Fire Station. He advised that the building is 6800 square feet with all the required necessities. Currently he is working on a plan to minimize the earth work and doing a cost analysis to ensure we stay within budget. He advised that it is undecided what the outside surface of the building will be at this time.

(2) Public Works Facility

Mr. Braswell presented the site plan for the Public Works Facility. He advised that the plan shows 7800 sq ft with a brick exterior and a slightly sloped roof. This is going to be a new building and at this time there are no plans for renovations to the existing mill building. There was a short discussion regarding the buildings that were going to be left vacant once the Streets and Utilities Departments move to the new facility. Mayor Hough advised that there is a visioning process coming up in the near future and these issues can be addressed at that time

3. Construction Projects Contracts Update

Ms. Anders advised that the City Attorney, Mr. Michael has received the contract for Construction Manager at Risk from CoxSchepp. Mr. Michael has reviewed the contracts and coming before Council for direction.

Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the Construction Manager at Risk Contract with CoxSchepp for the North Fire Station. (Resolution # 07252016A) Councilman Hope seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor.

Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the Construction Manager at Risk Contract with CoxSchepp for the Public Works Facility. (Resolution # 07252016B) Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor.

4. Discussion of Signage Request from the Mount Holly Historical Society

Mr. Jackson advised that he received request from MHHS regarding the placement of a signage on the MHHS building. Council agreed that the proposed signage was too much for downtown and did not see the need of having it on the front and both sides of the building. It was the consensus of Council to ask the MHHS to bring back some different options.

5. Presentation of Gaston Outside (GO) Image Campaign

Mr. Jackson brought the Gaston Outside (GO) campaign before the Council to inform them what the steering committee has done so far in the process. Mr. Jackson advised that he has been part of the committee since the beginning and is very pleased with the campaign and the work thus far. Council directed Mr. Jackson to continue to move forward with this campaign.

6. Discussion of Bicycle Safety

Officer Ellis is not available tonight due to an emergency, therefore this subject can be discussed at a future meeting.

7. Closed Session (*pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3)*)

At this time Councilman Bishop made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3). Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Councilman Bishop made a motion to return to open session. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

8. Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Bishop made the motion to adjourn the July 25, 2016 Council Work Session Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.