

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Work Session Meeting
Monday, June 25, 2012
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	Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Jerry Bishop	David Belk, Police Chief
Councilman Jim Hope	Dale Oplinger, Fire Chief
Councilman Perry Toomey	James Friday, Director of Utilities
Councilman J. Jason Gowen	Mike Santmire, Director of Streets and Solid Waste
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare	Ed Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation
Attorney Kemp Michael	Greg Beal, Director of Planning and Development

Invocation

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

Set the Agenda

Mayor Hough advised that he would like to change the order of the items on the agenda to the following:

1. Budget Amendments
2. City Projects
3. Kudzu
4. Closed Session

Councilman Bishop made a motion to amend the agenda as stated by the Mayor. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. The motion passed.

1. Consideration and Approval of Budget Amendments

Mr. Guffey explained that each year Staff has to bring yearend budget amendments before the City Council for approval before the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Guffey reviewed the proposed amendments with the Council. Councilman Toomey made a motion to approve the amendments. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

2. Discussion of Ongoing City Projects
 - a) Future Public Works Facility

Councilman Hope reported that a band aid has been put on the problem at the Streets Department however a final location needs to be made regarding the Departments relocation. Councilman Hope advised that the City needs to take a closer look at the Adrian Plant. Council agreed.

b) North Fire Station

Chief Oplinger reported that he included in the packet a map of potential property located on Lucia Riverbend Highway. He advised that he and the City Manager have a meeting scheduled with the property owner next week.

c) Waste Treatment Facility

Mr. Friday advised that the City sent out an RFQ for the preliminary engineering study for the upgrade to the wastewater treatment plant. He advised that there are three firms interested in the project. Mr. Friday asked for direction regarding how to proceed with the process. There was discussion regarding the process to qualify. At this time Councilman Bishop commented that the City should go ahead and stick with what we have and agree to move forward with Dave Parker and HDR Engineering. Councilman Gowen seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor with the exception of Councilman Toomey and he voted against. Motion carried 5-1

3. Discussion of Kudzu Control

Mr. Shan Horton with the Streets and Solid Waste Department came before Council to explain the process of using goats to control the Kudzu problem in the City. He advised that this process has become very popular throughout the State and is also very cost effective. He advised that the average cost of goats for kudzu control is approximately \$1500 per acre and herbicides to control the kudzu would cost approximately \$3000 per acre. It was the consensus of Council to look further into the goat project. They directed staff to prioritize City owned property with kudzu problems and bring the recommendation back to the Council for approval.

4. Closed Session (*pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5)*)

At this time Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5). Councilman Gowen seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Councilman Bishop made a motion to come out of closed session. Councilman Gowen seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

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

At this time, Mayor Hough went around the table.

Councilman Bishop commented that the City is paying a tremendous amount of money in utilities. He advised that the City needs to consider getting the CRO to pay their part of the utilities at the old city hall.

Mayor Hough advised that it is customary to cancel the July meeting. It was the consensus of Council to move forward with having the meeting.

5. Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Gowen made the motion to adjourn the June 25, 2012 Council work session

meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor.
(Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.