CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, June 14, 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
Mayor Pro-Tem Carolyn Breyare	Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Jerry Bishop	Greg Beal, Senior Planner
Councilman Benny 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

Call to Order by Mayor Hough

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

Invocation

Reverend Kendall Cameron, pastor of the First Baptist Church, 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 Agenda

Mayor Hough made the following changes to the *Presentations* part of the agenda: omitted the Eagle Scout recognition due to absence of Mr. Harbin, moved item #3, Presentation from the Mount Holly Community Foundation and Citizens South Bank to Item #1, and add a Closed Session to the agenda. With no additional changes to the agenda, Councilman Brookshire made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Capital Project Ordinance for the Bar Screen Project
2. Approval of the minutes for the April 19, 2010 budget meeting
3. Approval of the minutes for the May 3, 2010 work session meeting
4. Approval of the minutes for the May 10, 2010 business meeting
5. Approval of the minutes for the May 17, 2010 budget meeting

Councilman Toomey 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 from the Mount Holly Community Foundation and Citizens South Bank

Dr. Beatty presented the City with a partial payment check on behalf of the Community Foundation and Citizens South Bank to help with the cost of the audio visual equipment in the Council Chambers. He advised that this is the second of five payments.

2. Presentation from the Sports Hall of Fame
   Mr. Wilson came before Council to request the use of the Council Chambers to display the memorabilia from the inductees' to the Sports Hall of Fame. He advised that if allowed they would use the screens as they did last year that would display pictures. He further advised that they will not allow any food or drinks in the Council Chamber and the doors would be closed once dinner is served. Mr. Wilson also asked for the use of the City sound system. He advised that the sound system was used during the event last year and at that time one of the committee members were trained in using it. Mayor Hough advised that this request would be referred to the Facilities Committee.

3. Presentation of the Logo Contest
   Ms. Danzi was present to share the results of the Logo Contest with the Council. She explained that the Foundation has been working with the City for some time now to develop a logo that would provide consistency throughout the City. She presented all three (3) logos and advised that the logo with the train and the clock won. Mayor Hough thanked the Foundation for their work on this project.

4. Presentation of the Recreation Master Plan
   Mr. Jusko reported that in December 2009 the City contracted with Site Solution for their assistance with a Recreation Master Plan. At this time Mr. Jusko introduced Derek Williams with Site Solutions to review the Recreation Master Plan. Mr. Williams advised that the Plan was a 6 month process that consisted of phone surveys and community meetings. He advised that the findings of the Plan include the need for neighborhood parks, additional ball fields and additional staffing. Mr. Williams complimented the Recreation Committee for their support during the process. Mr. Jusko added that the Recreation Commission has made a recommendation that the City Council adopt the Recreation Master Plan. At this time Councilman Toomey made a motion to approve the Recreation Master Plan. Councilman Hope seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing on the 2010-2011 Proposed Budget *Danny Jackson*

Mr. Jackson gave a brief budget report to the Council. He advised that the fiscal year 2010-2011 budget is 16.1 million dollars. He reported that there is no tax increase included in the budget and a 2% COLA and 3% merit pool for the employees as well as the creation of a City Engineer position.

At this time, Councilman Moore made a motion to enter into public hearing. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare seconded the motion. Councilman Moore advised that he would like to discuss the mowing contract versus doing it in house. Mr. Guffey explained that there is $120,000 in the budget for mowing. Staff will put the mowing out to bid and then bring the low bid back to Council for approval. At that time, Council can decide to approve a contract for mowing or proceed with in house mowing. Councilman Toomey questioned the proposed funding for the City Engineers salary. He advised that a few years ago the Council agreed that the money in the Stormwater Fund would go toward projects. The proposed budget has stormwater funding going toward the City Engineers salary. Mr. Jackson explained that in the past engineering fees have been taken from the Stormwater Fund for engineering of projects. The funds that are going to pay the partial salary of a City Engineer would be in exchange of a contracted Engineer.

With no one signed up to speak on the proposed budget, Councilman Moore made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilman Brookshire seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor.

At this time Mayor Hough called a short recess.

The meeting reconvened at 8:29 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion of the Training Room Policy

   Mayor Pro Tem Breyare advised that at the last meeting Council directed the Facilities Committee to revisit the Training Room Policy. The Facilities Committee is bringing back a revision to the policy that will allow for both sides of the Training Room to be rented out at the same time for $25 a side or $50 for the entire room. Also the Committee agreed to allow groups of less than 20 people to use the Training Rooms at no charge. Councilman Hope questioned the guidelines behind #10 regarding the CRO. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare explained that organizations that donate 100% of their proceeds to the CRO can use the Training Room at no charge. Councilman Hope commented that would exclude all Mount Holly Organizations except Mount Hollydays. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare advised that the Committee felt like increasing the number to 20 allowed by a group would cover the other Organizations in the City. Councilman Brookshire made a motion to approve the Training Room Policy as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare seconded the motion. At this time Councilman Hope made a substitute motion that would allow the Sports Hall of Fame to use the Training Room at no charge. Councilman Toomey seconded the substitute motion. In a vote, Councilmen Hope and Toomey voted for the substitute motion. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare and Councilmen Bishop, Brookshire and Moore voted against the substitute motion. The motion failed. Mayor Hough advised that there is still a motion on the floor. Councilman Hope made a second substitute motion that would allow the Community Foundation to use the Training Room at no charge. Councilman Toomey seconded the substitute motion. Councilmen Hope and Toomey voted for the substitute motion. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare and Councilmen Bishop, Brookshire and Moore voted against the substitute motion. The motion failed. Mayor Hough called for a vote on the motion on the floor. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare and Councilmen Bishop, Brookshire and Moore voted for the motion and Councilmen Hope and Toomey voted against. The motion passed 4-2.

2. Consideration and Approval of Proposed Amendments to the Grand Hall Policy

   Mayor Pro Tem Breyare reviewed minor changes to the Grand Hall Rental Policy. Councilman Brookshire made a motion to approve the amendments to the policy. Councilman Brookshire seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Proposed Budget Ordinance and Fee Schedule

Mr. Guffey explained that there are two separate documents before Council for approval. The budget ordinance and the fee schedule. Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the budget ordinance (#06142010A). Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the fee schedule. Councilman Brookshire seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

At this time Mr. Jackson thanked the Council and Staff for the hard work put into the budget.

2. Discussion of Council Protocol

Mayor Pro Tem Breyare advised that the Facilities Committee came up with protocol for the Council to follow. Councilman Hope questioned the reason the Facilities Committee charged themselves with coming up with Council Protocol. Councilman Hope asked what the purpose behind the Committees. Mayor Hough responded that they are to make recommendations to Council. Councilman Hope commented that he understands the reasoning behind the protocol is to give him a slap on the hand. He advised that he was elected by the Citizens of Mount Holly and would not become a rubber stamp. Mayor Hough commented that it may be a mistake to have 3 Council Members on the Facilities Committee. Councilman Bishop offered to step down from the Committee so someone else can be appointed that is not a Council Member. Mayor Hough thanked the committee and Councilman Bishop. Mayor Hough asked for Council's wishes in regard to the Protocol. No one made a motion.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Amending Policy Regarding City Council Insurance Options *Jamie Guffey*

   Mr. Guffey advised that the current policy regarding insurance for Council Members is that you have to be a member of Council for 10 years before you can become eligible to be on the Cities insurance policy. Councilman Moore made a motion to allow Council Members to become eligible for City insurance 30 days after being sworn in at the Council Members own expense. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

At this time, Councilman Toomey made a motion to enter into closed session. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

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

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

REPORTS

At this time Mayor Hough went around the table.

Councilman Moore advised that he wanted to makes sure that Council understands that if Council chooses to contract the grass mowing then the City will be getting 6 months of service for the same amount of money that the City could hire people and have an entire years work.

Councilman Hope advised that as Chair of the Construction Committee he needs some direction regarding the Catawba Heights Fire Station. It was the consensus that the Construction Committee review the Fire Station for minor and major renovations and bring them both back to Council.

Councilman Bishop asked if the ISO inspection would change the City's rating. Mr. Jackson advised that the Fire Chief would update the Council on the ISO inspection in the weekly update.

Councilman Bishop commented that Mr. Jackson and his Staff did a superior job putting the budget together. He advised that Mount Holly is the only City in the area that is not raising taxes or utility rates. Councilman Bishop also commented briefly on the Stanley water issue. Mayor Hough further commented that he was at a meeting and was asked by a Stanley resident why Mount Holly was increasing their raising water rates and making it unaffordable for Stanley residents.

Councilman Toomey asked about the modular home versus manufactured home issue. Council directed Staff to move forward with looking into regulating modular homes.

Mayor Pro Tem Breyare advised that she has had two people that have complained about the triangle area. The streets Department has been working on getting the kudzu and bamboo cut down.

Mayor Hough advised that if it is ok with the Council that the July Council Meeting will be canceled. He further advised that if needed the Council will take action on items at the June or July work sessions. Mayor Hough added that he appreciated the hard work from Staff during the budget process.

Mayor Hough advised that the City is continuing to move forward on the sewer option. He is hoping that there will be something in place before the end of the year.

Mr. Jackson thanked Council for all the kind comments regarding the budget process but in turn the appreciation goes to the City Staff.

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Moore made the motion to adjourn the June 14, 2010 Council meeting. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.