

**City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, June 12, 2017
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 David Moore	Greg Beal, Planning Director
Councilman Jerry Bishop	Ryan Baker, Fire Chief
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare	Ray Clemmer, Assistant Director of Utilities
Councilman Jeff Meadows	Dave Johnson, Utilities Director/City Engineer
Councilman Jim Hope	Don Roper, Chief of Police
Councilman Perry Toomey	Miles Braswell, Assistant City Manager
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	Africa Otis, Finance Officer

Invocation

Reverend Charles McCorkle from Wesley Chapel Holiness 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 THE AGENDA

With no changes to the agenda Councilwoman Breyare made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Call for public hearing for an application to rezone Tax Parcel #221727 & #221729 totaling 50.67-acres in the extraterritorial jurisdiction off of West Catawba Avenue from Light Industrial (L-1) and R-12 Single Family (R-12 SF) to Office/Institutional (O-I)
2. Call for public hearing, on an application for a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding Short-term uses in Article 6
3. Approval to accept Westland Farms Map 3 and 4 roads and associated infrastructure for City ownership and maintenance of the rights-of-ways.
4. Approval of a Resolution for Loan Modification for 2009 BB&T Installment Financing.
5. Appointment of Patricia Farmer to the Tourism Development Authority
6. Reappointment of Janice McRorie to the ABC Commission
7. Approval of the minutes of the May 8, 2017 Council Meeting
8. Approval of the minutes of the May 22, 2017 Council Work Session Meeting
9. Approval of the minutes of the June 7, 2017 Special Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of Springfest proceeds to the CRO
Ms. Love recognized the Springfest Committee and presented the proceeds from the Springfest event to the CRO in the amount of \$6000.
2. Presentation of a Proclamation for the Service of Mount Holly Police Department K9

Mayor Hough presented a Proclamation honoring Mount Holly Police Department K9 Nelo for his service to Assistant Police Chief Major Brian Reagan. Major Reagan worked with Nelo as the K9 Officer and then became the guardian of Nelo upon his K9 retirement. Nelo passed on May 5th.

3. Introduction of Miss Mount Holly

Mayor Pro Tem Moore introduced Miss Mount Holly Allison Farris and Miss Mount Holly Outstanding Teen Marissa Garrison. He advised that these young ladies would be competing for the Miss North Carolina titles next month.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing on the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget and Fee Schedule

Mr. Braswell advised that staff presented the Council with a balanced budget on May 8th. There is no tax increase or water/sewer increase. There is a 3% cola for employees, 6 new positions and 24% increase in employee health insurance calculated in the budget.

At this time, Councilman Bishop made a motion to enter into the public hearing on the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget and Fee Schedule. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Jeff High

236 Village Glenn Way

Mount Holly, NC

The following comments were made by Mr. High:

- Balanced Budget -- first, as a resident and tax payer in Mount Holly, I would like to congratulate the staff on developing a balanced budget. As a former Federal official responsible for developing a major part of the budget for my agency, I know that it can be a difficult ... and, at times, thankless ... job. I know it involves trade-offs and hard choices since most operating departments rarely get all they want. The minor increases above last year appear to be both necessary and reasonable. So, I want to thank Ms. Otis, Mr. Braswell, Mr. Jackson and all the Department Heads for their parts in presenting you with this proposed budget which balances without any increase in property tax rates or any increase in water or sewer fees.
- Capital Expenditure for Water Pump -- second, as a resident of the Stonewater community, and a board member of the Stonewater Home Owners' Association, I would like to extend our appreciation to the City for including the \$200,000 capital expenditure for an additional water pump to increase the water pressure in the northern section of the town. As you know we expressed concerns about the water pressure in our area in previous presentations before you, so we were glad to see this included.
- Fiscal Stewardship -- finally, I would like to thank you, the City Council, for fostering an environment and attitude that stresses the importance of being good stewards of your taxpayers' money.

With no one else signed up to speak, Councilman Bishop made a motion to close the public hearing and return to open session. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Councilman Meadows asked if staff did a cost benefit analysis to lessen the burden of healthcare on employees. Mr. Jackson advised that moving forward, staff is looking into different options in regard to healthcare costs. Mayor Pro Tem Moore advised that he did not want to have to take away the 50% dependent healthcare coverage next year for employees.

2. Public hearing for a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding Section 5.13 Mount Holly Mixed-Use District, Section 6.1 Residential Uses, and Article 7, Note 5 Multi-Family Dwellings

Mr. Wilson advised that this requests comes from concerns from staff that existing single family dwellings are prohibited from making improvements under the current verbiage of the above listed ordinance. Staff proposing that homes in existence before June 12, 2017 be allowed to make improvements to their dwellings.

At this time, Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to enter into the public hearing for a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding Section 5.13 Mount Holly Mixed-Use District, Section 6.1 Residential Uses, and Article 7, Note 5 Multi-Family Dwellings. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried) With no one signed up to speak,

Councilman Meadows made a motion to close the public hearing and return to open session.

Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve the text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding Section 5.13 Mount Holly Mixed-Use District, Section 6.1 Residential Uses, and Article 7, Note 5 Multi-Family Dwellings. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

There was no one signed up to speak.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of the proposed contract with Arnett Muldrow & Associates for the Strategic Vision Plan Update Project

Mr. Beal advised that the scope of services was approved by the Council at the October meeting. Since then staff has been working with our Attorney and Arnett Muldrow & Associates on the details of the contract for the Strategic Vision Plan Update Project. Currently the contract has been negotiated and is ready to come before Council for approval. Councilman Toomey made the motion to approve the contract with Arnett Muldrow & Associates for the Strategic Vision Plan Update Project. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget Ordinance and Fee Schedule

Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget Ordinance and Fee Schedule. (Resolution #06122017A) Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

2. Consideration and Approval of a Budget Amendment for Fund Balance Appropriation to Contingency for the Greenway Project
Need to postpone this item to the work session

3. Consideration and Approval of the Bee City USA program as part of the Mount Holly Rotary Club District Grant application

Mr. Beal advised that he is coming before the Council on behalf of the Mount Holly Rotary Club to ask for support to become part of the Bee City USA program. Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to support the Bee City USA Program. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed Session - pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a)(6)

Councilman Bishop made a motion to enter into Closed Session - pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a)(6). Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The time was 7:37 pm

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

The time was 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Meadows made the motion to adjourn the June 12, 2017 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.