City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, June 11, 2012
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	Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Jerry Bishop	Greg Beal, Senior Planner
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare	James Friday, Director of Utilities
Councilman J. Jason Gowen	Dale Oplinger, Fire Chief
Councilman Jim Hope	David Belk, Chief of Police
Councilman Perry Toomey	Mike Santmire, Streets and Solid Waste Director
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	Ed Smith, Recreation Director

Invocation

??? 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 asked for any changes to the agenda. With no changes to the agenda, Councilman Toomey made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Reappointment of Kathy Drumm to the ABC Board
2. Approval of a Resolution Supporting the Local Water Supply Plan
3. Approval of Classic Car Cruise In for July 14, August 11, September 8, and October 13
4. Approval of the minutes for the April 23, 2012 Council Work Session Meeting
5. Approval of the minutes for the May 14, 2012 Council meeting
6. Approval of the minutes for the May 21, 2012 Budget work session meeting
7. Approval of the minutes for the May 29, 2012 Special meeting

Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation to CRO from Springfest

Ms. Heather Oplinger, Chairperson of the Springfest Committee came before the City Council to report on the success of this year’s event. She thanked numerous people for their help and support. At this time, Ms. Oplinger presented the Mount Holly Community Development Foundation with a donation of $500 and the Mount Holly Community Relief Organization with a donation of $8700. Both organizations were very appreciative.

2. Presentation from Ms. Mount Holly

Ms. Mount Holly, Mallory McCarn introduced herself to the Council and explained her roots to the City. She reported on her volunteer work and added that her main focus is Scoliosis Awareness. She explained how the disease has affected her and thanked the Council for their support.

3. Presentation from the Mount Holly ABC Board
   Mr. Carlton Broome, Chairman of the Mount Holly ABC Board, came before the Council to present the adopted ABC Board 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget. He advised that there is a slight increase in the budget from last year due to operating expenses. However the mortgage debt has decreased dramatically over the past years. This is due to the aggressive debt payoff agreement between the City and the ABC Board.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. A Public Hearing on the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget
   Mr. Jackson presented the 2012-2013 proposed budget. He explained that there is no proposed tax increase but a 3% COLA for the city employees with no changes to employee benefits. In addition there are funds included in the budget for tables and chairs for the Grand Hall, roll out recycle carts for the businesses and $15000 for the Historical Society. Mr. Jackson further advised that there will be no increase in Utility Fees. Mr. Jackson commented that he has been keeping up with the news from our surrounding neighbors and several of them have raised rates and taxes.
   At this time, Councilman Gowen made a motion to enter into the public hearing. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)
   With no one signed up to speak, Councilman Bishop made a motion to return to regular session. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget and Fee Schedule
   Councilman Toomey made a motion to approve the budget ordinance and fee schedule (#06112012B). Mayor Pro Tem Moore. All Council Members present voted in favor. Motion carried.
2. Consideration and Approval of Recreation Commission Appointments
   Mr. Smith advised Council that Stewart Hare and Aaron Suttenfield have resigned their positions from the Recreation Commission. The Recreation Commission recommends filling the vacancies with Paisley Payton and Phyllis Harris. Councilman Hope made the motion to appoint Ms. Payton and Ms. Harris to the Recreation Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor.
3. Acceptance of Playground Equipment Grant from Kaboom
   Mr. Smith explained that the City has been awarded a $20,000 grant for playground equipment from Kaboom. This grant does not require any type of matching funds from the City. Councilman Toomey made a motion to accept the grant. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. Motion carried
4. Consideration and Approval of River Street Park Expansion
   Mr. Michael advised that there is a lot located across from River Street Park that is in the flood zone. He advised that the City can purchase this lot with CDBG funds with a motion to move forward with the purchase contract. Councilman Hope made the motion with a second from Councilman Gowen. All Council Members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Councilman Gowen commented that he was pleased with the Cruise In. The organizers did a great job. Mayor Pro Tem Moore agreed and commented that they had a very good turnout.

Councilman Hope advised that he met with Caromont and the job in the Retail Space will start soon. He advised that they would start on the outside first and then move the warming kitchen. He further advised that there is a set of drawings in the Admin Conference Room if anyone would like to look at them.

Mr. Jackson introduced the Summer Intern, Dillon Lackey.

Mr. Jackson invited the Council to the Sole Patrol Father's Day Event.

Mr. Jackson advised that he handed out some information for Thomas Lark.

Councilman Bishop reported that former Mayor and Councilman Frank McLean start chemotherapy tomorrow.

Mayor Hough advised that there are going to be three items on the work session agendas until they are complete; Public Works Facility, North Fire Station and Wastewater.

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Gowen made the motion to adjourn the June 11, 2012 Council Meeting. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.