

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, June 9, 2014
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 Perry Toomey	Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Jerry Bishop	Greg Beal, Planning Director
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare	James Friday, Director of Utilities
Councilman J. Jason Gowen	Dale Oplinger, Fire Chief
Councilman Jim Hope	Don Roper, Chief of Police
Councilman David Moore	
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	

Invocation

Reverend Kendall Cameron of Mount Holly 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 the Agenda

With no changes to the agenda Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Gowen seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Budget Amendments
2. Approval of Liens for Weeds and Grass
3. Approval of a Resolution to Convey Property to Clariant Corporation
4. Approval of a Resolution to Declare 11 Firearms that at the Possession of the Mount Holly Police Department Surplus Property
5. Approval of the minutes of the May 12, 2014 Council Meeting
6. Approval of the minutes of the May 19, 2014 Budget Meeting

Councilman Bishop 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 of Donation to the Wounded Warriors Project by Ida Rankin Elementary
The City of Mount Holly Police Department and Ida Rankin elementary partnered on Tuesday, May 27th for a parade as a type of fundraiser for the Wounded Warriors. Caroline Worley was present to present the Wounded Warriors with a \$922 donation as a result of collecting \$1 bills at the parade.
2. Presentation of a Donation to the CRO from the 2014 Springfest Committee
Ms. Oplinger presented the Mount Holly CRO with a donation from Springfest Committee in the amount of \$4,000. She introduced the Committee and thanked them for their hard work. They also presented the Mount Holly Foundation with a donation. Mayor Hough thanked Ms. Oplinger and the Springfest Committee for their hard work and dedication.
3. Presentation to John Hope for his Retirement from the City

At this time the Mayor and Council honored Mr. John Hope for his tenure with the City in several different departments. Mr. Hope was presented with a Resolution, a Key to the City and a Commemorative Watch.

4. Presentation of the ABC Budget

Ms. Drumm, the chair of the ABC Commission came before the Mayor and City Council to present the ABC Budget. She advised that the final debt payment for the building will be made in July for the amount of \$56,000. She further advised that the Board has estimated a payment of \$13,000 a quarter after the final debt payment is made. Ms. Drumm thanked the Council for their continued support. Mayor Hough extended his appreciation to Ms. Drumm for her years of service on the ABC Board as she is stepping down off of the Board.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing on the 2014-2015 Proposed Budget

Mr. Jackson advised that as required by law Staff has presented the City Council with a balanced budget. He advised that there are no tax or utility increases. He further advised that there are no cost of living increases for the City Employees however, there are some alternatives for the employees that does not directly impact the budget. Mr. Jackson personally thanked his staff for the effort and hard work they put into this budget.

At this time, Councilman Moore made a motion to enter into the public hearing. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

With no one signed up to speak regarding the proposed budget, Councilwoman Breyare made a motion to return to regular session. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

No one was signed up to speak.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of a Request for Parks and Recreation

Danny McRorie came before the Council to request to have an Eternitree planted in one of the city parks as a memorial for his mother Charlene McRorie. Charlene was very active volunteer with the youth parks and recreation programs. Mr. McRorie explained that a tree would be planted and his mother's ashes would be mixed in with the dirt ball of the tree. Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the request to plant an Eternitree in memory of Charlene McRorie. Mayor Pro Tem Toomey seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1 with Councilwoman Breyare casting the opposing vote.

2. Consideration and Approval of the 2014-2015 Budget Ordinance and Fee Schedule

Councilman Gowen made a motion to approve the 2014-2015 Budget Ordinance and Fee Schedule. (Resolution # 06092014A) Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Council members voting in favor.

3. Consideration and Approval of ABC Commission Appointments/Re-Appointments

Mr. Jackson advised that Janice McRory's term on the ABC Commission expires this month (June). He advised that Ms. McRory has agreed to serve another 3 year term. Councilman Moore made a motion to reappoint Ms. McRory to the ABC Commission. Councilman Gowen seconded the motion. The motion carried with all Council members voting in favor.

Mr. Jackson advised that regarding an additional matter concerning the ABC Commission, Ms. Kathy Drumm has resigned her position. City Council needs to appoint a replacement to fill out her term. He advised that Angela Blackwood is interested in the position. He advised that Ms. Blackwood is employed by Belmont Abbey College and has an extensive background in accounting. Mr. Gowen advised that he does not know Ms. Blackwood and would like to see her resume before making a final decision. This would give additional time for other interested parties to come forward as well. Council agreed.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session (*pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5 and 6)*)

At this time Councilman Gowen made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5 and 6). Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made a motion to return to open session. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

Councilman Gowen made a motion to move forward with the closing of the property designated for the construction of the North Fire Station upon receiving the appropriate documentation from Crescent Resources regarding the release of a dead restriction that limits the property to single family residential. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. The motion carried with all Council members voting in favor.

Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the gas line easement to Piedmont Natural Gas in the amount of \$6,000. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. The motion carried with all Council members voting in favor.

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Gowen made the motion to adjourn the June 9, 2014 Council Meeting. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.