

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Work Session Meeting
Monday, May 23, 2011
Council Chambers
6:30 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Bryan Hough called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The following were present:

Mayor Bryan Hough	Danny Jackson, City Manager
Mayor Pro-Tem Carolyn Breyare--absent	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 Bennie Brookshire	Mike Santmire, Director of Streets and Solid Waste
Councilman David Moore	Ed Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation
Brooke Lopez with Kemp Michaels Office	Greg Beal, Senior Planner

Invocation

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

Set the Agenda

Mayor Hough asked Council for any changes to the May 23, 2011 work session agenda. With no changes to the agenda, Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members present, voted in favor. The motion passed.

1. Presentation from the Mount Holly Community Development Foundation regarding the 2011 Autumn on Main Festival

Joshua Motes came before Council on behalf of the Mount Holly Community Development foundation to request approval and sponsorship of the Autumn on Main Festival scheduled for September 24th. He advised that the event would be the same as in years past. Council agreed to place the item on the Consent Agenda for the June Council meeting.

2. Discussion of ABC Board

Carlton Broome came before Council on behalf of the Mount Holly ABC Board to request approval of distribution of profits toward their building debt instead of distributing those to the City. Council Moore commended the ABC Board for the job they do. Councilman Bishop made a motion to allow the ABC Board to distribute profits to debt setoff in lieu distribution to the City. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present, voted in favor. The motion passed.

3. Report on North Fire Station

Chief Oplinger provided the Council with 5 options regarding the North Fire Station as it relates to the North Carolina Department of Insurance rating inspection. Chief Oplinger reviewed the option and gave option 3 as the Staff recommendation which is to rent the space

located at 107 Henderson Street for the location of the North Station. This option would not require any additional staff. It was the consensus of Council to move forward with option 3 with final approval at the June Council meeting.

4. Review of Ferstl Avenue and Beatty Road Intersection Contract and Interlocal Agreement

Mr. DuPont advised that council identified the Ferstl Avenue/Beatty Road intersection as a safety concern. Mount Holly has been allocated funds from the Gaston County MPO to be used toward a transportation project. He advised that these funds will not be available to the City after this fiscal year. Mr. DuPont reported that Staff contacted 3 reputable firms in the area to bid on this project. After review of the bids staff determined that Merrick and Company are best suited for this project. Therefore staff is recommending approval of the contract with Merrick and Company as well as the Interlocal Agreement with Gaston County MPO. It was the consensus of Council to place this item on the Consent Agenda for the June Council meeting for approval before the money is lost. Council directed staff to work with the City Attorney on the contract.

5. Discussion of Amendment to Chapter 4 "*Building Code*" and Chapter 9 "*Housing Code*" in the Mount Holly Code of Laws

The City Council directed staff to develop a synopsis of the changes to the Code and bring it back at the June work session for Council discussion.

6. Discussion of Downtown Parking Areas

Mayor Hough reviewed the need for additional parking in the downtown area. He advised that the Construction Committee was directed to verify the cost associated with available property in the downtown area that could be used as parking lots. With that being done Mayor asked for Council direction. It was the consensus of Council for the Construction Committee and staff to iron out the details of this parking project and bring it back before Council at the next meeting.

7. Discussion of July Council Meeting

Councilman Hope made a motion to forgo the July Council meeting. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. The motion carried)

At this time Mayor Hough asked for comments around the table.

Councilman Bishop commented on the deterioration of the old Woodlawn Mill.

Councilman Toomey commended the staff on all they do for the City. He advised that a lot is asked of them and he appreciates it.

8. Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Toomey made the motion to adjourn the May 23, 2011 Council work session meeting. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor.

(Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.