

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, May 14, 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. Approval of a Resolution Supporting the Solid Waste Management Plan 3 Year Update
2. Approval of a Resolution to Accept the Gaston County Hazard Mitigation Plan
3. Approval of an Ordinance to establish a lien on certain real property for an In Rem Demolition for 924 West Charlotte Avenue
4. Approval of ABC Officer Resolution
5. Budget Amendments
6. Approval of Declaration of Surplus Property
7. Approval of the minutes for the March 26, 2012 Council Work Session Meeting
8. Approval of the minutes for the April 9, 2012 Council meeting
9. Approval of the minutes for the April 27, 2012 Special meeting

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation to former Mayor H. Ray Broome Sr.

Mayor Hough and the City Council present former Mayor Ray Broome with a resolution and a plaque to honor him for the time that he served a Mayor for the City of Mount Holly. Mr. Broome family was present with him.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. A Public Hearing on a Text Amendment for Building Standards

Mr. Beal advised that the Planning Commission made a unanimous recommendation to approve the Text Amendment for Building Standards.

At this time, Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to enter into the public hearing. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)
With no one signed up to speak, Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to return to regular session. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Councilman Gowen made a motion to approve the text amendment. Councilman Hope seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

2. A Public Hearing to Close a Portion of East Piedmont Avenue

Mr. Beal advised that the City Attorney approved the order to close the proposed portion of East Piedmont Avenue. The order outlines the steps to close the street.

At this time, Councilman Gowen 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, Councilman Gowen made a motion to return to regular session. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Councilman Hope made the motion to approve the order to close a portion of East Piedmont Avenue. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation of the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget and Call for a Public Hearing

Mr. Jackson presented the 2012-2013 budget to the City Council. He advised that there is no proposed tax increase in the budget. At this time, Councilman Toomey made a motion to call for a public hearing on the 2012-2013 budget at the June 11, 2012 Council Meeting.

2. Award of Bid for Airpacks for the Fire Department

Chief Oplinger advised that the low bid for 21 airpacks came in at \$138,000 which is slightly higher than the budgeted amount however there is enough funds left in the Fire Department budget to cover the overage. Councilman Toomey made the motion to approve the bid. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried).

3. Consideration and Approval of Stonewater Phase 5

Mr. Beal advised that the proposed plat was approved unanimously by the Planning Commission. He further advised that the City Engineer also reviewed the plat. Councilman Hope made a motion to approve Stonewater Phase 5. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. Mr. Michael advised the motion needs to be amended to include the two bullet points that have been included on the latest map. Councilman Hope amended the motion. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the amended motion. All Council Members present voted in favor.

4. Consideration and Approval of the Mast Arms for Phase II of the Linear Park

Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to approve the fluted glossy poles maintained by Duke Energy. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to approve the direct baring style lighting with an acorn cover. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor.

5. Discussion and Consideration of a Special Activities Permit for a Classic Car Cruise In

Mr. Jackson advised that Sweet Peas has put in a Special Activities Permit Application for a Classic Car Cruise In for June 2nd. He advised that the event would cost the city in the neighborhood of \$250. There was discussion regarding the event being a charity event and the area that Main Street would be closed. There was additional discussion regarding the purpose of the event was to bring traffic to the downtown area. It was the direction of Council for Staff to get with the applicant and work on the details of the event.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to come out of closed session. Councilwoman Breyare 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 advised that Council will go around the table.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore reported that the grass in the parking area behind the Country Store needs to be cut.

Councilman Hope reported that the City needs to crack down on privilege license. He commented that anyone that does work in the Cit should have a valid privilege license.

Councilman Toomey asked if there could be some designated handicap parking on North Main Street. After a short discussion, it was determined that it was not possible. Councilman Toomey also asked about the status of the guard rail on Highway 273. Chief Belk advised that there has been some emails going around regarding the issue and it is under consideration.

Mr. Jackson advised that according to the City Ordinance, Council has to approve road closures. Therefore he needs an official vote to close Main Street for the Classic Car Cruise In. Councilman Gowen made the motion. Mayor Pre Tem Moore made the second. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Mayor Hough commented that it has came to his attention the there seems to be somewhat of a division of downtown due to the railroad tracks. He commented that the City needs to start thinking of ways to join both sides of the railroad tracks.

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Gowen made the motion to adjourn the May 14, 2012 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.