

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, May 13, 2013
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 James, Interim Chief of Police
Councilman Perry Toomey	Mike Santmire, Streets and Solid Waste Director
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	

Invocation

Reverend Peggy Thornes 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

Mayor Hough advised that the approval of the golf cart ordinance will be taken off of the Consent Agenda and put under Old Business. Mayor Hough also added another presentation and a closed session for personnel to the agenda. With no additional changes, Councilman Hope made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of a Special Activities Permit for the Mount Holly Arts Festival
2. Approval of Tax Foreclosures and Delinquent Taxes
3. Approval of Budget Amendment (Business Incentive Grant for William and Henry Salon)
4. Approval of Budget Amendment (Business Incentive Grant for Time Flies Country Store)
5. Approval of an In Rem Demolition Ordinance for the Dilapidated Garage at 212 North River Street
6. Call for a Public Hearing for the 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance
7. Approval of the minutes for the April 8, 2013 Council meeting
8. Approval of the minutes for the April 22, 2013 Work Session Meeting

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of SHARP Award

Debbie Lowery, Safety Coordinator for the City of Mount Holly was present to introduce the NC Labor Commissioner Cherie Berry. Ms. Berry came to Mount Holly to present the Streets and Solid Waste Department and the Utilities Department with the SHARP award. The SHARP award is given to the different agencies around the state with low injury and illness rates. Ms. Berry advised that North Carolina is #1 in the nation for SHARP sites. Employees from both Departments were present to accept the awards.

2. Swearing in of Police Chief

Mayor Hough introduced the new Chief of Police, Don Roper. Mr. Roper and his wife came forward for the swearing in ceremony. After Chief Roper was sworn in, his wife pinned his badge. The Mayor and City Council welcomed Chief Roper.

At this time, Mayor Hough asked City Attorney and the Mount Holly Man of the Year Kemp Michael, to come forward. The City Council presented Mr. Michael with the Awesome Angler Award for his big "Hook" on a recent fishing trip. .

3. Presentation of Mount Holly Chamber Update

Angie Saunders with the Mount Holly Chamber came before the City Council to update them on some of the Chamber highlights. She advised that they partnered with the Community Dinner this year and just trying to stay in tune with the things going on in Mount Holly.

4. Presentation of Tourism Development Update

Wendy Foster

The TDA came before the Council to give a brief update. They gave each Council Member a key card that customers are given at the Holiday Inn Express and Robin's Nest that will allow for discounts at local businesses. Also they advised that they are giving up the lease on two (2) of the billboards. However, the TDA will fully sponsor the Mount Holly Arts and Music Festival.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of the Golf Cart Ordinance

Councilman Gowen made a motion to deny approval of the golf cart ordinance. Councilman Hope seconded the motion. Councilwoman Breyare abstained from voting which is a yes vote. (Motion carried 6-0)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of the Final Plat for Phase 4 of Westland Farm Subdivision

Councilman Gowen made a motion to approve the Final Plat for Phase 4 of Westland Farm Subdivision. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried 6-0)

2. Submittal of 2013-2014 Budget

Mr. Guffey presented the Council with a copy of the proposed balanced budget. He advised that the proposed budget will be discussed at the budget meeting next Monday night.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Councilman Gowen made a motion to return to open session. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

Mayor Hough advised that there was no action taken during closed session.

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Moore made the motion to adjourn the May 13, 2013 Council Meeting. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.