

**City of Mount Holly**  
**Mount Holly City Council Meeting**  
**Monday, May 12, 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:

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| 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-absent   | Don Roper, Chief of Police                      |
| Councilman David Moore       | Mike Santmire, Streets and Solid Waste Director |
| Kemp Michael, City Attorney  |                                                 |

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**Invocation**

Reverend Dara Cobb Lewis of Southport Counseling Ministries 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 a resolution honoring Mike Santmire would be added under Presentations. With no additional changes Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Call for a Public Hearing on the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget
  2. Approval of the minutes of the April 14, 2014 Council Meeting
  3. Approval of the minutes of the April 28, 2014 Work Session Meeting
- Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Gowen seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Presentation of a Resolution Honoring Jeannie Martin upon her Retirement for her Years as a Kindergarten Teacher at Ida Rankin Elementary School  
Mayor Hough and the City Council presented Ms. Martin with a resolution honoring her upon her retirement as a kindergarten teacher at Ida Rankin Elementary School. Ms. Martin was very appreciative for the honor.
2. Recognition of National Police Week  
Mayor Hough read a proclamation honoring the Mount Holly Police Department for National Police Week.
3. Presentation of a Resolution Honoring Mike Santmire upon his Retirement as a the Streets and Solid Waste Director for the City of Mount Holly  
Mayor Hough and the City Council presented Mr. Santmire with a watch and a resolution honoring him for his upcoming retirement from the City. Mr. Santmire worked for the City of Mount Holly of 15 years. The Mayor and City Council also honored Kathy Santmire (Mike's wife) for her many years of volunteering for events and functions for the City. Mike and Kathy were very appreciative of the special recognition.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Public Hearing for Text Amendment to Consider Amending Section 6 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow production of musical instrument components as a Special Use in the B-1 Central Business District

Mr. Beal advised that the planning staff has received an application to allow production of musical instrument components. More specifically a Mount Holly native wants to move back to our City and he is a manufacturer of musical mouth pieces. Mr. Beal advised that there is no pollution or noise associated with this business.

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

The applicant, Mr. Greg Black made a presentation that explained his business. He advised that he is a 1977 graduate from East Gaston High School and is excited to bring his family back home to Mount Holly. With no one signed up to speak, Councilman Moore made a motion to return to regular session. Mayor Pro Tem Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Councilwoman Breyare made a motion to amending Section 6 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow production of musical instrument components as a Special Use in the B-1 Central Business District. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

2. Public Hearing for a Text Amendment to consider Amending Section 7, Note 16 of the Zoning Ordinance to require location guidelines for safety and require design criteria for new stealth towers in the Light Industrial and Heavy Industrial District

Mr. Beal advised that the General Assembly allows counties and municipalities to regulate stealth towers within their jurisdictions. He advised that there are some very creative ways to camouflage these towers. He included several examples in the packets.

At this time, Councilman Gowen made a motion to enter into the public hearing. Councilman Moore 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. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Mayor Pro Tem Toomey suggested that the City look at all existing towers, including transmission towers. Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made a motion to amend Section 7, Note 16 of the Zoning Ordinance to require location guidelines for safety and require design criteria for new stealth towers in the Light Industrial and Heavy Industrial District. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Update Regarding Parks and Recreation Projects

Mr. Jackson advised that in April Site Solution was hired for recreation studies on Jacks Place and Glendale Avenue. Derek Williams with Site Solutions was present to present the draft summary of the study. He advised that as Jack's Place would provide a wonderful river access, one of the things that came out of the initial review was the lack of an easement from CSX Railway. Without this easement there would definitely be an issue with safety. After Council discussion, it was the consensus to have a joint meeting with the Recreation Commission and discuss this item as well as other matters.

Mr. Williams reported that the Glendale Avenue is much more favorable. He advised that the proposed site would make a good small park. Councilman Gowen asked if this site could be made a special needs park. Mr. Williams advised that the Glendale Avenue site could be a special needs park. It was the consensus of the City Council to move forward with negotiations with this site and also look for potential properties in the North End.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Submittal of the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget

Mr. Guffey fulfilled the statutory requirements of the Local Government Commission Control Act and presented the 2014-2015 budget to the Mayor and City Council. He advised that a budget meeting is scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

2. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution to Support the Catawba-Wateree River Basin Water Supply Plan
3. Mr. Friday asked the Mayor and City Council to consider the resolution that was included in their packets supporting the Catawba-Wateree River Basin Water Supply Plan. He advised that the City has been an active participant since the beginning. He further advised that this resolution does not bind the City to any particular set of rules. Councilman Gowen had some questions regarding the Catawba-Wateree River Basin. At this time, Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made a motion to approve the resolution to support the Catawba-Wateree River Basin Water Supply Plan. Councilman Hope seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1 with Councilman Gowen opposing.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

1. Closed Session (*pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5)*)

At this time Councilman Gowen made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5). 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)**

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

## **ADJOURN**

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Gowen made the motion to adjourn the May 12, 2014 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.