City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, April 9, 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

Call to Order by Mayor Hough

Mayor Hough called the Mount Holly City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation

Mayor Hough 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 removed *Item #1 Consent Agenda, Approval of Grass Mowing Contract with RDS*, to *Item #3, Old Business*. With no other changes to the agenda, Councilman Toomey made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of a Resolution to Advertise for Outstanding 2011 Property Taxes
2. Approval of Autumn on Main
3. Approval of Wesley Chapel Holiness Church Community Outreach Block Party
4. Approval of the minutes for the March 12, 2012 Council meeting

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation for National Telecommunicators Week
   The Mayor and City Council recognized the City Dispatchers for National Telecommunicators Week.
2. Presentation to Shannon Harris for Achieving her Advanced Level Professional Certificate
   Chief Belk recognized Captain Shannon Harris for achieving her advanced law enforcement certificate.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

Patty Brown
313 Stonewater Bay
Mount Holly, NC 28120

Ms. Brown was present to request that the City Council continue to give attention to concerns of lack of traffic management in the area of the Charter School. She handed out photos of an accident that occurred in the area on Horse Shoe Beach Bend Road. She reported on the amount of time traffic was backed up because of this incident and restated her opinion on the traffic management issues.

Doug Brown
313 Stonewater Bay Road
Mount Holly, NC 28120

Mr. Brown commented on a phrase that was used at the last meeting "not in my back yard" from someone that doesn't live in this county. Mr. Brown further commented on his issues with the Charter School, emphasizing the traffic issues.

Keri Hutton
314 Old Hickory Grove Road
Mount Holly, NC 28120

Ms. Hutton commented that she has mixed feeling regarding the Charter School. She advised that she has children that attend the Charter School but also has concerns regarding the traffic situation in the area. She asked Council to drive by and look for themselves at the concerns.

Elania Frost
404 Mount Holly Road
Mount Holly, NC 28120

Ms. Frost came before Council to comment on the drug problem in Mount Holly. She advised that Meth has been smelled throughout the City and the police seem to do nothing about it. She further commented that she has called the Police Department and cannot get anyone to return her calls.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Preliminary Engineering for the Waste Treatment Plant

   Mr. Friday introduced Dave Parker with HDR Engineering. Mr. Parker provided a proposal for consideration for the preliminary engineering phase of the waste treatment plant expansion. He advised that he came before Council a few years ago when he worked with Carallo Engineering with estimated figures to decommission the waste treatment plant. He explained that at that time Council had not made a final decision regarding the direction to take with waste treatment. Now that Council has decided to expand the waste treatment plant the preliminary engineering will provide firm number regarding the cost. Councilman Toomey asked if the proposed price of $200,000 can be negotiated using the information that was provided in the previous study done a few years ago. Mr. Parker explained that the current proposal will include the nuts and bolts of the project. Council asked Ms. Hagood, the City Engineer if she felt this was a reasonable price to pay for the preliminary study. Ms. Hagood responded that from an information standpoint she feels it is a reasonable price to pay. Mayor Hough explained that Council feels somewhat frustrated that they have chose a direction for waste treatment and the studies that have been done in the past are not very useful. At this time Councilman Gowen made a motion to table this motion until more information can be provided and also for staff to seek additional proposals for the expansion of the waste treatment plant and nutrient removal. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

2. Review of Contract for Purchase of the Massey Building

Mr. Cooke was present to report on the findings of the damage assessment report. He advised that the report show four findings. Buried gas tanks on the property, three small areas of asbestos, roof replacement, and minor deterioration on the outside of the building. It was the consensus of the Council to continue to move forward with the purchase of the building but negotiate the cost of the repairs with the purchase price.

3. Approval of Grass Mowing Contract with RDS
   Mayor Hough advised that this item was taken off the Consent Agenda because Council wanted to take an official vote on this item. Councilman Bishop commented that he does not support this contrat because the cost did not come in below the lowest bid. Councilman Hope made a motion to approve the contract with RDS Landscaping. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. Councilmen Hope and Toomey, Councilwoman Breyare and Mayor Pro Tem Moore voted in favor. Councilmen Bishop and Gowen voted against. (Motion carried 4-2)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Call for a Public Hearing on a Text Amendment for Building Standards
   Councilman Hope made a motion to call for a public hearing on a text amendment for Building Standards. Councilman Gowen seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)
2. Call for a Public Hearing to Close a Portion of East Piedmont Avenue
   Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to call for a public hearing to close a portion of East Piedmont Avenue. Councilman Gowen seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)
3. Consideration and Approval of Business Incentive Grant for Jolie Boutique
   Mr. Beal reported that the Incentive Review Committee reviewed the grant application from Jolie Boutique and is recommending approval in the amount of $4970. Councilman Toomey made the motion to approve the incentive grant to Jolie Boutique in the amount of $4970. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion . All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Moore commented that staff needs to continue to look into the guard rail on Highway 273 and reminded the Council about the dinner to honor former Mayor Ray Broome scheduled for May 14th at 5:30p.m.

Councilwoman Breyare commented that Council needs to seriously look into lighting the Linear Park.

Mr. Jackson reported that Staff recently met with Caromont and they are going to ask for an extension regarding their work schedule that was in the lease agreement. However, they will start making payments to the City in June. Mayor Hough suggested that Caromont meet with the Construction Committee, Mr. Jackson and the City Attorney to review the changes before bringing them to Council.

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Moore made the motion to adjourn the April 9, 2012 Council meeting. Councilman Gowen seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.