

City of Mount Holly
Special Meeting
Tuesday, March 30, 2010
Council Chambers
8:00 a.m.

Call to Order

Mayor Bryan Hough called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. The following were present:

Mayor Bryan Hough	
Mayor Pro-Tem Carolyn Breyare	Jamie Guffey, Co-Interim City Manager
Councilman Jerry Bishop	Danny Jackson, Co-Interim City Manager
Councilman Jim Hope	
Councilman Perry Toomey	
Councilman Bennie Brookshire	
Councilman David Moore	
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	

Invocation

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

Set the Agenda

Mayor Hough reported that there are a couple of additional items that Council needs to discuss first is the Music Fair and second is the Medplex Hearing. Councilman Toomey made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor.

East Gaston Band Booster Music Fair

Mayor Hough reported that it turns out the Music Fair is going to be bigger than first thought. It is going to cost the City approximately \$1300. Council discussed the safety issues as well as the parking issues. After the discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Breyare made a motion to allow the Music Fair to be held downtown and charge the Band Boosters \$1000 for the City services. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare, Councilmen Bishop, Moore and Toomey voted for the motion and Councilmen Brookshire and Hope voted against.

MedPlex

Mayor Hough reported that Noah Huffstatler, an attorney for Gaston Memorial called and has requested the use of the Training Room for the MedPlex hearing scheduled to begin on April 12th. Councilman Moore made a motion to allow the use of the Training Room for the MedPlex Hearing. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor.
(Motion carried)

Closed Session (*pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11 (a)(3 & 6)*)

At this time, Councilman Bishop made a motion to enter into closed session.

Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Councilman Moore made a motion to come out of closed session. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

After returning to open session, Councilman Moore made a motion to appoint Danny Jackson to the City Manager's position effective immediately, contract pending approval at the April meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Toomey asked Mayor Hough to do a press release as soon as possible.

Mayor Pro Tem Breyare reported that several months ago she had complaints from citizens regarding the kudzu. She asked if the City could try to keep the kudzu under control this year. Mr. Jackson reported that the Streets Department is going to be using inmate labor during the summer months; therefore the inmates will be assigned to take care of the kudzu problem.

Councilman Toomey advised that Chief Oplinger made comments in his weekly update regarding staffing issues. Councilman Toomey requested a detailed report from Mr. Oplinger on these issues.

Councilman Moore asked if Council could make a final decision on the netbooks. Council discussed the issue and came to the conclusion that not everybody needs a netbook due to having their own home computer, but it would be more efficient to conduct city business. Therefore, everyone agreed to start using email as a means of communication. Councilman Moore made a motion that the City provide netbooks to those Council members that needed one and a printer as needed. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council members with the exception of Councilman Toomey voted for the motion. Councilman Toomey voted against. (Motion carried)

At this time, there was congratulation around the table to Mr. Jackson on his new position as the City Manager.

Councilman Moore made a motion to adjourn the March 30, 2010 Special Meeting. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.