

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Work Session Meeting
Monday, March 25, 2013
Council Chambers
6:30 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Hough, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The following were present:

Mayor Bryan Hough-absent	Danny Jackson, City Manager
Mayor Pro-Tem David Moore	Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Jerry Bishop	David James, Interim Police Chief
Councilman Jim Hope	Dale Oplinger, Fire Chief
Councilman Perry Toomey	James Friday, Director of Utilities
Councilman J. Jason Gowen	Mike Santmire, Director of Streets and Solid Waste
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare	
Attorney Kemp Michael	Greg Beal, Director of Planning and Development

Invocation

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

Set the Agenda

Mayor Hough advised that the approval of the agreements with Statesville Housing Authority for Holly Hills and Rollins Apartments will be the first item on the agenda and an amendment to Section 3-10 of the Mount Holly Code of Laws as the second item on the agenda. With no additional changes, Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

1. Consideration and Approval of Resolutions to allow Statesville Housing Authority to purchase the contract to take over management of Rollins Apartments and Holly Hills Apartments

Councilman Gowen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hope to approve a Resolution Adopting Assignment, Assumption and Amendment Agreement Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Contract (Resolution #03252013A) All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Gowen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hope to approve a Resolution Adopting Offer to Purchase and Contract Rollins Apartments (Resolution #03252013B) All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Gowen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hope to approve a Resolution Adopting Offer to Purchase and Contract Holly Hills (Resolution #03252013C) All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

2. Consideration and Approval of an Amendment to Section 3-10 of the City of Mount Holly Code of Laws

Ms. Anders, with the City Attorney's Office provided information to the City Council to amend the section of the City Code of Laws that would allow the City to move forward with the plan to remove kudzu on City property. Councilman Toomey made a motion to approve the proposed amendment to Section 3-10 of the Mount Holly Code of Laws. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. Discussion of the 2013-2014 Budget Requests

Mr. Guffey advised that this initial meeting is to seek guidance from the Council regarding the upcoming budget. He advised that staff will submit a balanced budget to the Council at the May meeting and the budget will be on the June agenda for final approval. Mr. Guffey reported that the state projected revenues have not been received. Mr. Guffey reviewed the City's debt and commented that staff is looking at implementing a reconnect fee for irrigation meters. He also commented that in the past Council has talked about charging a sewer expansion fee to help offset the cost of future expansion to the waste treatment plant. There was discussion regarding the Grand Hall rentals and adding an additional fee to rent tables, chairs and the sound system.

Mr. Guffey advised that this is also the time that Council gives staff direction on personnel costs and salary increases. He added that we are in good shape this year regarding our healthcare. There have been below normal claims for the past year therefore an increase in health insurance costs should be minimal if at all. Mr. Guffey commented that the personnel study is complete and will be distributed to the Council after a final management review. He concurred that employees stack up well against other municipalities our size. Council directed staff to work salary increased in to the budget if possible and a final decision can be made regarding the increases at a later date. Councilman Gowen suggested that a change in stride should be made and the City move toward a performance based pay system. Councilwoman Breyare asked that staff provide Council a list of job titles with their current pay.

Mr. Guffey made the Council aware of several bills that are currently in the House and Senate that will eliminate a lot of local government funding. Council agreed that they need to pass a resolution at their next meeting opposing these proposed bills.

4. Closed Session (*pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6)*)

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

Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to return to open session. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

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

5. Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Toomey made the motion to adjourn the March 25, 2013 Council work session meeting. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned.