City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, March 14, 2016
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	Greg Beal, Planning Director
Councilman Jerry Bishop	Ryan Baker, Fire Chief
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare	Ray Clemmer, Assistant Director of Utilities
Councilman Jeff Meadows	Dave Johnson, Utilities Director/City Engineer
Councilman Jim Hope	Don Roper, Chief of Police
Councilman Perry Toomey	Miles Braswell, Director of Streets and Solid Waste
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	

Invocation
Reverend Kendall Cameron, Pastor of the Mount Holly First Baptist Church 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
With no changes to the agenda, Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA
1. Approval of the MOU between the City and the Mount Holly Athletic Association
2. Approval of the 2016-2017 Budget Calendar
3. Approval of the ABC Board Travel Policy
4. Approval of 2016 Audit Contract
5. Approval of the City of Mount Holly 2016 Special Events
6. Approval of a Budget Amendment to transfer funds from the Federal Asset Forfeiture Account to the Police Department Budget to purchase equipment
7. Call for a public hearing to consider rezoning a 20.65-acre tract of land, located at 220 Beatty Drive, Tax Parcel ID # 222059, from Office/Manufacturing Conditional District to B-3 General Business, as submitted by Regional Developers, LLC.
8. Approve the final plat for Dutchman's Ridge, Phase 3
9. Approval of the minutes of the February 8, 2016 Council Meeting
10. Approval of the minutes of the February 22, 2016 Work Session Meeting

Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PRESENTATIONS
1. Performance by the Ida Rankin Elementary School Robotics Teams
   The robotics teams from Ida Rankin Elementary came before Council and preformed their competition routines.

2. Swearing In of Police Officer Travis McManus

Mayor Hough administered the Police Officers Oath of Office to Officer Travis McManus. Officer McManus's dad was present to pin his badge.

3. Presentation from the Gaston County Special Olympics

Ashley Anderson, coordinator of the Gaston County Special Olympics came before the Council for a short presentation promoting their organization. The Gaston County Special Olympics is a nonprofit, volunteer bases organization that is continually seeking fundraising opportunities and new committee members.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing to rezone approximately a .4082-acre tract of land on Rose Street Tax Parcel ID# 224375 from R-12 Single Family to B-2 Neighborhood Business.

Mr. DuPont advised that he received the application to rezone the .4082 acre tract from R-12 Single Family to B-2 Neighborhood Business for the purpose of the property owner to expand his existing business. He further advises that the Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the proposed request. At this Councilwoman Breyare made a motion to enter into the public hearing. Councilman Hope seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor.

With no one else signed up to speak, Councilman Toomey made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor.

Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve the request to rezone approximately a .4082-acre tract of land on Rose Street Tax Parcel ID# 224375 from R-12 Single Family to B-2 Neighborhood Business. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of the Architectural Firm Selection for the North Fire Station and Public Works Facility

Mr. Braswell advised that it was determined that it would be more efficient to combine the North Fire Station and the Public Works Facility projects to allow one architectural firm to provide the design and construction administration services. A Request for Qualification (RFQ) was sent out and three (3) firms responded. The Construction Committee met with the three firms and afterward voted unanimously that Milligan Architects Inc. was the best choice to perform the architectural design and construction administration services for the North Fire Station and the Public Works Facility. Mr. Braswell advised that upon approval the City Attorney will begin contract negotiations with Milligan Architectural Inc. Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to approve Milligan Architects Inc. for the architectural design and construction administration services for the North Fire Station and the Public Works Facility. Councilman Hope seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

2. Consideration for the Application Approval for the SAFER Grant

Chief Baker came before the Council to request permission to apply for the SAFER Grant. He advised that the grant will provide salaries for six firefighters at 100% for two years. This would help with the costs associated with the firefighters that would be hired for the North Fire Station. Councilman Hope made a motion to move forward the application process for the SAFER Grant. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed Session *(pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5 and 6))*

At this time Councilman Toomey made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5 and 6). Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

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

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Toomey made the motion to adjourn the March 14, 2016 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.