



# Town of HOLLY RIDGE

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## HOLLY RIDGE TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Mayor Padgett called the Regular monthly Meeting of the Holly Ridge Town Council to order at 7:00 pm. at the Holly Ridge Town Hall. Council members present were Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards, Councilwoman Dingler, Councilman Hines, and Councilman Wright. Also present were Manager Maiorano, and Front Desk Clerk; Tracy Martin. Councilwoman Stanley was not present.

### Invocation and Pledge

Councilman Hines gave the Invocation and Mayor Padgett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made by **Councilman Hines** and seconded by **Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards** to adopt the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting held on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012; the Closed Session Minutes of January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012; the Continuation of the Special Meeting for Reviewing and Discussing Town Ordinances held on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012; and the Special Meeting held on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012. **All Agreed.**

### Adoption of Agenda

Councilman Wright stated a change was needed on item 10. A, the recommendation needs to read "Action to allow the local churches to use the community building on Christmas Day to provide a meal for the needy and the shut-in residents."

A motion was made by **Councilman Wright** and seconded by **Councilwoman Dingler** to adopt the Agenda as amended. **All Agreed.**

### Persons Wishing to Address the Council

Maxton Sholar was present to address the Council and stated he has a problem because several years ago he bought some property and then started getting harassed by the Town about the property. He said a few weeks ago he left a couple of cars in the parking lot and they set there for

a while and someone complained and in turn he received a letter from the Town. He also said the first complaint he knows came out of the Town Hall and he doesn't think it is fair. Mr. Sholar said he feels like he is being harassed and the cars have been removed from the parking lot. He stated the more you do for Holly Ridge, it seems the more the Town is out to get them. Mr. Sholar stated if someone is mad at him and wants him to move his businesses out of Town, he would be happy to.

Mayor Padgett stated Mr. Sholar is not the only one who received a letter. Councilman Hines suggested the Mayor meeting with Mr. Sholar. Mayor Padgett told Mr. Sholar he would be at his shop on Friday morning.

### **Friends of the Park Report**

Manager Maiorano stated the next event coming up will be the Easter egg hunt and everyone will be meeting to plan this event soon.

### **ONWASA Report**

Councilman Hines gave the following report:

- There have been a lot of problems in Holly Hills and ONWASA is experiencing difficulties and this is causing the boil advisories in that area. Within the next month the lines should be in a lot better shape in that area.
- ONWASA is in the process of looking at how they are doing business.
- There will be another meeting in this area with the Stake Holders.
- The new water tower is in negotiations.

### **Public Hearing**

There were none.

### **Old Business**

#### **Results of the Surplus Vehicles on GovDeals**

Manager Maiorano said we had reserves set on GovDeals. The 2007 Crown Victoria received a bid of \$5100.00 and the reserve was \$7000.00. The 2005 Crown Victoria received a bid of \$4501.00 and the reserve was \$5000.00. Manager Maiorano said we received \$2609.00 for the Chrysler 300, which is more than the reserve that had been set. Manager Maiorano asked the Council if they wanted to accept the two offers on the cars that did not receive bids that met the reserves.

A motion was made by **Councilman Hines** and seconded by **Councilwoman Dingler** to accept the bids on the two Crown Victoria's and the Chrysler 300. **All Agreed.**

Manager Maiorano said he would present this back to the Council if the bids were not accepted.

**Discussion of Installing a Stove and New Refrigerator at the Community Center**

Manager Maiorano said there are two options for the Community Center:

\$1353.00 for option one which includes an additional stove and refrigerator and the electrical hook-up.

\$11,949.99 for Option two include cleaning up the gas stove, adding the hood system, adding an additional refrigerator, and the electrical hook-up.

There was additional discussion about other variations of the options and prices including adding sprinklers at a later time. Councilman Wright asked the Manager to get a price on a hood that can also convert to charcoal. Councilman Hines asked if the big stove that is in the Community Center would be sold as surplus. Councilman Wright stated Councilwoman Stanley wanted to see the stove cleaned up and the Town keep the stove.

A motion was made by *Councilman Wright* and seconded by *Councilwoman Dingler* to table this item until the Town Manager has the figures for the hood. *All Agreed.*

**Call for a Public Hearing on the Town's Revised Code of Ordinances**

Manager Maiorano stated the Council needs to call for a public hearing, but the Inspections Department had asked for an addition to the ordinances concerning site plans and the Town may be able to insert the addition as a standard operating procedure.

Randal stated there was a terrible site plan submitted to the Town last week that didn't have any dimensions included and there was nothing in our ordinances that said site plans have to be readable for the staff. Randal said after doing some research a lot of places have the site plan regulations as a standard operating procedure.

Councilman Hines stated he thought the Town would want to have this included in the ordinances and then it is more enforceable. Randal stated if it is written as a standard operating procedure it could be enforced by not issuing a permit if their plans do not meet the standards. Manager Maiorano stated he agreed after listening again about the site plan regulations needing to be in the Code of Ordinances. Randal said the site plan ordinance is not complete and Manager Maiorano said it will be complete this week and will be sent to the Council.

Councilman Hines asked if the Town could put two yield signs on either side of the Fire Department and regulate it through the ordinance and possibly lower the speed limit on that portion of the street. Councilman Hines said the speed bumps are being removed with the repaving of the street and the yield signs would at least protect the firefighters. Manager Maiorano said this would be a change to the ordinances under traffic control and staff can send these changes to the Council as well.

A motion was made by *Councilman Hines* and seconded by *Councilman Wright* to hold a public hearing on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 for the purpose of discussion and to hear public comments on the Town's revised Code of Ordinances. *All Agreed.*

**Discussion of the Town Park Development Plan**

Manager Maiorano said the staff has gotten in touch with Rick Perry with the County and he suggested a splash pool and that doesn't seem like an option. Manager Maiorano also stated Steve Moler with PARTF was also spoken to and he is willing to come help us with a plan. Manager Maiorano spoke with Councilwoman Dingler and she had a thought of putting together a couple councilmembers and this group would then put together a plan to present to the Council. Manager Maiorano said a survey is being completed with the citizens to see what they want for the park as well and this is required for almost all grants.

A motion was made by *Councilman Wright* and seconded by *Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards* to appoint Councilwoman Dingler and Councilman Hines to a committee to develop a plan for the Municipal Park. *All Agreed.*

**Friends of the Park Review and Discussion**

Manager Maiorano stated this has been on the agenda before and this item is just to make sure the Friends of the Park are moving in the direction the Council wants them to. Councilman Hines said last month the Friends of the Park representatives were not here and he felt they needed to be here to hear the discussion.

Mrs. Helen Harmon was present tonight.

Councilman Wright said one of his issues was during the Talent Show when some members of the Friends of the Park showed total disrespect for the band that was playing. He went on to describe how some of the members were in the aisles talking and laughing the whole time. Mrs. Harmon said she did not recall this happening but she was at the door. Councilman Wright said Mrs. Harmon was not involved in that incident at all. Councilman Wright also said no one from the Friends of the Park ever thanked the band that played.

Manager Maiorano stated he had Diane Purcell come to him following the Talent Show that she wanted to apologize. Manager Maiorano said before Diane came in he had already heard that a member of the Friends of the Park was in the Community Center bad talking the Council. Manager Maiorano said Diane corroborated that story and confirmed that this took place and apologized. Manager Maiorano stated this not the first time he has heard that the Friends of the Park was talking negatively about the Town Council.

Councilman Hines said anytime there are volunteers and politics there are going to be problems and disagreements. Councilman Hines suggested putting a workshop together so that everyone is on a level playing field to hash out the differences.

Mrs. Harmon said she joined the Friends of the Park because she wanted to donate some of her time and thought it would bring some business to her business. She stated she felt the Talent Show was a disaster. Mrs. Harmon said she lives outside of town and she doesn't really feel included.

Mayor Padgett entertained the idea of a Special Meeting to hold a workshop. It was agreed upon by the Council to schedule a workshop between the Town Council and the Friends of the Park to discuss issues.

### **New Business**

#### **Discussion of Community Center for Churches**

Councilman Wright stated there are three churches in Holly Ridge that get together on Christmas Day for the needy and the shut-ins in the area. Councilman Wright said if this dinner could be held in the Community Center more people would come for the meal. Councilman Wright asked

the Council to consider allowing the churches use the Community Center on Christmas Day. Councilman Edwards suggested contacting the other churches in the area to see if they would like to help as well and this will eliminate other churches wanting to use the building for the same reason on a different day.

Councilman Hines asked if this could be a Town sponsored event so that it does not snowball and everyone will want to use the building. Councilman Hines said this may be a way for the churches to be more involved with the Town.

A motion was made by **Councilman Hines** and seconded by **Councilwoman Dingler** to let Councilman Wright coordinate with the Town and local churches something for Christmas Day to be held in the community center. **All Agreed.**

#### **Discussion of Fireworks for this Year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration**

Manager Maiorano said the Town has been using Class A Fireworks and they have contacted us this year stating they wanted to get a confirmation from the Town for this year as well. Manager Maiorano stated it is not budget time yet but the company needs to know so they may order their inventory and make sure they have enough manpower and they want to make sure the town is interested this year and that it will be considered in the upcoming budget.

A motion was made by **Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards** and seconded by **Councilman Wright** that the town has an interest to consider at budget time an amount of \$10,000 for fireworks from Class A Fireworks. **All Agreed.**

**Resolution in Support of Banning Cell Phone Use While Operating Motor Vehicles**

Manager Maiorano stated Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards asked for this Resolution to be drafted and placed on the agenda for consideration.

Manager Maiorano read the Resolution.

A motion was made by **Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards** and seconded by **Councilman Wright** to send this Resolution to Raleigh.

Councilman Hines asked for discussion. He said what bothers him is a lot of wrecks are caused by other things going on in the car like talking to someone in the car and eating. Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards stated cellphone use is extremely popular now and we need to let Raleigh know how the Town feels about the issue.

Voting was as follows: **Councilwoman Dingler- no, Councilman Wright-yes, Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards-yes, and Councilman Hines-no. Mayor Padgett broke the tie with a yes. Motion was carried.**

**Information on the Baseball Field**

Manager Maiorano stated he met with Jackson Landscape recently and they are one of the few companies that can get the correct dirt that is needed. Manager Maiorano said unfortunately the dirt is expensive and will cost \$38,000 for six inches of dirt or lay four inches of dirt on the field for a cost of \$28,000.

Councilman Hines said he knew the cost was going to be high and there is a lot of maintenance required. He went on to say the Town could put a sandy-clay mix and putting anything on the field is needed. Manager Maiorano stated the staff will check with Morton Trucking to find out the cost of a sand mix. Councilman Hines said the Town needs to plow the dirt that is there and add more dirt/sand mix to raise the field. Councilman Hines said the baseball field could be part of the park development plan.

A motion was made by **Councilman Wright** and seconded by **Councilman Hines** to table this item until the Manager can get further prices. **All Agreed.**

**Closed Session**

There were none

**Police Department Comments**

Detective Sergeant Jones stated in December of last year there were around ten break-ins in the area and the Police Department has been able to make an arrest. He also said a road block is coming up in March.

Town Manager Comments

Manager Maiorano said the website is progressing and Heather is working with them trying to get it online. He said road paving in town should be completed this week. Manager Maiorano said new I.D.'s and name tags have been ordered.

Council Concerns

Councilman Hines said one of our area girls was on the show The Voice and recognized Holly Ridge as her hometown. Councilman Hines asked if the Town could prepare a Proclamation to show our support.

Councilman Wright said he is pleased with the paving of the streets and they look very good. He also said the Holly Ridge Housing Authority doesn't have enough board members and they are looking for four volunteers and anyone interested should contact the Town Hall.

Councilwoman Dinger said thank you to everyone in the crowd and thank you to the Town staff and the Police Department. She also told everyone Happy Valentine's day.

Announcements

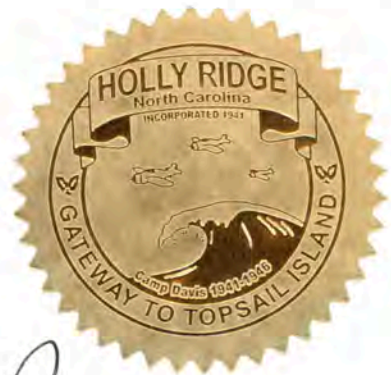
Mayor Padgett gave the following announcements:

- Planning Board Meeting- February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall

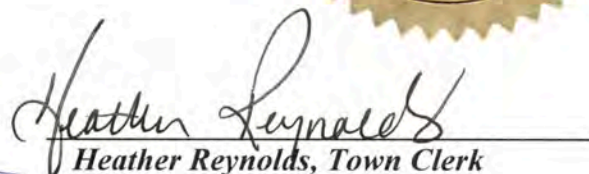
Adjournment

A motion was made by *Councilman Hines* and seconded by *Councilman Wright* to adjourn.  
*All Agreed.*

Attest:



  
Mayor Padgett

  
Heather Reynolds, Town Clerk

*These minutes were recorded by Tracy Martin and prepared by Town Clerk Heather Reynolds*