



Town of HOLLY RIDGE

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**HOLLY RIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
July 10th, 2012
*CONTINUATION OF RECESSED MEETING
HELD ON JULY 16TH, 2012***

Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards called the Regular monthly Meeting of the Holly Ridge Town Council back to order at 3:03 p.m. on Monday, July 16th, 2012 at the Holly Ridge Town Hall. Council members present were Councilman Hines, Councilwoman Stanley, and Councilman Wright. Also present were Manager Maiorano, and Town Clerk, Heather Reynolds. Mayor Padgett and Councilwoman Dingler were unable to attend.

Discussion of Town Attorney with Possible Action

Attorney S. Chuck Kitchen was present to answer questions from the Town Council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards stated he was impressed with Attorney Kitchen's resume and asked the Council if they had any questions for Attorney Kitchen.

Councilwoman Stanley asked Attorney Kitchen if he resides in Raleigh. Attorney Kitchen stated he has a house in Durham and a condo in Swansboro. Councilwoman Stanley asked about charging for travel times to and from the meetings. Attorney Kitchen said he would only charge for the time he is here at the meetings. Councilwoman Stanley asked about the fees for phone calls. Attorney Kitchen stated his office bills phone calls in tenths of an hour which is every six minutes. Councilwoman Stanley stated she was impressed with his resume as well.

Councilwoman Stanley said she wanted clarification about if a situation arose between the town and ONWASA – then Attorney Kitchen would represent ONWASA. Attorney Kitchen said lets not try to have an issue because lawsuits cost a lot of money.

Councilman Hines asked Attorney Kitchen what his hourly rates are. Attorney Kitchen responded he will charge the town \$225.00 per hour which is the same rate as ONWASA.

Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards asked if there is a charge for emails. Attorney Kitchen stated not per se and it depends what it is about. Attorney Kitchen said if it is something that requires a half an hour to respond then there would be a charge. Attorney Kitchen said if there is something the Council wants him to do then the Council would go through the Manager. He said if everyone is giving him direction, then at the end of the year there may be some budget issues. Attorney Kitchen stated he works for the town and everything goes through the Town Manager and he may be able to filter most questions.

Councilwoman Stanley asked if Attorney Kitchen will be able to get back to the Council in a timely matter on issues that are going on. Attorney Kitchen said he isn't sure what is going to need his immediate attention right off but it will be in a timely manner.

Councilman Hines said Attorney Kitchen's background is mainly in the governmental affairs. Attorney Kitchen stated he was a county attorney for 30 years.

Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards asked if Attorney Kitchen has a laptop. Attorney Kitchen responded that he is aware the Council has iPad's and is planning on purchasing one as well.

A motion was made by **Councilwoman Stanley** and seconded by **Councilman Hines** to hire S. Chuck Kitchen as the Town Attorney. **All Agreed.**

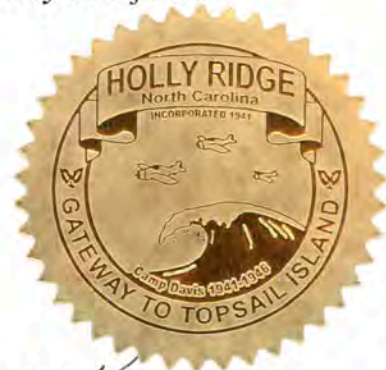
Heather gave the Oath of Office to Attorney Kitchen.

Manager Maiorano asked for clarification on the mileage charge in the contract. Attorney Kitchen stated the only way mileage would be charged would be if there was a hearing in Wilmington and the point of origin would be the Town Hall.


A motion was made by **Councilman Hines** and seconded by **Councilwoman Stanley** to approve and execute the contract with Attorney Kitchen as presented. **All Agreed.**

A motion was made by **Councilman Hines** and seconded by **Councilwoman Stanley** to adjourn at 3:30 p.m. **All Agreed.**

Attest:




Mayor Padgett


Heather Reynolds, Town Clerk

These minutes were recorded and prepared by Town Clerk Heather Reynolds