



Town of HOLLY RIDGE

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HOLLY RIDGE TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING December 11th, 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, Councilman Hines, Councilman Wright, Councilwoman Stanley, and Councilwoman Dingler. Also present were Manager Maiorano; Town Clerk, Heather Reynolds; and Attorney Kitchen.

Invocation and Pledge

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

Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made by **Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards** and seconded by **Councilman Wright** to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 13th, 2012 and the Closed Session held on November 13th, 2012 as presented. **All Agreed.**

Adoption of Agenda

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

Persons Wishing to Address the Council

There were none.

Parks and Recreation Report

Manager Maiorano stated the Christmas Party for the children is coming up on December 15th and it will be held from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. He went on to say every year there are about 200 kids so it will be a busy day with Santa. Manager Maiorano said last week the movie Santa Paws was shown in the Community Center with Santa present and there were about 34 children for that event.

ONWASA Report

Councilman Hines gave the follow report:

- There is no meeting this month.
- Nothing new to report this month.

Public Hearings

Public Hearing on the Request from Charles Riggs on behalf of Kenneth Watkins for the Possible Rezoning of Parcel #'s 734A-14 and 734A-14.1 from Neighborhood Business to R-15 located on Sound Road

A motion was made by **Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards** and seconded by **Councilman Hines** to enter into a Public Hearing. **All Agreed.**

Manager Maiorano stated this rezone has been to the Planning Board and is being passed onto the Council with the Planning Board's approval. He mentioned at the current time this rezone does not fit the Town's Land Use Plan however the Town is currently updating the Land Use Plan and this rezone will fit the new Land Use Plan. Manager Maiorano said the recommendation is to approve the rezoning of both parcels.

A motion was made by **Councilman Wright** and seconded by **Councilwoman Stanley** to return to Regular Session. **All Agreed.**

A motion was made by **Councilman Hines** and seconded by **Councilwoman Stanley** to approve the rezone of parcel numbers 734A-14 and 734A-14.1 from Neighborhood Business to R-15. **All Agreed.**

Public Hearing on the Request from Charles Riggs on behalf of Kenneth Watkins for the Possible Contiguous Annexation of Parcel # 734A-14.1 located on Sound Road

A motion was made by **Councilman Hines** and seconded by **Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards** to enter into a Public Hearing. **All Agreed.**

Manager Maiorano said this is one of the same parcels we just dealt with on the rezone and it is for annexation into the Town and it was approved by the Planning Board. Manager Maiorano asked everyone to look at the Annexation Ordinance under Section 2 and take note that it said the ordinance was effective as of this date but after talking with Attorney Kitchen it would be better to be said it will be effective on and after the preclearance by the Department of Justice.

Attorney Kitchen said the same verbiage needs to be changed under Section 1 as well.

A motion was made by **Councilman Hines** and seconded by **Councilwoman Dingler** to return to Regular Session. **All Agreed.**

A motion was made by **Councilman Wright** and seconded by **Councilwoman Dingler** to approve the annexation of parcel number 734A-14.1 to the town limits of Holly Ridge and adopt the Ordinance as amended. **All Agreed.**

Old Business

Possible Amendment to Chapter 18 Garbage Collection and Recycling

Manager Maiorano said this amendment to the ordinance include the deletion of the drop-off convenience containers and the verbiage to start using the 96 gallon roll-out carts. Manager Maiorano said we are expecting the carts early January. Manager Maiorano wanted to add that the grant for starting the program was approved today and we initially applied for 875 carts at \$10.00 per cart. Manager Maiorano said they approved the amount of \$8750.00 and the Town will receive that reimbursement from the grant.

A motion was made by **Councilman Hines** and seconded by **Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards** to adopt the Ordinance amending Chapter 18 Garbage Collection and Recycling.

Attorney Kitchen said when he made the changes he did not put in an effective date because he wasn't sure when the carts were going to be expected. Manager Maiorano said it should be fairly fluid when the carts arrive. Attorney Kitchen said there will need to be a date on the ordinance. Councilman Hines asked why we don't put the first of February. Councilman Wright asked why

this item couldn't be tabled. Attorney Kitchen said his issue is this amendment says the Town does away with the drop-off center therefore the drop-off center becomes unregulated. Manager Maiorano said we could hold the drop-off center. Councilwoman Dingler suggested February 15th. Attorney Kitchen said we just need a certain date and suggested since there is currently a full board here tonight the Town can pass the ordinance with an effective date of February 1st, and if the date needs to be amended then it can be done at the January meeting.

Councilman Hines added the amendments to Chapter 18 to become effective on February 1st, 2013. All Agreed.

New Business

Possible Adoption of Resolution Adopting Uniform Standards for Claims Against Employees, Officers, and Officials

Manager Maiorano stated this is a uniform policy providing defense for employees, officers, and officials and in speaking to the Attorney this is not something we have had on the book but it is Attorney Kitchen's recommendation to have this adopted. Manager Maiorano said it is very important to make sure the employees and officials are protected both by the full weight of the Attorney and the League when there are any issues.

Attorney Kitchen said the Town's ability to purchase insurance is in the same statute that requires adoption of the Resolution and you want to make sure you have insurance which covers all of the employees and the board.

A motion was made by ***Councilwoman Stanley*** and seconded by ***Councilman Wright*** to pass the Resolution adopting Uniform Standards for Claims against Employees, Officers, and Officials. ***All Agreed.***

Budget Amendment for Employment Security Payment

Manager Maiorano said the Town had a very high bill come in from unemployment and it is a lot higher than it has ever been before. He said the Town budgeted \$7,500 for the year and the bill came in at \$28,348 with a difference of \$20,848. Manager Maiorano said this money is not sitting in the budget. Manager Maiorano stated a budget amendment is needed in the amount of \$20,848 and we have 60 days to pay the bill that received at the end of November.

Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards asked if they offer any type of explanation as to why there is a big jump. Manager Maiorano said no, but there seems to be less of a standing for municipalities

when the hearing is heard and they are leaning towards the employees and there is not always an explanation. Attorney Kitchen said this is a direct reimbursement back to the state and it is a better deal than private businesses because the State actually advances the money instead of the Town paying in the money even if there are not any claims.

A motion was made by *Councilwoman Stanley* and seconded by *Councilman Wright* to authorize a budget amendment of \$20,848 to account 10-399-00-0 and transfer to 10-420-06-0. *All Agreed.*

Discussion of Christmas Bonuses for Employees

Manager Maiorano said each year the board decides if and what the Christmas bonuses will be for the employees. He said his recommendation would be to go with last years' amount of \$150.00 per employee.

Councilwoman Stanley asked if each employee gets this amount or is it based on time here. Manager Maiorano said it is never based on time. Manager Maiorano said there are 20 employees.

A motion was made by *Councilman Hines* and seconded by *Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards* to authorize Christmas bonuses of \$150.00 for each employee. *All Agreed.*

Discussion of Christmas Party for Council and Employees

Manager Maiorano invited the Council to the Community Center on December 21st, 2012 to have some fellowship and drink coffee prior to the Christmas lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Mayor Padgett asked the Board if they would give the authorization to close the Town Hall for two hours that day so all the employees can go at one time. Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards said the public should be notified ahead of time. Councilman Hines said this would be provided the employees come to the lunch correct? Manager Maiorano said correct.

A motion was made by *Councilwoman Dingler* and seconded by *Councilman Wright* to close the Town Hall from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. on December 21st, 2012 for a Christmas Party. *All Agreed.*

Closed Session

None

Police Department Comments

Major Bryant gave the follow report:

- DWI Checkpoint is Thursday night and everyone is welcome to come out and watch.

Major Bryant also introduced Michael Schultz which is the newest officer that is being added to the fleet. Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards asked how many officers there are total. Major Bryant stated there are nine officers including the Chief.

Fire Department Comments

Jason Mullis gave the following report:

- 704 is a great truck that is working great with no issues.
- The Fire Department will be out Thursday night in support of the checkpoint.

Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards said he understands the paid volunteers are allowed to go to the beach for meals as long as they do not cross the bridge and asked Jason if he knew anything about this. Jason said as far as he knew if there are two on duty one stays in Town while one member goes and gets lunch. Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards said he saw two volunteers with the truck at Batson's Restaurant a while back and he was told they could go and eat lunch as long as they do not cross the bridge. Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards said he disagrees with that and wants to be on record when he said the following: the purpose of paying volunteers is to have them in Town or close to Town to be available because minutes save lives. Even if they do not cross the bridge they still have a stoplight and if the event is across Highway 50 then they pass thru another stoplight. I do not agree with having meals at the beach because minutes save lives. I know we don't have a restaurant in Town but they could send someone and he doesn't know if they go for three meals.

Jason said he would mention this to Brandon. Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards said he just wants to be on record as disagreeing with the concept. Councilman Hines said nothing is different than what has been going on and this isn't anything new.

Town Manager Comments

Manager Maiorano wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Council Concerns

Councilman Hines wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards wished everyone the same and thanked Heather for filling in on both jobs and said she is doing an outstanding job on both jobs and just wanted to personally thank her.

Councilwoman Stanley thanked everyone for coming tonight and asked Major Bryant to tell the new officer welcome aboard. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. She also said Heather was doing a good job.

Councilman Wright mentioned the pond issue being resolved and he thinks the Town got the resolution they wanted. He thanked everyone for coming tonight and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and told Heather he appreciated what she was doing and to keep up the good work. Councilman Hines said he was told Hiram was even happy with how the pond turned out.

Councilwoman Dingler wished everyone a merry and safe Christmas and the town employees are doing a great job.

Councilwoman Stanley told the Town Attorney she appreciates what he has done and that he is doing a great job.

Announcements

Mayor Padgett gave the following announcements:

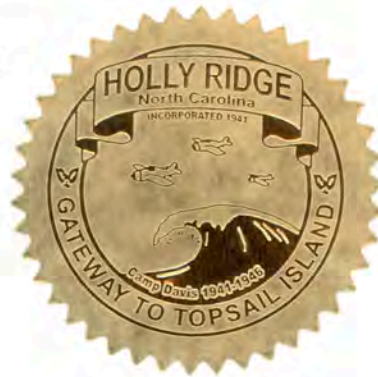
- Children's Christmas Party – Saturday, December 15th, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.
- No Planning Board Meeting

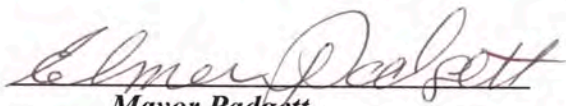
Mayor Padgett said this has been a successful year for Holly Ridge and said everyone has done a good job and has gotten work done that should have been done 50 years ago. He said thank you to everyone and Merry Christmas.

Adjournment

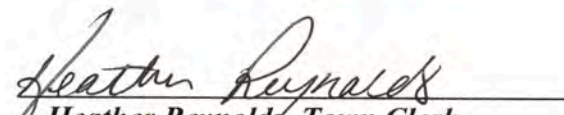
A motion was made by *Councilman Hines* and seconded by *Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards* to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. *All Agreed.*

Attest:





Mayor Padgett



Heather Reynolds, Town Clerk

These minutes were recorded and prepared by Town Clerk Heather Reynolds