



# Town of HOLLY RIDGE

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## HOLLY RIDGE TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013

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 Town Clerk, Heather Reynolds; Tracy Martin, Deputy Town Clerk; 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 *Councilwoman Stanley* to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 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

Heather stated there was nothing to report and the Town does not have any events planned unless the County approaches the Town with an event in the next couple of months.

Councilman Hines stated we do have the football and soccer players on the fields in the park.

**ONWASA Report**

Councilman Hines gave the following report:

- Things are proceeding with the line to Summerhouse and once the line is in then the work will be done to upgrade the plant. Everything with the line is proceeding on schedule.
- Summerhouse completion time frame is still 18 months out.

**Public Hearings**

There were none.

**Old Business**

**Possible Adoption of Ordinance Amending Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances Regarding Protection of Streets**

Councilman Hines asked if the changes would protect the Town from someone damaging the streets. Attorney Kitchen stated this is designed to protect the Town if someone else damages the streets and the only issue is actually catching the person, especially if the damage is not done at a property owner's house.

Councilman Hines asked about a former conversation about bonds. Attorney Kitchen said the problem is the authority to actually acquire the bond because the way the statute reads it does not give towns and cities the authority to do so.

A motion was made by **Councilman Hines** and seconded by **Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards** to adopt the Ordinance Amending Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances as presented. **All Agreed.**

**Fire Department Contract and Ambulance Services**

A motion was made by **Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards** and seconded by **Councilwoman Dingler** to table the Fire Department Contract and Ambulance Services until the next monthly meeting with the hopes the Town Manager will be back. **All Agreed.**

**Discussion of Contract with Turkey Creek Fire Department to Provide Fire Protection Services to 332 lots in Summerhouse**

Attorney Kitchen stated he was asked to draft a contract with Turkey Creek to enable them to provide fire protection services for the area that is beyond the five mile limit for the Holly Ridge Fire Department. He went on to say his understanding is Turkey Creek will service the area for no additional compensation. Attorney Kitchen said he has not been in touch with the Turkey Creek Fire Chief so he would ask the Council to approve the contract with the caveat that any minor changes to the contract can be made to it if Turkey Creek has any objections.



A motion was made by **Councilman Hines** and seconded by **Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards** to adopt the contract with the caveat that if there are any problems with Turkey Creek, the contract can be worked out between the Manager and the Fire Chief. *All Agreed.*

**New Business**

**Adoption of the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program Local Governmental Resolution**

Sergeant Whaley stated this is the second year for the Governor's Highway Safety Grant that the Town applied for last year. He went on to say this is the Resolution for the second year to state the local government has set aside the funds. Sergeant Whaley said the second year funding covers the personnel such as the officer's salary and there is \$1500.00 for in-state traveling. Sergeant Whaley stated this year is a 70/30 split between the Town and the Grant and next year will be a 50/50 split. The Town portion will be \$14,811 this year.

A motion was made by **Councilman Hines** and seconded by **Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards** to adopt the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program Local Governmental Resolution for this year. *All Agreed.*

**Closed Session**

Attorney Kitchen said while there is no Closed Session tonight, he did have something interesting to report to the Town Council.

Attorney Kitchen stated the United States Supreme Court has taken up a case which involves the ability of a Town to say Christian prayers at the beginning of the meetings, and the 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit ruled that you couldn't do that but the Supreme Court has agreed to take the case out of New York. He went on to say the Obama Administration filed a brief in support of the Town and supporting the ability to have Christian Prayers at the meetings. Attorney Kitchen said with the Obama Administration and the Republican Congress supporting this, it will put a good bit of support to change what the law currently is in this area. Attorney Kitchen stated he is optimistic that this time next year the Council will be able to pray any way they would like.

**Police Department Comments**

Sergeant Whaley gave the following report:

- Everything in the department is running smoothly.
- The roadblock will be held at the end of August but the BAT Mobile will not be there.

**Fire Department Comments**

Chris Gandy gave the following report:

- The department is a NC car seat Checking Station now.
- Waiting on the County Commissioners to approve the ambulance contract.

**Town Manager Comments**

Mayor Padgett asked Heather if she had the Town Manager comments.

Heather stated nothing other than everything is running smoothly and everyone is working hard. She also mentioned the Maintenance Department has been working on the multi-purpose field and it is coming along nicely.

**Council Concerns**

Councilman Hines stated he didn't know if anyone had spoken with John but the Manager had called him and he is in a little pain but going to the doctor on Thursday and he sounded good and said he might try to come in on Monday. Councilman Hines said he tried for months for a bank and finally got one that was talking to him and it is his understanding they bought the building here in Town and are waiting on the Regulatory Commission to give all of the Okays. Councilman Hines said it is Coastal Bank and they have a branch in Wilmington. Councilman Hines stated the director he spoke to is very enthusiastic.

Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards said he would like to welcome Susan back on Thursday from medical leave. He also thanked Heather for doing an outstanding job while Susan was gone and thanked Tracy for helping Heather and appreciates the cross-training.

Councilwoman Stanley asked where the Town is on the Liberty Fountain. Heather stated the fountain was put on hold until after the budget, so staff will begin work on putting a committee together and advertising this month. Councilwoman Stanley also asked about the pre-clearance requirements. Attorney Kitchen stated there are no pre-clearance requirements for annexations anymore. She thanked everyone for doing a good job and told Heather she was doing excellent with John and Susan being out at the same time. Councilwoman Stanley also stated Tracy was doing great as well.

Councilman Wright agreed with what Councilwoman Stanley said and stated cross-training is most important.

Councilwoman Dingler thanked all of the employees for doing a great job and thanked Tracy and Heather for wearing more hats.

Mayor Padgett stated a lot of the employee's time is taken up with Council Members and thirty minutes per Council Member unless there is a special project is all the time you need.

Announcements

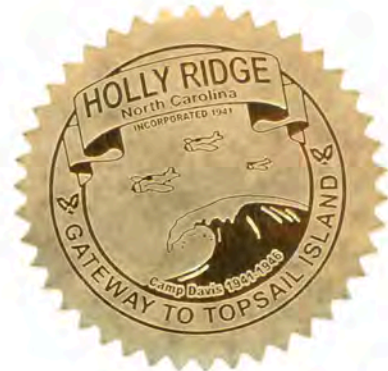
Mayor Padgett gave the following announcement:

- Planning Board Meeting – Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.


Adjournment

A motion was made by *Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards* and seconded by *Councilwoman Stanley* to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. *All Agreed.*

Attest:



  
Mayor Padgett

  
Heather Reynolds, Town Clerk

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