

Town of HOLLY RIDGE

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HOLLY RIDGE TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING January 13th, 2015

Mayor Dingler 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 Hines, Councilman Lang, Councilwoman Bragg, and Councilman Helms. Also present were Town Manager, Joe Pierce; Town Clerk, Heather Reynolds; Deputy Clerk, Tracy Martin; Chief Maiorano and Attorney Chuck Kitchen. Councilwoman Stanley was absent.

Invocation and Pledge

Councilwoman Bragg gave the Invocation and Mayor Dingler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Minutes

Councilman Helms wanted his absence from the December Regular Meeting to be known it was due to his daughter being involved in a motor vehicle accident.

A motion was made by **Councilman Lang** and seconded by **Councilwoman Bragg** to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 9th, 2014. **All Agreed.**

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by **Councilman Helms** and seconded by **Councilman Lang** to adopt the Agenda as presented. **All Agreed.**

Persons Wishing to Address the Council

There were none.

Parks and Recreation Report

Heather stated the last event the Town held was the Children's Christmas Party and it was a success. Heather stated there were 200 children in attendance, and each child was given a present, goody bags, pizza, drinks and a cupcake. Heather also stated there were a total of six bikes that were given away as well as a PlayStation 3. Heather stated the next event will be the children's Easter Egg Hunt which will include the Easter Bunny, raffles and the Easter egg hunt. Heather went on to say this event will be held the Saturday before Easter at 11:00 am and will be located in the park. Heather also stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee are seeking volunteers.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hines stated he would like to thank all of the staff as well as his wife for their help with the Children's Christmas party. Mayor Dinger stated it was one of the biggest turnouts that she has seen and she also said thank you to all that helped with the event.

Liberty Fountain Committee Report

Heather said the Liberty Fountain members met today at 5:00 p.m. The members went onsite where the Liberty Fountain will be. They discussed the removal of certain trees. Dawn Brannan who sits on the committee received a donation of \$60.00. The committee is ready to open a savings account so they can start accepting more donations. The members also discussed selling tickets for a 5-k run in Summerhouse which will possibly be held in September 2015. Councilwoman Bragg suggested to the members to check into broadcasting on Topsail TV. The members are also setting up a meeting with Weston Lyall Engineer to discuss the drawings of the Liberty Fountain, so they can possible determine the cost and the materials needed. Heather stated the next meeting scheduled is for February 10th, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.

ONWASA Report

Mayor Pro-Tem Hines stated the lines have been started on Sound Road. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines stated it should not be to long before the project is completed. He stated there are two different crews working two different areas. Mayor Dinger asked what the estimated time on getting the pipes put in. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines stated he could not remember the date; however he said he thought it was August or it could be before the way they are working.

Report of Released Tax Refunds for October 2014

- A refund for Ashley and William Kundrat in the amount of \$124.60

A motion was made by **Councilman Lang** and seconded by **Councilwoman Bragg** to approve the tax refund as presented. **All Agreed.**

Public Hearings

Closed Session

New Business

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

Lieutenant Whaley stated in September the Resolution was brought before the board and approved by the Town Council. This is the third year and the last year of the grant with a 50-50 split between the Town and the Federal Government. In the second year of the grant, it was found the money was running tight at the end of the year. The GSHB representative recommended adding additional money into the Resolution for this year. Lieutenant Whaley stated this will prevent the money running short at the end of the grant cycle. When the Town submits for reimbursement, if the money is short, the Town would not be reimbursed through the grant. Lieutenant Whaley stated the Resolution for the third year was initially approved with a 5% increase from what the second year was. Just to make sure we did not run into that problem at the end of this year, we went back and changed the Resolution and added more monies and the Town Council must reapprove.

A motion was made by **Councilman Lang** and seconded by **Councilwoman Bragg** to adopt the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program Local Governmental Resolution. **All Agreed.**

Approved Budgeted Purchase of Vehicle for 2014-15 Fiscal Year Price Amendment

Mayor Dingler stated in the budgeting session the Town Council appropriated for a new truck for the maintenance department in the amount of \$16,243.00. Mike McFann the Maintenance Superintendent had some issues and they are outlined in the agenda packet. Mike McFann needs additional funding in the amount of \$1861.00 to fund the truck. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines asked if there was a problem getting a 2014 truck. Manager Pierce stated the ball was dropped by Capital Ford. The Town was waiting on the truck to come in and Mike McFann

discovered the truck had never been ordered. Manager Pierce stated Capital Ford had no more 2014 trucks and that's why the Town needs to purchase a 2015 truck. Councilman Helms stated in exchange for the cost increase the Town is getting a newer model truck.

A motion was made by *Mayor Pro-Tem Hines* and seconded by *Councilman Helms* to approve a transfer in the amount of \$1861.00 from 10-610-33-0 Departmental Supplies to 10-610-74-0 Capital Outlay-Equipment for the purchase of a 2015 F-150 truck from Capital Ford. *All Agreed.*

Police Department Comments

Chief Maiorano asked if there were any questions on the police stats. There were none. Chief Maiorano stated the next DWI roadblock will be held February 27th, 2015. Chief Maiorano recognized two officers for attending the Justice Academy. Chief Maiorano stated Lieutenant Whaley and Sergeant Richards spent over 500 hours attending this academy. Chief Maiorano stated this is a lot of time that they have spent away from their family. The course they attended was Traffic Enforcement Investigation. Core requirements are introduction to traffic crash investigation, at scene traffic crash investigation, drug enforcement patrol officer, radar and standardized field sobriety test. Chief Maiorano called for both officers to come up and be recognized. Both Lieutenant Whaley and Sergeant Richards both received certificates. Chief Maiorano wanted everyone to know most officers would not attend this course because of the time away from their homes and the course is long and it is really hard.

Fire Department Comments

A member of the Holly Ridge Fire Department stated the department has been working on getting a grant for equipment. They are also working on the ISO preparation for inspection and will be assisting the police department with the DWI checkpoint. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines stated time sheets did not include the days the County person worked and asked if he could pass that on to Chief Longo.

Town Manager Comments

Town Manager Pierce stated he really appreciates the opportunity for being here. He thanked J&J Snack Food for the screen donation at the Community Center. The Hazard Mitigation plan has been returned to the County and our email issues have been resolved here in the Town Hall. Glen with Topics Design came to the Town Hall and fixed the issues and they are now hosting all of our email addresses.

Council Concerns

Councilwoman Bragg thanked everyone for coming. She congratulated both officers on their achievements. Councilwoman Bragg thanked the town employees for the work they are doing.

Councilman Lang thanked everyone for coming and he thanked both officers for a job well done. He also thanked everyone who helped out with the Children's Christmas Party. He welcomed Town Manager Joe Pierce. He was glad to see the road work being done at the corner of Hines and Hwy 50 and stated it is a pleasure to serve the community.

Councilman Helms thanked everyone who attended the meeting. He thanked the officers for all that they have done. He welcomed Town Manager, Joe Pierce.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hines stated he would like to see a flag pole and plaque in honor of the military located in front of the flag pole at Town Hall. He stated he did not want to take anything away from the Liberty Fountain but had asked about this a couple of years ago. He would also like for us to look into getting a flag with the Town Seal. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines called for Chief John Maiorano to come forward. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines presented Chief Maiorano with a plaque which included a pair of glasses. Chief Maiorano stated the glasses broke so Town Clerk, Heather Reynolds put a paper clip where the screw went. Chief Maiorano said this was where he could hold notes. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines stated somehow the glasses were put in his box and that's when he decided to make a plaque out of the glasses. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines asked Mayor Dingler to join him up front with another plaque. This plaque was given to Chief Maiorano in appreciation for his dedication and hard work while serving both the Town Manager and the Chief of Police from November 9th, 2010 until January 5th, 2015.

Mayor Dingler thanked Chief Maiorano for all that he has done for the Town and sharing his knowledge. Mayor Dingler also welcomed the new Town Manager, Joe Pierce.

Announcements

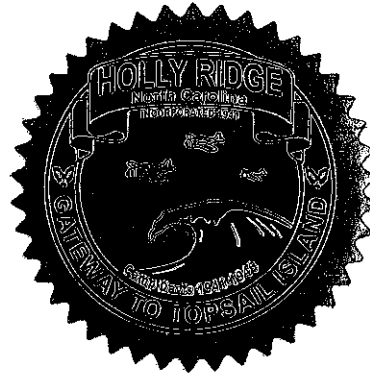
Mayor Dingler gave the following announcements:

- January 15th Four Town Meeting hosted by the Town of Surf City beginning at 6:30 P.M
- Monday January 19th, 2015 the Town Hall will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King
- Tuesday January 27th, 2015 the Planning Board will meet here at the Town Hall at 6:30
- February 10th, 2015 will be the next Liberty Fountain Meeting
- Onwasa meeting Thursday January 15th, 2015 at 6:00 at the Jacksonville City Hall

Adjournment

A motion was made by *Mayor Pro-Tem Hines* and seconded by *Councilman Lang* to adjourn at 7:27 pm. *All Agreed.*

Attest:



Anita Dingler

Anita Dingler, Mayor

Heather Reynolds

Heather Reynolds, Town Clerk

These minutes were recorded and prepared by Deputy Town Clerk, Tracy Martin