

Town of HOLLY RIDGE

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HOLLY RIDGE TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING December 13th, 2011

Mayor Padgett called the Regular monthly Meeting of the Holly Ridge Town Council to order at 7:00 pm. at the Holly Ridge Community Center. Council members present were Mayor Pro-Tem Hines, Councilman Edwards, Councilman Wright, and Councilwoman Stanley. Councilwoman Bragg was a few minutes late. Manager Maiorano; Town Clerk, Heather Reynolds; and Attorney Stroud were also present.

Mayor Padgett asked for a moment of silence.

Pledge

Mayor Padgett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made by **Councilwoman Stanley** and seconded by **Councilman Edwards** to adopt the minutes from the Special Meeting held on November 9th, 2011 for the purpose of holding a workshop to discuss the Town's goals; the Regular Monthly Meeting held on November 15th, 2011; Special Meeting for the purpose of a Closed Session held on November 21st, 2011; and the Closed Session minutes held on November 21st, 2011. **All Agreed.**

Adoption of Agenda

Manager Maiorano said there was an addition to add item 7.C- Appointment of the ONWASA representative.

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

Persons Wishing to Address the Council

There were none.

Presentation of the Proclamation in honor of out-going Town Board Member Rena Bragg

Mayor Padgett read the Proclamation in honor of Councilwoman Bragg.

Organizational Meeting

Mayor Padgett introduced Mrs. Bettie Gurganus, Onslow County Clerk of Court who gave the Oaths of Office to the newly elected councilmembers in this order:

Mayor Elmer Padgett
Councilman Gregory Hines
Councilman Joseph Edwards
Councilwoman Carolyn Stanley
Councilman Jerry Wright
Councilwoman Anita Dingler

Mayor Padgett called for a short recess and asked everyone to stay for the refreshments at 7:16 p.m.

Mayor Padgett called the meeting back to order at 7:44 p.m.

Appointment of the Mayor Pro-Tem

Councilwoman Stanley said she thinks the position of Mayor Pro-Tem should be passed around. She said Councilman Hines has done a great job.

Councilwoman Stanley nominated Councilman Edwards as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Councilman Wright nominated Councilman Hines as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Mayor Padgett asked the Council all in favor of Councilman Edwards. Voting was as follows: Councilwoman Dingler- yes, Councilwoman Stanley- yes, Councilman Edwards- yes.

Mayor Padgett asked the Council all in favor of Councilman Hines. Voting was as follows: Councilman Wright- yes, Councilman Hines- yes.

Mayor Padgett asked the board to approve Councilman Edwards as the Mayor Pro-Tem.

A motion was made by *Councilwoman Stanley* and seconded by *Councilwoman Dingler* to accept the nomination of Councilman Edwards as Mayor Pro-Tem. *Voting was as follows: Councilwoman Dingler-yes, Councilman Wright-no, Councilwoman Stanley-yes, Councilman Edwards-yes, and Councilman Hines-no. Motion Carried.*

Councilman Hines said predominately the highest vote getter is Mayor Pro-Tem unless that person declines it. He said he is disappointed because he knows the people and by going to all the meetings he has met a lot of contacts.

Appointment of the ONWASA Representative

Councilwoman Stanley nominated Councilman Hines as the ONWASA Representative.

Councilman Hines said he will accept it because he has put a lot into it but if someone else would like the position he would be happy to step down.

Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards nominated Mayor Padgett as the ONWASA Representative. Mayor Padgett said if Councilman Hines will accept the position he will not.

A motion was made by *Councilman Wright* and seconded by *Councilwoman Stanley* to appoint Councilman Hines as the ONWASA Representative. *All Agreed.*

Appointment of the Town Attorney- Joe Stroud

A motion was made by *Councilwoman Stanley* and seconded by *Councilman Wright* to appoint Joe Stroud as the Town Attorney. *All Agreed.*

Friends of the Park Report

Manager Maiorano gave the following report:

The friends of the park met on the 10th and the movie and Santa last Saturday had around 100 kids and was a huge success. Manager Maiorano said Heather, Barbara, and Councilwoman Stanley did a great job with that event.

ONWASA Report

Councilman Hines gave the following report:

- ONWASA had a recent acquisition of property and has found the need to change their projects around. This was due to poor management and poor advice. ONWASA had to pay around 7 million dollars for around 200 acres of land they didn't need.
- Mr. Farmer is doing an outstanding job and ONWASA should continue to see improvements.

Public Hearing

There were none.

Old Business

NONE

New Business

Discussion of Surplus Property

Manager Maiorano stated there are five surplus vehicles consisting of two pick-up trucks, the undercover detective car, and two marked police vehicles. Manager Maiorano provided minimum bids for each vehicle and he stated the general statute states the vehicles have to have a 30 day advertisement period and we will accept sealed bids. Manager Maiorano said the used car sale prices have gone up which is interesting.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Hines and seconded by Councilman Wright to approve the sale of the surplus vehicles under sealed bid in accordance with NCGS 160A-266. All Agreed.

Discussion of Christmas Bonuses for the Town Employees

Manager Maiorano stated last year the Council approved up to \$150.00 per employee. He said the recommendation is to approve the same amount of up to \$150.00 for each employee again this year.

A motion was made by **Councilman Wright** and seconded by **Councilwoman Stanley** to approve Christmas bonuses of up to \$150.00 for each employee. **All Agreed.**

Closed Session

Police Department Comments

Major Bryant stated the Police Department should be receiving the new vehicles very soon.

Town Manager Comments

Manager Maiorano stated the Town was approved for the street loans from the LGC and we are just awaiting the letter. He also made mention of a meeting tomorrow with ONWASA concerning land use matter between the municipalities.

Council Concerns

Councilman Hines had no comments.

Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards thanked the board for appointing him as the Mayor Pro-Tem and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilwoman Stanley thanked everyone for coming tonight and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilman Wright thanked everyone for coming and encouraged everyone to continue to come. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Councilman Wright made a suggestion for the staff to start thinking about working on ways to reduce taxes. He also thanked Councilman Hines for the good job on the ball field along with the maintenance guys.

Councilwoman Dingler thanked everyone for coming tonight and encouraged everyone to come. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked everyone for their support.

Mayor Padgett thanked Councilman Hines for being his backup. Mayor Padgett spoke to the audience and said if they see things that need to be brought to the Council's attention, then to please bring the concerns to the meetings. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Announcements

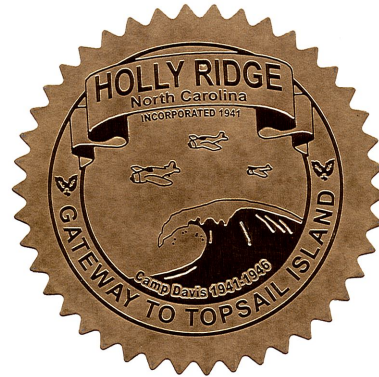
Mayor Padgett gave the following announcements:

- Children's Christmas Party- December 17th, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.
- December 23rd & 26th, 2011- Town Hall Closed
- January 2nd, 2012- Town Hall Closed

Adjournment

A motion was made by *Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards* and seconded by *Councilwoman Stanley* to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. *All Agreed.*

Attest:




Mayor Padgett


Heather Reynolds, Town Clerk

These minutes were recorded and prepared by Town Clerk Heather Reynolds