

Town of HOLLY RIDGE

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**Holly Ridge Town Council
Regular Meeting
January 14, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Dingler called the Regular Meeting of the Holly Ridge Town Council to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall. Council members present were Mayor Pro-Tem Hines, Councilman Helms, Councilwoman Stanley, Councilman Lang, and Councilwoman Bragg. Also present were Town Manager John Maiorano, Attorney Kitchen and Deputy Clerk, Tracy Martin.

Invocation and Pledge

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

Adoption of the Following Minutes

A motion was made by **Councilman Lang** and seconded by **Councilwoman Stanley** to adopt the minutes from the December 10th, 2013 regular monthly meeting. **All Agreed.**

Adoption of the Agenda

Councilman Hines stated that he had one addition and one deletion to the agenda. He stated he would like under New Business to delete item 10-C (adopting resolution refunding taxes under \$100.00) and replace it with the resolution opposing statewide property insurance rate increases.

A motion was made by **Mayor Pro-Tem Hines** and seconded by **Councilwoman Bragg** to adopt the agenda with the changes made. **All Agreed.**

Persons Wishing to Address the Council

Kelly Collins of 437 Belvedere Drive stated her comments have to do with the opposition of the tax rate increase. She would like for the town to add the contact information for the rate bureau so the citizens of the town could add their comments and concerns on the town's website. Councilman Lang asked Kelly if there was a deadline to submit comments and she stated that the deadline is January 31, 2014 for written comments and there would also be a meeting in Raleigh 6 days prior.

Howard Slough went up to speak but Mayor Dinger asked if he would mind if he would hold his comments until the Public Hearing. Mr. Slough agreed.

Parks and Recreation

Town Manger Maiorano stated that there was not a lot going on. The next scheduled event that is coming up is Easter. We will bring this event back up in February or March.

ONWASA Report

Mayor Pro-Tem Hines stated there is nothing new going on. The line to the summerhouse plant is coming along well as well, as other locations in the county. He also stated the Northwest project was ahead of schedule.

Public Hearings

Request from Dorothy Royal of Surf City Guns and Ammo, LLC for the Possible Rezoning of Parcel Number 900-25 located at 109 Cole Street from Light Industrial and R15A to Neighborhood Business

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

Dorothy Royal-103 Atkinson Point Rd Surf City- stated the only reason why she was here tonight was to rezone the property which is two zones. The building itself is light industrial and the parking lot is R15-A. She stated she is only trying to make the property more conforming to the surrounding properties which are neighborhood businesses. She stated she was not asking for any other use and she only wants to conform to the community and for neighborhood business to incorporate both the building and the parking lot.

Chris Rackley- 117 Coral Place Rd- he also owns 134 Green St and his wife owns several businesses in the area. He stated he supports the rezoning and he sees no issues at all and encourages the council to move forward with the rezoning.

Anna Gaskins-231 N Jenkins St-stated that she is on the Planning and zoning Board for the Town of Holly Ridge and Mrs. Royal asked the Planning Board about the rezoning. The board looked into all of the rules and regulations and the board feels like there is no reason not to let her have the property rezoned.

Howard Slough-207 Sound Rd-Church 205 Sound Rd-stated that he heard Dorothy Royal was going to have an indoor gun range with a section for young people and a section for the history of Camp Davis. Mrs. Royal replied that right now she was only going for the rezoning of the property. Mrs. Royal stated that there was nothing as far as what the future use will be, she just wanted to conform the property to one zone because right now the property consists of two zones. Mr. Slough then asked if the property was rezoned, what the owners could be able to do. Mrs. Royal stated at that time that would require a special use permit and that would require another hearing. Councilwoman Stanley stated that they would have to go before the Planning Board and the council before anything could happen. Mr. Slough stated that everyone would just have to wait to see what happens.

A motion was made by **Councilwoman Bragg** and seconded by **Councilman Lang** to return back to regular session. **All Agreed.**

Councilwoman Stanley stated that she thought it would be a good thing to rezone the property because it would be uniform with our future growth plan.

A motion was made by **Councilwoman Stanley** and seconded by **Councilwoman Bragg** to rezone Parcel Number 900-25 located at 109 Cole Street from Light Industrial and R15A to Neighborhood Business for Dorothy Royal of Surf City Guns and Ammo, LLC. Mayor Dinger stated that she would like to add into the motion that it be consistent with the current use plan. **All Agreed.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Hines stated that he would like to commend Mrs. Royal, as much as she has said that she hated this town and she hates the board and she is still willing to put a business in this town. Dorothy Royal stated that she does not hate anybody on the board.

Request from Waylon Buchanan for the Possible Rezoning of Parcel Number 734E-4 located at 101 Lee Street from Split R5A and Neighborhood Business to all Neighborhood Business

A motion was made by **Mayor Pro-Tem Hines** and seconded by **Councilman Helms** to go into a Public Hearing for a request made by Waylon Buchanan for the Possible Rezoning of Parcel Number 734E-4 located at 101 Lee Street from Split R5A and Neighborhood Business to all Neighborhood Business. **All Agreed.**

A motion was made by **Councilman Lang** and seconded by **Councilwoman Stanley** to go back into Regular Session. **All Agreed.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Hines asked for Planning and Zoning Administrator Larry Williford to come up and explain the purpose of the rezone. Larry Williford, planning and zoning administrator stated the property is located on Lee Street and on Hwy 50. The property is odd in shape and part of the property runs back behind a residential section. The property is split zoned neighborhood business and residential. Mr. Buchanan is requesting to use the back part of the parcel for neighborhood business and wants to rezone it back to neighborhood business. The way the property is shaped it cannot be used as residential in R5A district. Larry Williford went on to say there is no access and Mr. Buchanan is wanted to extend his storage room for his business and in return Mr. Buchanan will put up a buffer, trees and fencing to shade it from the neighborhood.

A motion was made by **Mayor Pro-Tem Hines** and seconded by **Councilwoman Stanley** to approve the rezoning that is consistent with the land use plan. **All Agreed.**

New Business

Appointment of Charlotte Tippet to the Liberty Fountain Committee

Appointment of Jacob Miller to the Liberty Fountain Committee.

A motion was made by **Councilwoman Stanley** and seconded by **Councilwoman Bragg** to appoint both Charlotte Tippet and Jacob Miller to the Liberty Fountain Committee. **All Agreed.**

Resolution opposing the Statewide Property Insurance Rate Increase

Mayor Pro-Tem Hines stated that this is something we all need to pay attention to. Our area will be in the 35% increase zone and everyone needs to contact the state or insurance commissioner to let them know how we feel. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines feels that this resolution is much like the ones all of the other surrounding areas will adopt and this will help let the insurance commissioner know where we stand on this issue.

A motion was made by **Mayor Pro-Tem Hines** and seconded by **Councilwoman Bragg** to accept this resolution. **All Agreed.**

Closed Session

Mayor Dingler stated the Closed Session is for the purpose of attorney/client privileges per General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (3).

Attorney Kitchen stated the purpose of the closed session is to discuss the case of The Town of Holly Ridge VS Pearl Valley LLC, Case 13CVS3588.

Mayor Dingler called the meeting back to order at 7:50 p.m.

Police Department Comments

Major Bryant stated the only thing he had to report was the Police Department had new radios installed. The department will start using the new equipment in March. Chief Maiorano stated the equipment went from not being able to hear what the dispatch was saying to crystal clear. This has been a big advancement and a lot safer for the guys. Major also stated the next DWI checkpoint will be on February 28th, 2014.

Fire Department Comments

Chris Gandy stated everything was going good. Mayor Dingler asked how many calls has the Fire Department gone on this month? Chris Gandy stated including today 32. Mayor Pro-Tem asked if these were in the city limits. Chris Gandy stated that there were about 15-16 in the town. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines asked that in the future could the Fire Department differentiate how many calls were in the town limits and out of the town limits.

Town Manager Comments

Town Manager Maiorano stated that he really did not have anything to report. He stated he had been out for 4-6 weeks and the staff did a great job handling things in his absence.

Council Comments

Councilwoman Bragg thanked the citizens for the confidence in her to stand up and be a voice for them. Her first thanks go to GOD because she cannot do anything without him. She thanked the town employees including the police and the fire department for the job that they do.

Councilman Lang wanted to thank Charlotte Tippet and the other new member for volunteering for the Liberty Fountain Committee. He thanked everyone for showing up to the meeting. He also thanked the employees for the work they have been doing.

Councilwoman Stanley asked about the paving in Holly Hills. Manager Maiorano replied that there is a lot of building going on inside the base. They have sent in the contract and it's conformed to our request. Manager Maiorano stated it's just a matter of the right timing and we are under contract at their convenience. He also said they knew to not charge us any difference in the price. Councilwoman Stanley also thanked Charlotte Tippet and Jacob Miller for volunteering for the Liberty Fountain Committee. She stated she wanted to see this committee start soon, and she was looking forward to working on this committee herself and with everyone else. Councilwoman Stanley also thanked Kelly Collins for the information she provided on the increase pertaining to the insurance increase.

Councilman Helms asked if there was any more work to be done to the concrete foundation where the water tower was. Manager Maiorano stated that there is an apron that goes along where the legs were that supported it. Manager Maiorano said there is vault that helps them pump to the main system. We are waiting on ONWASA to get the time or parts to shut the vault down. When we get the jack hammer in here we can do this all at one shot and clean the property off. Manager Maiorano asked Mayor Pro-Tem if he knew when the vault would shut down. Mayor Pro-Tem said that he thought they were going to wait until March when they have their shut down so it would not interfere their operations at the plant in Holly Ridge. Councilman Helms thanked everyone for coming.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hines thanked Deputy Clerk Tracy Martin for all she has done while Heather has been out. He also thanked the Mayor for her first meeting. He stated that both have done an excellent job. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines stated the bank is still coming. They have to work with the regulatory commission about some items. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines stated that he has spoken with Mr. Betts the CEO of the bank, and he has assured us that the bank should be in the town within the next 90 days. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines then stated the wildlife would have a commission meeting on the 30th of January. The wildlife had a couple of questions that needed to be addressed such as what benefits it would be to have the area incorporated in the town. The town responded to all of their concerns. Mayor Pro-Tem also stated there were some concerns about the fence that was put up on their property. Mayor Pro-Tem said all of this has been rectified. Mayor Pro-Tem asked if the town would have to approve the easement that ONWASA wants. Attorney Kitchen replied the easiest thing to do is to do an easement. Then we would have both parties approve the easement and they would only be signing one document. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines stated that the Wildlife did not have an easement on their property so the town just gave them an easement. He also asked if we were going to wait until Heather comes back to do anything with the website. Manager Maiorano stated yes because she is the one who negotiates with the company. Manager Maiorano stated we would update the website with the insurance rate information and any other pertinent information. Mayor

Pro-Tem Hines also stated that goals had been discussed, and he would like the council to review the goals and try and get some of the goals accomplished. He would really like to see

the goals moved to a different time other than when the council retreat is scheduled. Manager Maiorano said at the February meeting we will go ahead and set the March retreat. He stated that we should have some hard figures for the re-evaluation from 2014. Manager Maiorano said we need to be looking at our comprehensive growth plan and tie that in with some table of uses. Attorney Kitchen stated that we need to do the comprehensive plan and then do the Ordinance, because the Ordinance has to follow the comprehensive plan. Manager Maiorano said that we would get the goals out there. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines said he thought it would be a good idea to have a special meeting to give everyone an idea of how to set goals and what they are looking for. Manager Maiorano stated that the council would do a tour of all of the outlining areas and in the town limits. This should give everyone a better understanding of all the projects that are going on and where they are located. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines said that Margaret Richmond was no longer employed with the Police Department, but they have someone that should be in place soon.

He also stated that the Gulf Stream project is still moving forward. He has spoken with Mr. Betts and Mr. Betts assured Mayor Pro-Tem Hines that we should know something within the next couple of months. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines thanked everyone for coming out.

Mayor Dingler thanked everyone for coming out. She also congratulated Heather on her new baby boy. She also thanked Deputy Clerk Tracy Martin and all of the town employees for the work they have done since Manager Maiorano and Heather have been out.

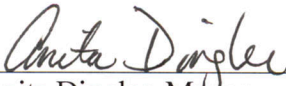
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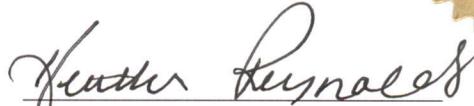
- Four Town meeting on Thursday January 16th, 2014 at 6:30pm. located at the Surf City Welcome Center
- Town Hall will be closed Monday January 20th, 2014 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.
- Planning Board Meeting Tuesday January 28th, 2014 at 6:30 pm.
- ONWASA Board Meeting Thursday January 16th, 2014 at 6:00 pm

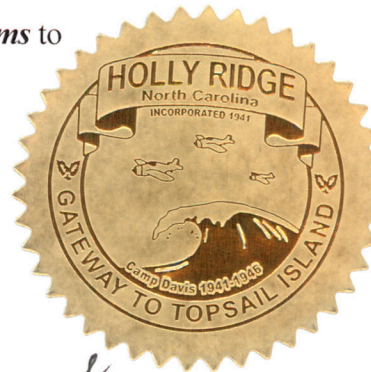
Adjournment

A motion was made by **Mayor Pro-Tem Hines** and seconded by **Councilman Helms** to adjourn at 7:50pm. **All Agreed.**

Attest:


Anita Dingler, Mayor


Heather Reynolds, Town Clerk



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