

# Town of HOLLY RIDGE

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## HOLLY RIDGE TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING May 13, 2014

Mayor Dinger 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 Helms, Councilwoman Stanley, Councilman Lang, and Councilwoman Bragg. Also present were Town Manager Maiorano and Deputy Clerk, Tracy Martin. Attorney Kitchen was unable to attend as well as Town Clerk, Heather Reynolds.

### Invocation and Pledge

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

### Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made by **Councilman Lang** and seconded by **Councilwoman Stanley** to adopt the minutes for the Council Retreat held on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014. *All Agreed.*

A motion was made by **Councilwoman Stanley** and seconded by **Councilman Lang** to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014. *All Agreed.*

### Adoption of Agenda

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

Councilman Helms arrived at 7:05 due to accident on Highway 17.

**Persons Wishing to Address the Council**

***Kelly Collins of 437 Belvedere Drive, Holly Ridge*** gave an update of the program she is coordinating for the summer. This program will provide a meal for any school age child up to age 18 from 11:00-12:30. From 12:30-1:00 anyone over the age of 18 is welcome to receive a meal as well.

Every child will be provided with a back pack with non perishable food items that hopefully will supplement food through the week. This event will be held at the Holly Ridge municipal park every Saturday beginning June 14th, 2014 through August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. Ms. Collins also stated that donations are needed and anyone who wishes to volunteer would be most appreciated. Ms. Collins will be operating as a 501-C 3 under Liberty Baptist Church and donations may be dropped off at the church. Kelly said that by Friday May 16<sup>th</sup>, there will be a face book page available and she will email the link when it is up and running to Town Clerk, Heather Reynolds. There will also be flyers made up and Kelly will also bring those by the Town Hall. As of this point Kelly has secured donations for 50 meals to serve. Depending on participation, donations are needed for foods that will be handed out, such as non perishables and some fruits and vegetables. Every Saturday what food is left over will be donated to Mama J's helping hand in Sneads Ferry or the food pantry located on Hwy 210.

***Renee Rhodes of 7019 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Surf City*** – Gave an update with Coastal Bank and Trust. Coastal Bank opened in 2009 and we just celebrated our 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Coastal Bank offers a full array of services that most big banks carry. We offer checking, savings, commercial lending, mobile banking, bill payment and we are getting to implement express deposit. At this time at the Holly Ridge location, we are a loan production office and Ricky Jackson is here as well Gina DeChico who is a mortgage lender and Brad Bristol who is a SBA lender. We have met with the regulatory commission and we hope to be a full branch within 45 days. We are also putting an ATM on the side on the side of the building instead of out front like it used to be. When we get our ok we will hire a branch manager who can assist with the teller line and all of the duties of the branch manager. We hope to add 1 to 2 full time tellers and if you know anyone, please let us know. The community can reach out to Stephanie Ryals who is with the North Carolina Commission of Banks and her number 919-733-9662 and Renee's number is 910-577-3200.

***Ricky Jackson VP of Coastal Bank*** – Thanked the council for allowing Renee and himself to speak. Mr. Jackson concentrates on commercial lending. Our personnel have been working out of this branch for about 2 weeks. He invited us as well as the community to stop by and meet the staff as they are ready to do business with everyone who walks through the doors. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines stated Mr. Jackson is the Potentate with the Sudan Shriners. This is the highest position you can achieve. The Sudan Shriners is an organization that helps crippled and burned children out from all over in the Shriners burn hospital. Mr. Jackson stated that there were over 5000 Shriners on the East Coast and if we ever needed help with anything in this organization, to please contact him.

**Presentation of Proclamation for Law Enforcement Officers Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day**

Mayor Dingler read the Proclamation Declaring Law Enforcement Officers Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day.

**Parks and Recreation Report**

Manager Maiorano stated that our 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration is still scheduled to take place. Manager Maiorano said that Surf City's fireworks will be on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and the base was going to have their 4<sup>th</sup> of July this year. Last year we had a huge crowd because the base did not have theirs but having said that our park can only hold so many people. It has been announced that LL Cool J will be the headliner at the base this year. The Town of Holly Ridge will have a band this year which is provided by Shawn with our maintenance department at no cost. The band will play from 7-9 PM and from 2-6 PM we will have a DJ. At this time we have about half the vendors we had last year but we are looking for more applications to come in thru the mail.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hines stated that he was glad Surf City has their fireworks on the 3<sup>rd</sup> because it makes a double festival for everyone. We are not competing with anyone therefore everyone in the area has several events they can attend over the course of the holiday. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines thanked Surf City for keeping their fireworks on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July.

**ONWASA Report**

Mayor Pro-Tem Hines stated that there was a meeting a few weeks ago for the public information at the community building about the line that will run down Sound Road to Summerhouse. There were only 3 people that showed up to the public information meeting. The presentation was provided by an engineering group and hopefully by May 2015 the line will be completed and the Summerhouse plant will be online. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines went on to say that what the project will do for Holly Ridge is revert part of the wastewater to that plant which opens up more uses to this plant. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines said as the town grows it will give more treatment capacity for the plant than we have here. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines said the ONWASA budget workshop will be held Thursday night and there are no plans for rate increases. We have reduced the budget by seven million dollars from the year before. ONWASA has a good staff and we don't think there will be an increase for the next couple of years.

**Report of Released Tax Refunds for April 2014**

Manager Maiorano stated the following tax releases for the month of 2014:

- Patricia Hahn Domanique was issued a refund in the amount of \$27.97.
- Gulfstream Steel & Supply was issues a refund in the amount of \$34.57

**Public Hearings**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Discussion of Possible Adoption of the Amendment Contract with Turkey Creek Fire Department to provide fire services to Penny Lane**

Mayor Dingler stated this has previously been on the agenda and voted by the Town Council to proceed with the contract between the Town and Turkey Creek Fire Department. A parcel has been annexed on Penny Lane and that property was covered Turkey Creek Fire Department and the amendment needed to be changed to include that area. Manager Maiorano stated that we have been working with the Attorney on the matter and we specifically wanted to add Penny Lane to make sure we are covered. Manager Maiorano said he does not see many amendments to this contract in the future and hopefully we will not need to revisit this. Manager Maiorano stated Ricky Hardison, Chief of the Turkey Creek Fire Department could not be here tonight. Manager Maiorano sent the contract to Mr. Hardison and advised him that if there were any other type of changes we would hold off until Mr. Hardison could be with us. It states that there are 18 lots that are undeveloped at this time and the fire department has control over the property until the annexation.

A motion was made by **Councilman Lang** and seconded by **Councilman Helms** to approve the amendment to the contract for Fire Services as proposed between the Town of Holly Ridge and the Turkey Creek Fire and Rescue, Inc. regarding fire coverage for the newly annexed portion of Penny Lane. **All Agreed**

**Discussion of Possible Appointment to the Parks and Recreation Committee of the following persons for two year terms**

- Nicole Wolford
- Richard Wolford

Mayor Dingler stated we did have some other people that were agreed upon by the council but we have not heard from any of them. The Town did however have one person, Adam Chu who has been sworn in.

A motion was made by **Councilman Lang** and seconded by **Mayor Pro-Tem Hines** to appoint Nicole Wolford and Richard Wolford to the Parks and Recreation Committee for a term of two years. *All Agreed.*

Mayor Dingler administered the Oaths of Office.

### Closed Session

#### Police Department Comments

Major Bryant stated there would be a DWI checkpoint on June 20<sup>th</sup> and it will start at 11:00 pm. Mayor Dingler stated the police department received new bullet proof vests for their officers.

#### Fire Department Comments

Councilwoman Bragg pointed out that the numbers on the stats did not add up in the columns. Chief Longo said in the first column (APR) the total should be 23 and in the column (in town) the number should be 13. Chief Longo stated the fire department did very well with the ISO rating and all of the documentation was correct. Chief Longo said he took advantage of the inspectors visit and they discussed the re-grading that is coming up. One of the major concerns is the water supply in town. Chief Longo said they can be graded on water supply either on water shuttles where tanker trucks would have to be shuttling water or on fire hydrants.

Chief Longo said that he heard recently the only option in a municipal district is fire hydrants. The fire department has requested from ONWASA information about water main sizes and hydrant locations. Chief Longo stated the goal of the department is to have fire hydrants within 1000 feet of each other. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines stated that he had asked a couple of years ago for the information and he could take the information to ONWASA but he never received the information. Chief Longo stated at that time the department was going to do rural water supply. Chief Longo said that he would like for the fire hydrants to be 500 feet apart but he knew that would not happen. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines stated that ONWASA's standard is 1000 ft. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines said ONWASA is a domestic water supply system so the fire hydrants are a plus and it has to be on an 8 inch main to get hydrants. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines said there were still people in the community that did not have water and our goal is to get domestic water. Councilwoman Stanley asked how many more fire hydrants the town needed. Chief Longo stated that this is some of the information he has requested from

ONWASA as well as the existing fire hydrants we have now just so we can map out the distances. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines stated that there were some of the mains in town that are grandfathered in as 6 inches. Chief Longo stated that ONWASA will accept the 6 inches. Councilman Helms asked who inspected the fire hydrants in town and Chief Longo responded the fire department does a flow testing once a year and maintenance is ONWASA's responsibility. Mayor Dingler wanted to know about areas of concern located in the town. Chief Longo stated that there is a residential section located between Holly Hills and Highway 17 that consisted of five houses on S. Green Street that have two or four inch mains. Manager Maiorano stated there should be a meeting between Tom Rollins of Gulfstream and the Fire Department as well. He said he has offered in the past to put the meeting together but Chief Longo stated he will set the meeting up.

### **Town Manager Comments**

Manager Maiorano wanted to let everyone know that the Town's website is down. The Town has put in our 60 day notice to let our webmaster know we are changing companies. Manager Maiorano also mentioned staff has posted on Facebook that our website is down and it may remain that way unless we can get a resolution. He also stated the projected date of completion for the new website is July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hines stated he had noticed that the current tax collection is 95.75%. Manager Maiorano said the Town received a letter from local government in the past about our past collection and Manager Maiorano stated this was due to Summerhouse. Summerhouse did not pay a large portion of the tax base. Manager Maiorano said it was set at 95% and we still have time to collect more money.

Councilman Helms wanted to know if we heard when the town might inherit the streets in the Neighborhoods of Holly Ridge. Manager Maiorano stated he had not heard anything in a year from that area.

### **Council Concerns**

Councilwoman Stanley thanked everyone for coming and she thinks things are looking better around town. Councilwoman Stanley wanted to know if the Town was going to cut the grass in front of the post office and Manager Maiorano said that we are in negotiation with DOT and we are waiting on the contracts. We are trying to get contracts for the town to handle the Hwy 17, Hwy 50, and Sound Rd corridor. Once we get the contract the town will be taking care of this.

Councilman Helms wanted to know if the new person hired for the maintenance position was in place. Manager Maiorano said he would be in place June 2<sup>nd</sup>. He also thanked Jerry Wright for being here tonight.

Councilwoman Bragg thanked everyone for the jobs they are doing. She also let Kelly Collins know there was another program helping children on Perkins Drive. Councilwoman Bragg stated that between the two programs hopefully no child will be without food.

Councilman Lang thanked Kelly Collins for the program she is starting. He also stated there is an opening for the Housing Authority and if anyone knows of someone to fill this position please share with the town.

### Announcements

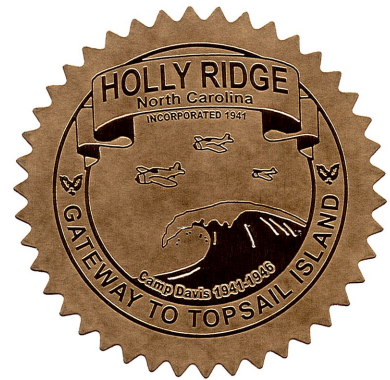
#### **Mayor Dingler gave the following announcements:**

- Volunteer meeting at the Holly Ridge Community Building at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm.
- Wellness Initiative-Thursday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 at the Community Center
- Jacksonville-Onslow Economic Development Annual Meeting-Thursday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 Jacksonville Country Club
- Town Hall Closed Monday May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in observance of Memorial Day
- Planning Board Meeting-Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- Budget Workshop May 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 in the council chambers

### Adjournment

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

*Attest:*



*Anita Dingler*  
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*Anita Dingler, Mayor*

*Heather Reynolds*  
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*Heather Reynolds, Town Clerk*

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