

Town of HOLLY RIDGE

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HOLLY RIDGE TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING July 8th, 2014

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 Helms, Councilwoman Stanley, Councilman Lang, and Councilwoman Bragg. Also present were Town Manager, John Maiorano; Town Clerk, Heather Reynolds; Deputy Clerk, Tracy Martin and Attorney Kitchen.

Invocation and Pledge

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

Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made by **Mayor Pro-Tem Hines** and seconded by **Councilwoman Stanley** to adopt the Corrected Retreat Minutes from March 29th, Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 13th, 2014 and the Minutes of the Closed Session held on June 10th, 2014. **All Agreed.**

Adoption of Agenda

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

Persons Wishing to Address the Council

Kelly Collins of 437 Belvedere Drive gave an update on the program she is coordinating for the summer. Kelly stated that this past Saturday was the 4th week they have been in at the

park and on average they are serving about 35 meals each week and they are handing out about 25 nonperishable bags. The response has been very positive from the community. Mrs. Collins stated August 23rd will be the back to school blowout. They have two barbers and two beauticians that will be donating their time to give the children haircuts before going back to school. Mrs. Collins would like the Town to waive the cost of electricity for two hours on August 23rd to be able to give haircuts to the children. This will be held at the separate pavilion so it will not be interfering with the health department regulations in regards to the food service portion. Mrs. Collins went on to thank the council for the support that they have giving this program and she hopes to continue this next year.

Parks and Recreation Report

Town Manager Maiorano stated it is his understanding that there will be a Liberty Fountain meeting some time the first of August. He also stated that the 4th of July fireworks were great. Manager Maiorano stated that he thought there were about 7500 people that attended the event. There were a couple of issues with the police but all in all everything went well. Mayor Dinger asked if there were any more events planned for the parks and recreation and Manager Maiorano stated not at this time.

ONWASA Report

Mayor Pro-Tem Hines asked Attorney Kitchen if ONWASA need to have a pre-construction conference. Attorney Kitchen replied he was not sure but the contract as far as he knew has been approved at this point. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines stated the Summerhouse project is well under way and the expected completion date is May 2015. Councilman Lang asked if there would be any road closings during this project. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines stated maybe at Morris Landing and only in one lane at the most.

Report of Released Tax Refunds for June 2014

Manager Maiorano stated that there were no tax refunds for this month.

Public Hearings

Old Business

New Business

Call for a Public Hearing on the Proposed Changes to the Zoning Ordinance Concerning Conditional Uses

A motion was made by *Mayor Pro-Tem Hines* and seconded by *Councilman Helms* to call for a public hearing in August. *All Agreed.*

Recommendation from Planning Board to Call for a Public Hearing on the Request from Surf City Guns & Ammo, LLC for Conditional Use for Parcel # 900-25 (This will be a Quasi-Judicial Hearing)

Mayor Dingler asked that Attorney Kitchen explain to everyone what a Quasi-Judicial is before any motion is made. Attorney Kitchen stated that it's very similar to a hearing in court. The person requesting the permit presents the evidence and once this is done then the board will make their determination, if it meets the requirements of the ordinance. If it meets the requirements then the board must issue the permit. The opposition must have standing. They have the right to cross examine any witnesses. Attorney Kitchen explained all of the testimony is given under oath. He also explained that once decided, the board would vote that night to grant the permit and before the next meeting an order has to be drafted and signed by the mayor and filed with the clerk. Attorney Kitchen stated once filed with the clerk, this is when the decision becomes official. Mayor Dingler asked if this would be a public hearing and those that wish to speak must be sworn in. Attorney Kitchen replied yes and he further explained council members cannot discuss the matter in advance. Attorney Kitchen stated if discussion happens you must disclose it at the Quasi-Judicial hearing. Attorney Kitchen stated that he will be in a trial for 4-6 weeks in August with a federal case. Attorney Kitchen recommended holding the hearing until September.

A motion was made by *Councilwoman Stanley* and seconded by *Councilman Lang* that we call for a public hearing for Surf City Guns and Ammo, LLC for a conditional use permit at our September 9th, 2014 Regular Town Council Meeting. *All Agreed.*

Closed Session

Police Department Comments

Detective Gibbs stated that at our July 4th Liberty Festival they had a cell phone, wallet and a three year old child turn up missing. Detective Gibbs stated all of the above mentioned were returned to their rightful owners.

Fire Department Comments

Chris Gandy thanked everyone for inviting the fire department to the 4th of July Liberty Festival. He stated the fireworks were awesome. Mr. Gandy stated there was a house fire on Stump Sound Church Rd. Mr. Gandy stated the fire was due to a lightning strike and the house had time to burn before anyone was notified. Mr. Gandy stated no one was hurt in the fire; however a cat and dog did not survive. Mr. Gandy stated that multiple fire departments were called to help with the fire. Mr. Gandy stated that the fire department was getting ready for the ISO's and cleaning the hydrants. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines asked what the in town structure fire was and Chris Gandy replied he believed it was an oven fire. Mr. Gandy stated that the call came across as a structure fire and the fire department had to count it as such so they could get full credit. Mayor Dingler thanked the fire department for bringing the fire truck and flag to the festival.

Town Manager Comments

Town Manager Maiorano touched on Hurricane Arthur which came through last week. Town Manager cautioned everyone to be careful and prepared before the storms come. Manager Maiorano stated that if anyone had any information the town could put out, please let us know and we would be glad to post on our website and our face book page. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines asked how the website was coming along. Town Clerk Heather Reynolds stated she has spoken with them today and the website should be done by the end of this week. Mayor Dingler asked if there would be a bar at the bottom of the page like the ones you see on TV that notifies you of certain emergencies. Town Clerk Heather Reynolds stated yes there would be a bar like the ones on TV.

Council Concerns

Mayor Pro-Tem Hines stated the ONWASA meeting for July has been cancelled. He thanked Kelly Collins for the work she is doing in regards to the food program. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines stated that the Town of Holly Ridge's fireworks were the best around. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines thanked the volunteer staff for the hard work they did on the 4th of July. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines stated that last week the police department and the Town of Holly Ridge lost a valuable employee, Lt. Deron T. Jones. He thinks that the Town needs to place a plaque at the police department and a sign at the firing range in Lt. Deron Jones honor. He would like for the town to purchase both the plaque and the sign. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines stated as far as he knew this was the first employee in Town that passed away while they were still working here. Mayor Pro-Tem Hines asked if anyone did not have any objections, then he would like to direct the police chief to proceed with the ordering of the signs. There were no objections.

Councilwoman Bragg thanked everyone for doing a great job for the town.

Councilman Lang thanked Kelly Collins for the wonderful work she is doing. Councilman Lang thanked everyone for the job they did at the 4th of July. He went on to thank Pam Hall from the City Café for putting up a bulletin board inside of her business which lets the public know such things as when the town meetings are held etc. Councilman Lang also thanked everyone for coming out.

Councilwoman Stanley thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting tonight. Councilwoman Stanley asked Town Manager Maiorano if he had heard anything from the State about the grass located at the post office. Manager Maiorano stated there has been an email sent to the engineer but we have not heard anything yet. Manager Maiorano stated that staff would follow up with them. Councilwoman Stanley thanked Kelly Collins for taking her own time to do what she is doing in regards to the summer food program. Councilwoman Stanley also thanked all of the employees, police department, fire department and maintenance for the work they are doing.

Councilman Helms thanked everyone for the turn out tonight. He also thanked everyone involved with the 4th of July. Councilman Helms agreed with Mayor Pro-Tem Hines about Lt. Jones and his sudden passing. Councilman Helms was able to attend the visitation for Lt. Jones and he was overwhelmed with the showing of all of the law enforcement that came out. He was glad to see the community come together at a time like this. Councilman Helms stated that he noticed the Smokehouse restaurant went up for auction and hopefully there will be some interest in this project.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hines asked the Town Manager to elaborate about the construction of the building behind the Town Hall. Manager Maiorano stated the old vault that used to be under the water tower is a big hollow 15x15x10 foot building. Manager Maiorano stated that the

Town would have a door cut into it and the Town could utilize the space for record keeping and storage.

Mayor Dingler thanked the employees and also Nicole and Richard Wolford, who are part of the Town's Parks and Recreation Committee. Mayor Dingler stated Nicole and Richard put a lot of effort and time into helping with the activities for the 4th of July Liberty Festival. Mayor Dingler also thanked the fireworks company for a job well done.

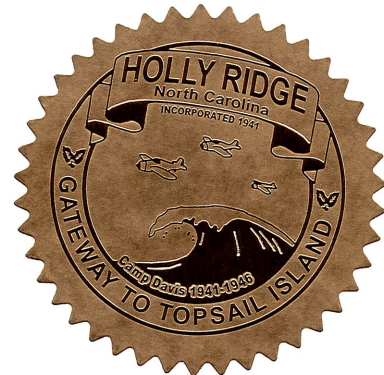
Announcements

- Planning board meeting Tuesday July 22, 2014 at the Town 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