

Town of HOLLY RIDGE

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HOLLY RIDGE TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING October 14th, 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, Councilwoman Stanley, Councilman Lang, and Councilwoman Bragg. Also present were Town Manager Maiorano; Heather Reynolds, Town Clerk; Finance Officer, Susan Prather and Tracy Martin, Deputy Town Clerk. Councilman Helms was unable to attend.

Invocation and Pledge

Councilman Hines gave the invocation and Mayor Dingler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence for Sergeant Strong

Mayor Dingler stated before the meeting gets started she wanted a moment of silence for a Marine in our community Sergeant Strong who passed away last month. Mayor Dingler asked for the moment of silence for Sergeant Strong and his family.

Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made by **Councilman Lang** and seconded by **Councilwoman Bragg** to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 9th, 2014 and Closed Session held on September 9th, 2014 as presented. **All Agreed.**

Adoption of Agenda

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

Persons Wishing to Address the Council

There were none.

Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Dingler read the Proclamation Declaring October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring Fire Prevention Week

Chief Longo read the Proclamation declaring the week of October 5th – 11th as Fire Prevention Week.

Parks and Recreation Report

Manager Maiorano stated the Children's Christmas Party is set for a tentative date of December 20th and they are working on donations for that now. He also mentioned the Beauty Pageant with Dawn Calin to be held on November 8th. Manager Maiorano stated the pageant was held last year and it went well.

Liberty Fountain Committee Report

Joshua Ploscik stated the committee plans to hold a meeting on Thursday, October 23rd at 6:00 p.m. and the purpose is to solidify responsibilities for each committee member such as Chair, Vice Chair and so on. Other items discussed were to solidify the design of the fountain, thus giving us a more accurate assessment of the cost and giving the committee a plan. Once this is decided the committee will be able to start talking with businesses for donations. Joshua stated the committee's ID badges will be here tomorrow.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hines asked where they plan to locate the fountain. Joshua stated behind the Community Center.

ONWASA Report

Mayor Pro-Tem Hines stated he had nothing to report.

Report of Released Tax Refunds for September 2014

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

- Ashley Marie Wingate was issued a refund in the amount of \$24.38.

Public Hearings

Old Business

New Business

Discussion of Rescheduling the November 2014 Regular Monthly Meeting

Mayor Dingler stated the November meeting falls on Veteran's day which is a holiday and needs to be rescheduled. She went on to say staff recommends rescheduling the meeting for Wednesday, November 12th, 2014. Once the rescheduled date is announced in an open meeting, there is no need to advertise. The change of the meeting will be posted to Facebook, the Town's website, Town Hall's bulletin boards, and sent to the sunshine list.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hines stated the Council could hold the meeting but he would not be here. Councilwoman Stanley stated the Liberty Fountain would need to know the Town Hall will be closed and they would not be able to come to that meeting.

A motion was made by **Councilman Lang** and seconded by **Councilwoman Stanley** to reschedule the November 11th, 2014 Regular Monthly Meeting to Wednesday, November 12th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. **All Agreed.**

Possible Appointment of Darlene Ellis to the Liberty Fountain Committee

Mayor Dingler stated Mrs. Ellis has completed the application for appointment and a background check has been completed on the application and indicated no issues.

A motion was made by **Councilwoman Bragg** and seconded by **Councilwoman Stanley** to appoint Darlene Ellis to the Liberty Fountain Committee. **All Agreed.**

Mayor Dingler thanked Mrs. Ellis for volunteering her time.

Possible Appointment of Lance Sustaita to the Holly Ridge Housing Authority to Fill an Unexpired Term of 9/16/2013 – 9/16/2018

Mayor Dingler stated Lance Sustaita would like to join the Holly Ridge Housing Authority and this request requires an appointment by the Mayor as well as an Oath of Office.

A motion was made by *Councilman Lang* and seconded by *Councilwoman Stanley* to appoint Lance Sustaita's application for appointment to the Holly Ridge Housing Authority to fill an unexpired term of 9/16/2013 to 9/16/2018. *All Agreed.*

Mayor Dingler administered the Oath of Office

Discussion and Possible Approval of a Donation Agreement between the Town of Holly Ridge and Wells Fargo for property Located at 511 Moss Lake Lane, Holly Ridge

Mayor Dingler stated Wells Fargo Premiere Asset Services contacted the Town on September 2nd about donating 511 Moss Lake Lane to the Town. The property is located in the Summerhouse development. She went on to say Wells Fargo's REO Donation program is designed to facilitate the transfer of Wells Fargo owned or serviced REO properties to cities and public nonprofits that provide sustainable homeownership or rental opportunities to low-to moderate-income (LMI) families. Mayor Dingler said in an effort to stabilize neighborhoods and prevent blight, Wells Fargo expects all donated properties to be secured and maintained until they can be rehabilitated and occupied.

Mayor Dingler also mentioned Wells Fargo provides marketable title on donation properties & will pay all closing costs including title insurance policy, taxes through the day of closing, & past due utilities.

Manager Maiorano stated he will make the assumption Wells Fargo has more invested in this and they will take a loss and just turn the property over. He went on to say they most likely hope the Town will sell it to someone who will utilize the land and it could clearly be a tax issue for them.

Manager Maiorano stated the Town's interest in the property would be to turn it and sell the property. He also said it is not something the Town would locate a public building on. Councilman Lang asked about the homeowner's fees. Manager Maiorano stated staff is looking into that because the fees are about \$440.00 per quarter and the Town does not want to pay that any longer than we need to so the Town would need to sell the property as soon as possible. Manager Maiorano stated staff is working to determine if the Town will need to pay those fees.

Manager Maiorano stated a title search on this property is needed and this item would be brought back to the Town Council next month and executing the agreement would be contingent on the results of the title search.

Attorney Kitchen stated in order for the Town Council to sell the property, the property would need to be declared surplus and go through the bid process such as upset or sealed bids. Councilwoman Stanley asked if the Town would need to have a realtor to sell the property. Attorney Kitchen stated the Town would not need a realtor.

A motion was made by **Councilman Lang** and seconded by **Councilwoman Stanley** to authorize the Town Manager to execute the donation agreement for property located at 511 Moss Lake Lane contingent on a clear title. **All Agreed.**

Discussion of Possibly Moving a CD in the Amount of \$41,120.04 from FINISTAR to Coastal Bank & Trust

Manager Maiorano stated himself and Susan went to Coastal Bank and they feel Coastal Bank has better rates.

A motion was made by **Councilman Lang** and seconded by **Councilwoman Bragg** to approve the transfer of a CD in the amount of \$41,120.04 from FINISTAR to Coastal Bank & Trust. **All Agreed.**

Discussion of Possibly Closing the Town Hall for Two Hours for Thanksgiving Lunch on Friday, November 21st, 2014 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. and for Two Hours for Christmas Lunch on Friday, December 19th, 2014 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Mayor Dingler stated this request is to close the Town Hall for 2 hours on Friday, November 21st, 2014 for the Annual Thanksgiving Lunch to be held at the Community Center and also to close the Town Hall for 2 hours on Friday, December 19th, 2014 for the Annual Christmas Lunch to also be held at the Community Center. Both luncheons will be held from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Mayor Dingler mentioned this is for the employees to take time and have a gathering.

A motion was made by **Councilwoman Stanley** and seconded by **Councilwoman Bragg** to approve closing the Town for 2 hours on Friday, November 21st, 2014 for the Annual Thanksgiving Lunch and also to close the Town Hall for 2 hours on Friday, December 19th, 2014 for the Annual Christmas Lunch. **All Agreed.**

Closed Session

Police Department Comments

Major Bryant gave the following report:

- DWI Checkpoint will be held on Friday the 17th beginning at 10:00 p.m.
- There was a great turnout for the Medicine Drop collecting 11,862 doses.

Fire Department Comments

Chief Longo gave the following report:

- Thanked the Town for preparing the Proclamation.
- Fire Prevention Week went well and a lot of information was passed to the Community.
- The Fire Department was involved with the education program at Dixon this year.

Town Manager Comments

Manager Maiorano stated the front porch on the Community Center is now complete and staff is determining now about additional lighting. Manager Maiorano stated there was a problem of a vehicle hitting the porch and it had to be replaced but was paid for by their insurance company. Manager Maiorano said staff is looking to block it off so no vehicles can get in the front. Manager Maiorano stated there is a Department of Transportation meeting on Thursday and Heather and Susan will be attending to discuss debris pick-up for storms. Manager Maiorano mentioned an EOC meeting for Friday to discuss Ebola awareness and he will be attending to see if there is any information to be passed to the community. Manager Maiorano wanted to make everyone aware of a blood drive at Dixon High School on November 6th. He stated he will be on vacation the week of October 20th – 24th but would be available by phone for emergencies.

Council Concerns

Councilwoman Stanley thanked Lance and Darlene for joining the committees. She stated she is proud of the committee and felt it was coming along well. She also thanked everyone for coming and thanked the various departments. Councilwoman Stanley asked if the new porch at the Community Center is going to be painted blue. Manager Maiorano stated staff has the paint and it will be blue. Manager Maiorano stated Mayor Pro-Tem Hines and the Maintenance Department had a big job when working on the concrete work at the Community Center.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hines stated he had no comments or concerns.

Councilwoman Bragg thanked everyone in the departments for their hard work and remaining professional.

Councilman Lang asked how the porch at the Community Center would be protected. Manager Maiorano stated staff is going to put some four by fours in with rope and make sure no vehicles can get into the front of the building.

Announcements

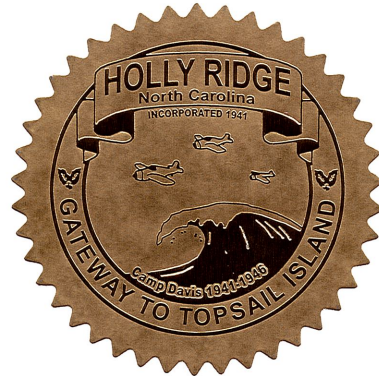
Mayor Dingler gave the following announcements:

- Planning Board Meeting Tuesday, October 28th, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
- Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting – Wednesday, November 5th, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.
- Town Hall Closed – Tuesday, November 11th, 2014 in Observance of Veteran’s Day 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by *Councilwoman Stanley* and seconded by *Councilman Lang* to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. *All Agreed.*

Attest:



Anita Dingler

Anita Dingler, Mayor

Heather Reynolds

Heather Reynolds, Town Clerk

These minutes were recorded and prepared by Town Clerk, Heather Reynolds