



## Town of HOLLY RIDGE

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### HOLLY RIDGE TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

March 8th, 2016

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

#### Invocation and Pledge

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

#### Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made by **Mayor Pro-Tem Bragg** and seconded by **Councilman Lang** to adopt the February 9th, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes. **All Agreed.**

#### Adoption of Agenda

Mayor Dingler stated there is one addition to the Agenda and it will be section 10-C Discussion and Possible Action of Payment of Workers Compensation Deductible.

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

#### Persons Wishing to Address the Council

**Onslow County Comprehensive Transportation Plan Presentation by Peggy Holland,  
Senior Transportation Planner – Jacksonville MPO**

Ms. Peggy Holland the Senior Transportation Planner with the Jacksonville, MPO and she presented the Onslow County Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Ms. Holland highlighted the following points throughout her presentation:

- The Jacksonville MPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan was completed in April 2015 and identifies multimodal projects and programs that can be reasonable implemented by 2040 and is a financially constrained plan.
- The Comprehensive Transportation Plan is different by assisting local governments in making transportation decisions, addresses local needs, deficiencies and improvements.
- The Comprehensive Transportation Plan is not fiscally constrained and the recommendations are concepts.
- The steps to create the CTP include the following; develop a CTP vision, conduct a needs assessment, determine deficiencies, analyze alternatives, develop a final plan, and adopt the final plan.
- A lot of involvement is included in the process. The most important input is from the citizens.
- Factors to be studied include safety, connectivity, mobility, traffic, North Carolina Strategic Transportation Corridor Facilities, and Federally Functionally Classified Roads.
- The State of North Carolina as a whole is growing at 0.9% annually.
- According to the Office of State Budget and Management, Onslow County is growing at 1.4% annually.
- There will be more information passed along to the municipalities in the coming months.

Mr. Vern Jones asked if this plan is different from what the engineers with Department of Transportation work on? Ms. Holland stated this is the planning phase and before the work of the engineers.

**Parks and Recreation Report**

There was not a Meeting for the Month of March 2016.

**Liberty Fountain Committee Report**

Councilwoman Stanley apologized to the Town for not having their last month's minutes ready for this meeting. She stated some of the Committee Members will be at the Women's Expo on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to promote the Liberty Fountain Park. She said they submitted their brick order on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 and they have until March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to accept brick orders. Councilwoman Stanley stated they have all of their flag poles sponsored. She said there will be a play on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm. and a matinee on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>,

2016 at 3:00 pm. The cost of the play is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. She stated the Poker Run will be April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016. She said there will be drawing for the 270 rifle and a woman stunt driver will also be present. Councilwoman Stanley also stated the Committee will be having a clean-up day on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 beginning at 9:00 a.m. located in the Town Park. She said Dawn Brannan, Treasurer for the Committee is working on a grant for the Committee and the deadline to submit is March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

### **ONWASA Report**

Councilman Hines said they are getting ready to start their budget process. He said they do not anticipate an increase and it has been a good year for ONWASA. He said there are a couple of projects coming up for next year. Mayor Dingler asked about Summerhouse and Councilman Hines stated it was coming along. He said it has been a drawn out process but there is something coming up about some engineering work sometime this month. He said it should be online the last of May.

### **Report of Released Tax Refunds for March 2016**

A motion was made by **Councilman Lang** and seconded by **Councilwoman Stanley** to approve a refund to Kevin Foster in the amount of \$108.61. **All Agreed.**

### **Public Hearing**

### **Old Business**

There were none.

### **New Business**

### **Possible Acceptance of Bid for Online Auction to Real Property at 511 Moss Lake Lane Summerhouse**

Manager Pierce stated on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. the auction ended. The bid started out at \$3500.00 and ended at \$12,300.00. Dr. of Juniper Alaska bought the property and the Town received a certified check in the amount of \$13,222.50. This is the high bid amount plus the \$922.50 GovDeal fee. He said after the Town's fee of our portion which is \$922.50 the revenue gains for the Town will be \$11,377.50. He said this needs to be submitted to line item 10-358-00. Manager Pierce asked the Council for acceptance of the bid of the sale price of \$12,300.00.

A motion was made by **Councilman Hines** and seconded by **Councilwoman Stanley** to accept the bid in the amount of \$12,300.00. **All Agreed.**

### **Possible Declaration of Surplus Property located at 325 Sound Road**

Manager Pierce stated the previous owner was scheduled to remove all of their property by February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 but there was a mix up. He said the previous owner could not come and pick up the property so he decided to donate all of it to the Town. Manager Pierce stated there is no value to the contents from a local government standpoint. Manager Pierce said the property could serve another purpose if we were to donate it to the Salvation Army for the purpose of government subsidizing housing and families in need. Manager Pierce spoke with the gentleman who is with the Salvation Army and he is also the Mayor of Maysville. Manager Pierce said the gentleman wants the property. Manager Pierce said he thought it would be a good move for the Town to serve the Community at large that way, as oppose to try to hold on to it and obtain minimum dollars we could receive.

A motion was made by **Councilman Hines** and seconded by **Councilman Lang** to declare the property located within the building and on the curtilage of 325 Sound Road as surplus property for disposal by donation. *All Agreed.*

#### **Possible Action Payment of Workers Compensation Deductible**

Manager Pierce said on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 a worker compensation claim was filed on one of our employees. He said the deductible amount is \$2500.00. He said the amount to be paid is \$2302.70 on this claim. He said the Town's deductible is not quite met and the Town is responsible for that payment. He said we need Councils approval to take \$2302.70 from line item 10-660-77-0 for the Workers Compensation Deductible.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bragg asked if the Town was not aware of the claim before it materialized. Manager Pierce stated we knew the night the injury occurred but we did not have an invoice until recently. He said this is why this item was an add on because we just received the invoice.

A motion was made by **Councilman Lang** and seconded by **Mayor Pro-Tem Bragg** to authorize the payment of \$2302.70 from line item 10-660-77-0 for the Workers Compensation Claim Deductible. *All Agreed.*

#### **Town Manager Comments**

Manager Pierce said he received an email from Cape Fear Council of Government who is sponsoring an Ethics Class. He said the class will be held on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 pm. There is a limit of seating to 25 people and the cost is \$25.00 per person which the Town will cover. He said the other option would be to have the training here at Town Hall. He said it is up to the Council to decide. Manager Pierce announced the Park restrooms are fixed due to a drainage issue. He said we have sent out a mass email to potential July 4<sup>th</sup> vendors and hopefully we will have a great turnout. He said the Marine Raiders will be conducting a very long march in remembrance of the seven marines that died in a helicopter crash in Florida. They will begin their march on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Sloop Point Fire Department and will be coming through Holly Ridge during the early morning hours. He said our Police Department will be assisting the marchers and if anyone was up that

time of the night, they could show their support by being curbside on Highway 17 when they come through.

Councilman Hines asked Manager Pierce to give everyone an update on the Ad Valorem/Sales & Use. Manager Pierce stated it is currently \$377,352.00. He said if this changes this is what it could look like for Holly Ridge.

- Lose \$60,000.00 60/40
- Lose \$75,000.00 50/50
- Lose \$90,000.00 40/60 pc
- Lose \$50,000.00 100 pc

Manager Pierce said Jacksonville would benefit significantly and the County would lose tremendously.

### *Council Concerns*

Councilman Hines said several people have approached him in regards to wanting to have chickens in their yards. He would like to add this as an item on next month's agenda. He said people want to be self-sufficient and have their own chickens. He also said he would like to discuss at next month's meeting changing the meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. He said as it is right now, it keeps the staff here longer waiting on the meeting. Councilman Hines also stated now that we are on four year terms and on a split system, he would like to discuss consecutive term limits.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bragg thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She thanked all of the departments for all they do.

Councilman Lang thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He thanked all of the staff at the Town Hall as well as the Police Department. He said he knew the meeting in regards to the roads in the Neighborhood of Holly Ridge has been pushed back until May but he asked Manager Pierce if there are any updates to this issue. Manager Pierce stated he has some informal updates. Larry Willaford, Planning and Zoning Director and Manager Pierce intend to go to the Neighborhoods of Holly Ridge tomorrow and inspect the roads. Councilman Lang asked Manager Pierce to please get back to him because he sits on the HOA Board and he would like to be able to give them an update at their next meeting. Councilman Lang stated another concern of the residents in the Neighborhoods is everyone is starting to clean their yards and there is a lot of yard debris being left in the common area. He wanted to know if there is a schedule for Waste Industries to pick this up.

Town Clerk, Heather Reynolds stated the Town used to have a burn pile where all of the vegetation could be burned but the Town no longer has a burn pile. She stated house hold pick up the Town has to pay per load. Councilman Hines stated in the past the Town has had an extra pickup twice a year. He stated he did not see any reason why the Town could not go back and offer this to the citizens. He said the Town would have to take the items to Old

Folkstone Recycle and would have to pay for the expense. Councilman Hines stated the Town would need to budget for these two extra pickups.

Judy Fariior-Neighborhoods of Holly Ridge - stated the several residents have talked to the Council in regards to Green Recycling as part of the regular trash pickup. She was wondering when the trash contract comes back up for renewal, if a discussion could be entered into about Green Recycling. Mayor Dinger asked Manager Pierce to look into this and get back to the Council with his findings. She stated the Town has a lot of communities now that could benefit from something like this. Attorney Kitchen stated some Towns have a yard waste or a voluntary program where the Town will enter into the contract with the trash company to pick up yard waste once a week. He said the homeowner has to pay for this not the Town. There is usually a sticker placed on the trash cart to indicate a pick up.

Councilwoman Stanley thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and she encouraged everyone to come out to help with the Park clean up on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. She also invited everyone to the Poker Run and the Play that will be held at the Community Center.

Councilwoman Hall stated the Parks and Recreation Committee is struggling for members. She stated one member has gotten a full time job on the Thursday which is their meeting day. She asked if there is anyone who would like to be on the Committee, she would be willing to change the meeting date and times to accommodate that person. She said two people are just not enough to get anything done. Councilwoman Hall said there is an Easter Egg Hunt, 4<sup>th</sup> of July and a cocktail dance planned for the end of April. She said she needs anybody to come and volunteer or help out with any of these events. Councilwoman Hall said she had a citizen call her with an idea to add to the baseball field that would maybe enhance it and attract some more people. She said Mr. Padgett has asked if the Town would possibly provide a mobile Mound for the baseball field. She said she would like to add this item to the agenda at next month Regular Town Council Meeting. Councilwoman Hall stated on March 19<sup>th</sup>, and March 20<sup>th</sup>, the Holly Ridge Fire Department will hold an Open House. The purpose of the open house is to allow anyone to come in and ask questions and to make more people aware of the Fire Department. She said it is also to create a list of volunteers to put on fund raisers for the Fire Department. She said the money that is raised is to help with a loan that they have and they need to get this loan paid off. She said this event is sponsored by Friends of the Holly Ridge Fire Department.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bragg said on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 the Liberty Fountain is trying to get the park ready for the opening ceremony. She said the Liberty Fountain Committee made the Town aware of their happenings and she thinks all of the Committee's need to make the Town aware of their events also. She said it feels like there is a gap between departments and everyone should work together for the citizens of Holly Ridge. She said everyone needed to work together on all events.

Announcements

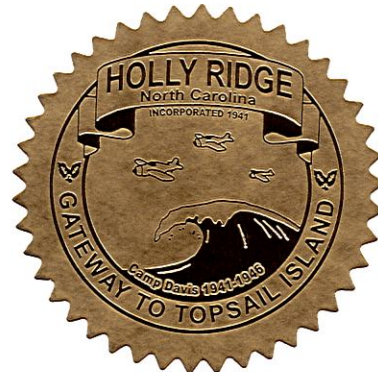
*Mayor Dingler gave the following Announcements:*

- ONWASA Regular Monthly Meeting-Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Jacksonville City Hall
- Planning Board Meeting-Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 beginning at 6:30 in the Council Chambers.
- Town Hall Closed Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> and Monday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in Observance of Easter.
- Annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 beginning at 10:00 a.m. located in the Town Park
- DWI Checkpoint on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016
- Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting-Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 beginning at 3:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
- Liberty Fountain Committee Meeting-Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in the Community Center beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by *Councilman Hines* and seconded by *Councilwoman Stanley* to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. *All Agreed.*

*Attest:*



*Anita Dingler*  
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*Anita Dingler, Mayor*

*Heather Reynolds*  
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*Heather Reynolds, CMC, Town Clerk*

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