



Town of HOLLY RIDGE

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HOLLY RIDGE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING February 14th, 2020 11:30 a.m.

Mayor Wenzel called the Special Meeting of the Holly Ridge Town Council to order at 11:30 a.m. at the Holly Ridge Town Hall. Council members present were Councilman Hines; Councilman Sholar; Councilman Hedrick and Mayor Pro-Tem Hall. Also present were Town Manager, Heather Reynolds; and Deputy Town Clerk; Tracy Martin. Councilwoman Bragg was absent.

Invocation and Pledge

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

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by *Councilman Hines* and seconded by *Mayor Pro-Tem Hall* to adopt the Agenda. *All Agreed.*

Persons Wishing to Address the Council

New Business

Possible Approval of Budget Amendment 2019-2020.4 for the purchase of a 2019 F550 Dump Truck for the Public Works Department.

Manager Reynolds stated Public Works is in need of a new dump truck in order to continue with their projects. The current truck we have is thirty three years old and the Town has owned it for six years. She said the repairs since 2018 have almost exceeded the amount that we paid for the truck which was \$3800.00.

Listed below are some of the problems with the truck:

- Tires

- Dump Bed
- Brake lines
- Turn Signal control arms
- Horn
- Mufflers
- Master Cylinder (which is around \$1000.00)

Mayor Pro-Tem Hall asked why the Town purchased a twenty seven year old truck. Public Works Director Mike McFann said it was to replace a truck that was in worse condition. He said at the time it suited the needs of the Town. He said the Town is growing and his department is doing more in house work such as the asphalt on the Towns roads and this truck no longer suits the needs for the Town.

Public Works Director Mike McFann shopped around and he received three quotes for leasing. In doing so in two years we would have more than paid for the new truck versus leasing.

Manager Reynolds stated the truck they are looking at is out of Raleigh with Capital Ford Government Division. She said they are participants in the North Carolina State Contract which has substantially discounted the dump truck price by approximately ten thousand dollars. She said this is also a five to six yard dump truck but it does not require CDL license, so anyone can operate the dump truck.

Manager Reynolds stated with this truck, we can repair the roads; various curb side service such as fewer trips back and forth when we do the debris pickup, haul our own mulch, haul our own millings and anytime we need to replenish our crush and run.

Mayor Wenzel asked Councilman Hedrick is thoughts and Councilman Hedrick stated there is nothing worse than to not have the proper equipment or unreliable equipment. He said his personal opinion is if the Town has the funds in the budget, he does not see any reason why this should not happen.

Manager Reynolds said the funds to purchase the truck because of the amount would come out of Capital Outlay and then we would take the funds from the funds balance which is unreserved funds. There is almost two million in this account.

Councilman Hines stated it is generally not a good practice to take money to purchase something that has not been budgeted for. He said the presentation that Manager Reynolds presented leads him to believe it is an emergency. He said this shows that the Town does need a capital equipment replacement plan in place.

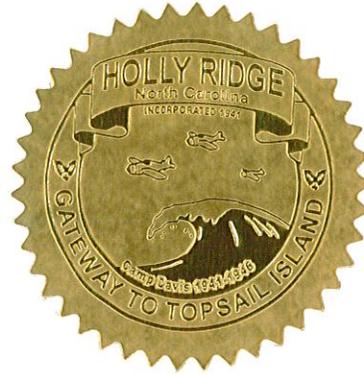
Manager Reynolds said she does not like budget amendments and she would have never brought this to the Town Council unless she did not think it was truly needed for their department.

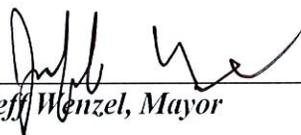
A motion was made by *Mayor Pro-Tem Hall* and seconded by *Councilman Sholar* to approve the budget amendment 2019-2020.4 for a purchase of a 2019 F550 Dump Truck for the Public Works Department. *All Agreed.*

Adjournment

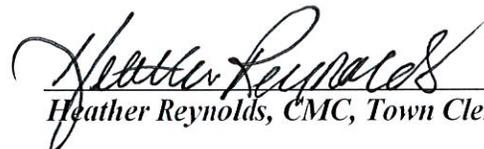
A motion was made by *Councilman Hines* and seconded by *Mayor Pro-Tem Hall* to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. *All Agreed.*

Attest:





Jeff Wenzel, Mayor



Heather Reynolds, CMC, Town Clerk

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