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The Richlands Board of Aldermen met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, at 6:00 pm in the Board Room at the Richlands Town Hall. Present for the meeting were:

Mayor McKinley D. Smith, Sr.  
Alderman Michael Carpenter  
Alderman Kent Painter

Alderman Paul Conner  
Alderman Tom Brown  
Alderman Kandy Koonce

Also present were:

Gregg Whitehead, Town Administrator  
Ron Lindig, Chief of Police  
Keith Fountain, Town Attorney

Doreen Putney, Town Clerk  
Johnathan Jarman, Public Works Director

There were no citizens present.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Mayor McKinley Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Alderman Tom Brown

**INVOCATION:** Mayor McKinley Smith

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Gregg Whitehead, Town Administrator, presented the agenda to the Board.

A **motion** was made by Alderman Paul Conner, seconded by Alderman Tom Brown to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (January 14, 2014):**

A **motion** was made by Alderman Tom Brown, seconded by Alderman Paul Conner to approve the Regular Board meeting minutes of January 14, 2014. The motion was unanimously carried.

### **PUBLIC HEARING (Adoption of the Code of Ordinances):**

Mayor Smith opened the meeting for a re-scheduled public hearing in order to hear public comment regarding the adoption of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Richlands as revised, codified and compiled in book form. This public hearing was previously scheduled February 11, 2014 and was rescheduled for this date, March 11, 2014 due to inclement weather.

With no comment from the public, Mayor Smith declared the public hearing closed.

### **CODE OF ORDINANCES ENACTING ORDINANCE 2014-01:**

The public hearing has now been held and the Board may proceed on adopting and enacting Ordinance 2014-01 for the new Code of Ordinances for the Town of Richlands.

Mr. Whitehead stated that the newly codified ordinances for the Town of Richlands were prepared by American Legal Publishing Corporation. Now that the public hearing has been held, the board can deliberate and decide on adopting the enacting ordinance. The codification process cannot be completed until the Board formally approves the Code of Ordinances Enacting Ordinance.

After a brief discussion, a **motion** was made by Alderman Tom Brown, seconded by Alderman Kandy Koonce to approve Ordinance 2014-01 Enacting a Code of Ordinances for the Town of Richlands that was revised, amended, restated, codified and compiled certain existing general ordinances of the town. The motion was unanimously carried.

### **PARADE PERMIT AMENDMENT (Ordinance 2014-02):**

Mr. Whitehead presented to the board an amended Parade Permit Ordinance 2014-02 that addresses the issues of horses and other beasts participating in parades. Mr. Whitehead stated that he had investigated what other town's policies are and also contacted the Richlands Chamber of Commerce who communicated that due to problems in the recent years, they would prefer to not allow horses in the Christmas Parade. Currently, the town does not have a specific parade application; instead, organizations must submit a detailed letter of permission to the Police Chief. They also must contact DOT for their permission on street closures. The Board continued their discussion concerning regarding safety, liability, insurance, animal manure, and other issues.

No action was taken by the Board.

### **RESOLUTION 2014-001 (Opposition to Insurance Rate Increases):**

Mr. Whitehead presented to the board a resolution which opposes the home owners' insurance rates from increases that are proposed by the NC Department of Insurance.

A **motion** was made by Alderman Kent Painter seconded by Alderman Paul Conner, to approve Resolution 2014-001 Opposing Unfair Property Insurance Increases. The motion was unanimously carried.

### **ADMINISTRATOR NOTES AND UPDATES:**

The Town Administrator, Gregg Whitehead, presented a copy of notes and updates to the Board which are incorporated by reference and hereby made part of these minutes.

- Mr. Whitehead will be out of the office March 13-14, 2014. Alderman Paul Conner, Chairman of the Small Town Main Street Program will handle the meeting scheduled for March 13, 2014.
- Mr. Whitehead will be attending the re-scheduled Main Street Conference on March 31 thru April 01, 2014.
- Provided the Board with an outlined sketch of the area that will surround the wishing tree. We are looking at having the base poured next week and lights installed. We have invited the Montessori Class to put leaf imprints in the concrete and we are planning on inviting the elementary school to the ribbon cutting so they can be the first ones to put wishes on the tree.

### **POLICE REPORT:**

Chief Ron Lindig provided a copy of the Activity Report for the months of January and February 2014 to the Board which are incorporated by reference and hereby made part of these minutes. He also reported on the following:

- Provided the board with a copy of the in-service Police Training. These classes are also open to other police departments in the area.
- Officer Bryson will hold another Operation Medicine Drop at Food Lion on March 22, 2014.
- On March 28, 2014 from 2300 to 0300 we will be conducting a DWI Check Point on Hwy 258 by the EMS Building. Chief Lindig invited the Board to attend.
- March 21 – 22, 2014 our officers will be qualifying.
- DCI audit is in progress and should be completed by the end of the month.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** NONE

### **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS:**

**Alderman Tom Brown:** Continues to have concerns with unlicensed vehicles on properties. He also stated that he has received complaints regarding continued problems with animal feces on sidewalks and that it doesn't seem to be getting any better. He requested for the Police Department to look into both issues to see if there is anything else we can do.

**Alderman Kent Painter:** Suggested that we stop warning and begin ticketing violators of the dog waste ordinance. He also stated that the new street lights are a nice improvement.

**CLOSED SESSION:**           None

**ADJOURN:**

With no further business, a **motion** was made by Alderman Paul Conner, seconded by Alderman Tom Brown to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 pm. The motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attest:  
Doreen Putney, Town Clerk

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Mayor McKinley D. Smith, Sr.