

MINUTES OF THE HOWEY IN THE HILLS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD JANUARY 08, 2018

Mayor Sears called the Town Council Meeting of January 08, 2018 to order at 6:00 p.m.
Mayor Sears led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
Public Services Director Ernest led the Invocation.

Present: Mayor Sears, Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel, Councilor Mabry, Councilor Conroy and Councilor Scott.

Also Present: Public Services Director Ernest, Library Director Hall, Chief Thomas, Town Clerk Burke, Administrative Assistant/Utility Clerk Stephenson and Town Attorney Ramos.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Approval of Resolution 2018-001 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2016/2017

Councilor Mabry, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel moved to approve Resolution 2018-001 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2016/2017. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Consideration and Approval of Resolution 2018-002 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION BY THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS FOR GRANT FUNDS TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE GRANT APPLICATION; PROVIDING REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel said that Mayor Sears had the authority to approve the resolution but bringing it before the Town Council would show the State there is a stronger backing for the grant.

Councilor Scott, seconded by, Councilor Mabry moved to approve Resolution 2018-002 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION BY THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS FOR GRANT FUNDS TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE GRANT APPLICATION; PROVIDING REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

First Reading of Ordinance No. 2018-001 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA AMENDING ORDINANCE 2012-007 PERTAINING TO FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT; MAKING MODIFICATIONS TO ORDINANCE 2012-007 TO BRING THE TOWN FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS UP TO DATE AND INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE MOST CURRENT FEMA-APPROVED, CODE-COMPANION FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE FOR FLORIDA COMMUNITIES; PROVIDING

FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel, seconded by **Councilor Scott** moved to approve the first Reading of Ordinance No. 2018-001 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA AMENDING ORDINANCE 2012-007 PERTAINING TO FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT; MAKING MODIFICATIONS TO ORDINANCE 2012-007 TO BRING THE TOWN FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS UP TO DATE AND INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE MOST CURRENT FEMA-APPROVED, CODE-COMPANION FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE FOR FLORIDA COMMUNITIES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Discussion: Regarding funds for property purchased on Number Two Road.

Mayor Sears said that he believes Police Impact Fees should purchase the property.

Councilor Mabry said that the best case scenario would be a joint Police/Fire Station but if the property was ever sold would the money be reimbursed back to Police Impact Fees. **Town Attorney Ramos** replied yes.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel said to purchase the property with Police Impact Fees to accomplish the goal and if ever sold reimburse the fund plus whatever appreciation the property made.

Mayor Sears said that Lake County is very interested in partnering with the Town.

Councilor Mabry asked if Police Impact Fees could be used for salaries. **Town Attorney Ramos** replied no, only for capital outlay items.

Chief Thomas said he was going to look at the new fire station sometime soon.

Mayor Sears said that the senses is to bring back a budget amendment at the next Town Council Meeting using Police Impact Fees.

Discussion: Goals and Priorities for 2018

Mayor Sears said that his goals for 2018 are as follows: Downtown Sewer Project, Website, Downtown Parking Project, Fire/Police Station Project, Sewer, Sara Maude Boardwalk, Water Plant Improvements, Annexation and sheds.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel said the Town has a liability regarding the old section of the boardwalk. **Public Services Director Ernest** said that FEMA is repairing two sections of the old boardwalk that was damaged by the hurricane. **Mayor Sears** said to fix the two sections and then the Town Council can decide whether or not to close down the old section of the boardwalk.

Mayor Sears said that the amendment regarding sheds will be on the January 22, 2018 Town Council Agenda.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel said that technically the PUD agreement with Whispering Hills was expired. **Councilor Mabry** said that they got an extension. **Town Attorney Ramos** said she would check into it.

Discussion: Old Section of Boardwalk at Sara Maude Nature Preserve (Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel)

Discussion: Proposed Town license plates.

Town Clerk Burke asked if the Town would be interested in purchasing Town license plates for the residents of Howey.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel said that the Town used to have them available.

Mayor Sears said to look into the pricing and bring back the information at another Town Council Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion: Pay increase for the Town Council. (Councilor Scott)

Mayor Sears read discussion: Pay increase for the Town Council.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel likes Councilor Mabry's proposal but personally wants to be left at what he is currently being compensated for.

Councilor Mabry said that Mayor Sears is basically the Town Manager and should be compensated as such.

Mayor Sears said that the next question would be does it take effect immediately or next budget year.

Councilor Conroy said to move forward with Councilor Mabry's proposal now.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Sears-No comment

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel-No comment

Councilor Conroy- No comment

Councilor Scott- No comment

Councilor Mabry- No comment

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dennis Hall, 107 Orchid Ave, asked if Mayor Sears stepped down and someone else took his spot would they make the same amount of money. **Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel** said that the Mayor is elected by the other Council Members and that whoever is chosen would know how to do the job.

Marie Gallelli, 1104 N Tangerine, said in regards to the license plates wasn't the logo supposed to be changed to an aninga? **Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel** said that it came before the Town Council but never went any further. She thought that the Town Council was volunteer not paid and agreed with Mayor increase but not Council Members.

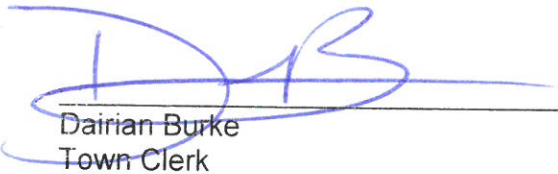
Graham Wells, 718 Calabria Way, said that the Mt. Verde Council Members make \$400.00 a month, the Council President makes \$450.00 and the Mayor (Who is elected) makes \$1,200.00. The Mayor acts as the Town Manager. He also agreed that the Mayor Pro-Tem's compensation should be increased.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.



Chris Sears, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dairian Burke
Town Clerk