

**MINUTES OF THE HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD DECEMBER 12, 2016**

Mayor Sears called the Town Council Meeting of December 12, 2016 to order at 5:30p.m.

Boy Scout and Cub Scout Troop No. 254 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Services Supervisor Ernest led the Invocation.

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

Absent: Councilor Conroy, excused

Also Present: Town Attorney Blom-Ramos, Town Planner Harowski, Police Chief Thomas, Library Director Hall, Public Services Supervisor Ernest, and Town Clerk Brasher.

Mayor Sears installed David Nebel into Town Council Seat 4

Mayor Sears installed John Scott into Town Council Seat 5

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the November 14, 2016 and November 28, 2016 Town Council Meetings

Councilor Mabry, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel, moved to approve the Consent Agenda as corrected. Motion carried 4-0

PUBLIC HEARING

First Reading of Ordinance No. 2016-008, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA PERTAINING TO TREE PROTECTION; AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE BY AMENDING THE DEFINITIONS OF "HISTORIC TREES" AND SPECIMEN TREES IN SECTION 1.12.00 OF CHAPTER 1; AMENDING SECTIONS 7.11.00, 7.12.00, AND 7.13.00 OF CHAPTER 7 TO PROVIDE CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE TYPES OF PROTECTED TREES, CLARIFY WHEN A TREE REMOVAL PERMIT IS REQUIRED, PROVIDE FOR AND SPECIFY WHEN MITIGATION FOR REMOVING TREES IS REQUIRED, PROVIDE FOR AN APPEAL PROCESS WHEN A TREE REMOVAL PERMIT IS DENIED OR MITIGATION IS REQUIRED, AND SPECIFY STANDARDS FOR TREE TRIMMING AND CUTTING; RENUMBERING SECTIONS 7.14.00 AND 7.15.00 OF CHAPTER 7; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Town Attorney Blom-Ramos read by title only, Ordinance No. 2016-008.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Ed Smith asked for clarification on Section 7.13 B 3 and voiced. **Town Planner Harowski** gave background.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel thanked Town Planner Harowski and Public Services Supervisor Ernest for their hard work on the ordinance.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel, seconded by Councilor Mabry, moved to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 2016-008. Motion carried 4-0 with a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Approval of Resolution No. 2016-010, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE TOWN'S SCHEDULE OF FEES AS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 30, ARTICLE II, SECTION 30-3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Town Attorney Blom- Ramos read by title only, Resolution No. 2016-010.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel, seconded by Councilor Mabry, moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-010. Motion carried 4-0 with a roll call vote.

Consideration and Approval of Resolution No. 2016-011, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA REVISING THE TOWN'S PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL TO EXPRESSLY PROVIDE THAT MARIJUANA IS A PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE FOR ALL PURPOSES UNDER THE TERMS OF THE POLICY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Town Attorney Blom-Ramos read by title only, Resolution No. 2016-011.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel, seconded by Councilor Scott, moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-011. Motion carried 4-0 with a roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion: Appointment of Liaison to the Library/Library Board, Police Department, Public Services, Town Hall and Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Public Services, Cemetery Board and Historic Board

Mayor Sears gave background on this item.

Councilor Scott said he would like to be the Liaison for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel said he would like to be Liaison to Town Hall and or the Police Department.

Councilor Mabry said he would like to be the Liaison to the Police Dept.
Mayor Sears said he will be the Liaison to the Public Services Dept.

It was the consensus of the Town Council to appoint Councilor Conroy to be the Liaison to the Library Board, Cemetery Board and Historic Board.

Discussion: Appointments to Lake-Sumter MPO Citizens Advisory Committee, Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee
Mayor Sears gave background on this item. Discussion ensued on this item.

Councilor Mabry, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel, moved to appoint Ed Smith to the Lake-Sumter MPO Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). Motion carried 4-0 with a roll call vote.

Mayor Sears asked Town Clerk Brasher to check with BESH to see if they are representing any municipalities at the MPO. **** BESH does not represent any municipalities.**

Discussion: Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Report for the Mural Wall at Blevins Park

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chairman Ernest requested approval to move forward with the wall utilizing Parks & Recreation Impact Fees.

Mayor Sears said the question is if the wall is Impact Fee eligible. Councilor Mabry asked about the location and specifics of the wall. Chairman Ernest said the Board feels the wall is impact fee eligible but that would be left up to the Town Attorney.

Marie Gallelli asked for specifics of the wall and asked if anyone has spoken to the Blevins.

Chairman Ernest said the wall will provide separation between the park and the Blevins residence and she has not asked the Blevins yet.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel, seconded by Councilor Scott, moved to approve the wall subject to review by the Town Attorney if the wall is Parks & Recreation Impact Fee eligible. Motion carried 4-0 with a roll call vote.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Scott said he looks forward to working with everyone.

Councilor Mabry thanked the audience for their attendance and support at the Town Council Meetings.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel wished everyone Merry Christmas.

Public Services Supervisor Ernest asked Mayor Sears if the Venezia Subdivision has been accepted as there are items that are not complete. **Mayor Sears** said he is not sure and asked Public Services Supervisor to email him a list of items that have not been done.

Mayor Sears thanked everyone involved with the Christmas Festival and gave details.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marie Gallelli, 1004 N. Tangerine Ave, said the Town should have a suggestion box because people have things to say but they will not say them at a Town Council Meeting.

Mayor Sears said his email and phone number is available for everyone to contact him and people do not hesitate to make contact with him. He suggested possibly putting a suggestion box in the Library.

Martha MacFarlane thanked the Town Council and Mayor Sears for attending the Christmas Festival as well as Jenny Deschenes for the 5-K. She said there will be a volunteer appreciation dinner in January.

Kristen Sears discussed the tree trimming by the homeowner and said there are Always more than one side to every scenario. She had presentations of a full tree, a trimmed tree and a tree that was trimmed by a homeowner and gave detailed background. **Police Chief Thomas** thanked Mrs. Sears for her presentation.

Mayor Sears said there is a process in Town and people think the process should be put aside at times and gave detailed background.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Chris Sears, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Brasher, MMC
Town Clerk