

**MINUTES OF THE HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD FEBRUARY 8, 2016**

Mayor Sears called the Town Council Meeting of February 8, 2016 to order at 6:01 p.m.

Mayor Sears led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Services Supervisor Ernest led the Invocation.

Present: Mayor Sears, Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel, Councilor Conroy, Councilor Mabry And Councilor Kearney.

Also Present: Chief Thomas, Public Services Supervisor Ernest and Town Clerk Brasher.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the November 16, 2015 Town Council Meeting, December 14, 2015 Town Council Meeting, and January 11, 2016 Town Council Work Session

Councilor Kearney, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel, moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

NEW BUINESS

Discussion: Proposal and Agreement for Civil Engineering & Surveying Services for the Alley Design from BESH (A proposal will be provided at the meeting from Lassiter Transportation)

Mayor Sears continued this item to the February 22nd meeting to give everyone time to review the proposal form Lassiter Transportation.

Discussion: Tree Permit Submitted for 122 W. Magnolia Ave

Public Services Supervisor Ernest gave detailed background on this item. He said there are several items that need to be addressed in the Land Development Code with regard to tree removal and permits. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Councilor Conroy, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel, moved to hire an arborist to review the trees at this address. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

John Scott voiced his concerns with the tree removal.

Consideration and Approval of a Bad Debt Expense for 104 W. Myrtle St.
Town Clerk Brasher gave background on this item.

Councilor Conroy, seconded by Councilor Kearney, moved to approve the bad debt expense for 104 W. Myrtle Avenue. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

David Kilmartin suggested taking away the fines and fees.

Ed Smith suggested removing the meter.

Sal Gallelli asked if the penalties continue to accrue.

It was the consensus of the Town Council to bring back an ordinance which would require registration.

Discussion: Water Conservation Implementation

Mayor Sears gave background and said the Town needs to continue to promote water conservation.

PUBLIC HEARING

Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2016-002, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 2.02.17 TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE TOWN CENTER COMMERCIAL (TC-C) ZONING DISTRICT AND BY AMENDING SECTIONS 2.02.04.D.12, 2.02.15.D.9, 2.02.16.D.9 AND THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TABLE OF ZONING DISTRICT DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS TO REDUCE THE REQUIRED MINIMUM SQUARE FOOTAGE OF A PRINCIPAL DWELLING FROM 2,000 SQUARE FEET TO 1,700 SQUARE FEET; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Sears read by title only, Ordinance No. 2016-002.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Marie Gallelli asked what the changes in the ordinance were. **Mayor Sears** explained the changes.

David Kilmartin asked for clarification on homes smaller than 2,000 sq. ft. **Mayor Sears** explained.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Councilor Mabry, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel, moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-002. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Sears – No comments

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel – No comments

Councilor Conroy – No comments

Councilor Mabry – No comments

Councilor Kearney – No comments

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marie Gallelli, 104 N. Tangerine Ave asked for clarification with regards to the billing process and for residents who receive more than one bill and those who pay ahead on their account. **Town Clerk Brasher** said all accounts must receive a bill even if it is a credit.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.



Chris Sears, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brenda Brasher, MMC
Town Clerk