

**MINUTES OF THE HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD OCTOBER 12, 2015**

Mayor Sears called the Town Council Meeting of October 12, 2015 to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Public Services Supervisor Ernest led the invocation.

Present: Mayor Sears, Councilor Nebel, Councilor Conroy and Councilor Mabry.

Also Present: Police Chief Thomas, Administrative Assistant Rhoden, Public Services Supervisor Ernest, and Town Clerk Brasher.

PRESENTATION

Presentation of FRDAP Check for Griffin Waterpark

Doug Osborne, with Parks Services Supervisor, gave background on the grant and presented the check in the amount of \$50,000 to the Town for the FRDAP Grant for Griffin Waterpark Grant.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held July 27, 2015

***Councilor Nebel**, seconded by **Councilor Conroy**, moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0 with a roll call vote.*

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations and Motion for Mayor Pro-Tem for a Two-Year Term Ending December 2016

***Councilor Conroy**, seconded by **Councilor Mabry**, moved to approve David Nebel as the Mayor Pro-Tem for a term ending December 2016. Motion carried 4-0 with a roll call vote.*

Mayor Sears gave detailed background on the filling of the vacant seat and said the Special Election will be held in March 2016.

It was the consensus of the Town Council to advertise for applications. The applications will be on the December 14, 2015 Town Council Agenda with the closing date of 12:00 p.m., December 7, 2015.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Report

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Chairman Ernest gave background on this item.

Councilor Conroy asked where the shelter would be located. **Chairman Ernest** showed the general placement of the shelter. **Councilor Conroy** asked about the warranty of the sun shade. **Chairman Ernest** said she does not know but it is a permitted shelter.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel said he has committed to putting 2 Oak Trees at Griffin Waterfront Park in memory on Bonnie. **Chairman Ernest** said there is no room for the Oak Trees in the designated location and benches would be welcome.

Mayor Sears said he asked for the basketball court to match the existing goal and discussed the sport court. **Chairman Ernest** said they would be installing the same basketball goal.

Holiday Report

Mayor Sears gave background on this item. He said 1/3 of the personnel Policy will be discussed at the 2nd meeting of each month.

It was the consensus of the Town Council to hold the second meeting the month on November 16th.

Discussion: Proposed Personnel Policy to replace the Current Personnel Policy; Chapters I thru V

This item was discussed during the Holiday Report

PUBLIC HEARING – None

OLD BUSINESS - None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Sears discussed the following:

Wants update from Lassiter Transportation, Inc. on the downtown parking

Set cost for attendance at the MPO

SR 19 widening

Monitoring the annexations

Tweaking the water plant

Meeting with Senator Hays to get economic development

Councilor Nebel gave background on the MPO Meeting and said nothing in the Town is being planned for the Town. **Discussion ensued.**

Councilor Conroy said the LCLC supports the ½ cent sales tax. He further asked for the minutes to be done. Town Clerk Brasher said the minutes have been done but she failed to include them in the previous packet. He further said he spoke with Skip with WCA and would have not voted for the transfer to WCA without a claw truck. Mayor Sears said the former company left brush for months. He said the agreements were the same for both companies. He said if the same level of service is accomplished, then there won't

Councilor Mabry addressed the letter send from a former employee. **Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel** gave background.

Mayor Sears said the information that was sent to DEO. The allegations are not substantiated. The Town has asked DEO for the information and it is considered a Public Records Request

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Kilmartin, 128 E. Laurel and voiced his concerns with the garbage service. He voiced his concerns with the firing of Ed Smith and he is not happy with the nominations of the Mayor Pro-Tem.

Ed Smith, 308 N. Palm Avenue asked for clarification on the response to DEO. **Mayor Sears** gave background said it is a Public Record. **Town Clerk Brasher** advised the Town Council that the Town cannot obtain a copy of what was sent to DEO unless the former employee signs the requested form.

Charlie Richardson, voiced his concerns about the following:

Business Tax Receipts

Town Manager and change the Town Charter


Traffic calming

Jean Garrett, 307 S. Lakeshore Blvd said she received the building permit for the shed. She said when someone applies for a building permit there should be deadlines set and there should be credentials regarding who is on the Town Council.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.


Chris Sears, Mayor

ATTEST:


Brenda Brasher, MMC
Town Clerk