

**MINUTES OF THE HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD FEBRUARY 9, 2015**

Mayor Sears called the Town Council Meeting of February 9, 2015 to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Public Services Director Smith led the Invocation.

Present: Mayor Sears, Mayor Pro-Tem Ernest and Councilor Nebel

Absent: Councilor Mabry (excused) and Councilor Conroy (excused).

Also Present: Town Planner Harowski, Police Captain Thomas, Public Services Director Smith and Town Clerk Brasher.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Town Council Meeting Minutes held January 12, 2015 and January 26, 2015.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ernest, seconded by **Councilor Nebel**, moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the noted changes. Motion carried 3-0 with a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Appointment of John "Trey" Purser to the Police Pension Board

Captain Thomas gave background on the applicant.

Councilor Nebel, seconded by **Mayor Pro-Tem Ernest**, moved to approve the appointment of John "Trey" Purser to the Police Pension Board. Motion carried 3-0 with a roll call vote.

Discussion: Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Annual Update for 2014-2015

Town Planner Harowski gave detailed background on this item and said this is a plan and the budget numbers are expected to change.

Councilor Nebel asked for details on the N. Water Treatment Plant improvements.

Public Services Director Smith gave background on this item. **Mayor Sears** said he thought this was a roll over from previous years. Discussion ensued.

Update: Downtown Development Public Meetings

Town Planner Harowski gave detailed background on this item and said this has been an exciting project. He said there are four required elements and gave details. He said once the State approves the submittal this month, the Town will be able to send in to be reimbursed.

Councilor Nebel said the Land Development Code was written the way they are because sewer may never happen. He said the Town should prepare for the expansion of larger sewer lines for future use. Discussion ensued regarding wastewater and stormwater.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ernest asked about the location of the lift station. **Town Planner Harowski** said the bulk will be underground. He said it could be on some park land and gave details. He discussed Public use on sidewalks such as tables/chairs for a café for outdoor dining as well as creating a Commerce Zone for outdoor display of products. He described the Howey Market's wagon with displayed items in the wagon.

Update: Current Projects: Rails To Trails Grant Sarah Maude Nature Preserve and FRDAP Central Park Grant

Town Planner Harowski said the report from last meeting is still current. He said Staff has contacted the State to see if the Town can piggy-back on another municipality contract. He said the Rails To Trails Grant is Federal money which also runs through FDOT and that is two agencies to deal with.

Discussion: Resolution No. 2011-005, Excluding Retired Town Employees From Group Health Insurance Participation

Mayor Pro-Tem Ernest asked for this item to be continued as he would like all Town Councilors present for the vote.

Consideration and Approval of Budget Amendment No. 2014/2015-001 for Custodian Services approved by Town Council on October 13, 2014.

Councilor Nebel, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ernest, moved to approve the Budget Amendment as presented. Motion carried 3-0 with a roll call vote.

Safety Committee Report

Mayor Sears gave background on this item. Discussion ensued on this item.

OLD BUSINESS

Damage to Boat Ramp

Mayor Sears said the contractor is still only willing to give the Town \$4,000 and gave detailed background.

Councilor Nebel asked what FDOT's response was. **Mayor Sears** said he has not called FDOT yet. *Inaudible due to cross conversations*

Mayor Sears said a letter written by the attorney will cost the Town approximately \$1,000. **Councilor Nebel** said a complaint can be filed with FDOT against the contractor. A lengthy discussion ensued.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Sears said there was a meeting today with the owners of the former Bouis property. The Town will continue to work on the goal list and the list will continue to

grow. If the Town Council has any items, please email them to Town Clerk Brasher.

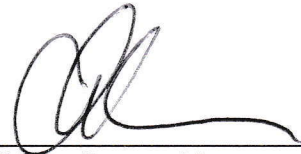
Mayor Pro-Tem Ernest – None

Councilor Nebel said he walks Lakeshore Blvd everyday and the new blacktop on Lakeshore Blvd. is cracking.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Charlotte Mafia asked about the status of 211 E. Laurel Ave and asked about the status. Mayor Sears gave background on the status and said the property will be demolished hopefully by the end of May 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.



Chris Sears, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brenda Brasher, MMC
Town Clerk