

MINUTES OF THE HOWEY IN THE HILLS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD FEBRUARY 11, 2019

Mayor Nebel called the Town Council Meeting of February 11th, 2019 to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Nebel led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Pro-Tem MacFarlane led the Invocation.

Present: Mayor Nebel, Mayor Pro-Tem MacFarlane, Councilor McGill, Councilor Scott and Councilor Conroy.

Also Present: Chief Thomas and Town Clerk Burke.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the January 28th, 2019 Town Council Meeting.

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

REPORTS

Finance- No Comment

Police Department

Chief Thomas said that FEMA had reached out to the Town in regards to receiving a portion of the Towns reimbursement from Hurricane Irma.

Code Enforcement

Chief Thomas said that Code Enforcement Officer Chester is busy with the parking Ordinance.

Town Attorney

Town Attorney Ramos said that there has been a gentleman going around filming people and stating that people are violating his first amendment rights. She wanted to let Town personnel know to be careful. Town Clerk Burke stated that she too was in touch with Municode regarding the Towns Website being up to ADA compliance.

Council

Mayor Pro-Tem MacFarlane asked how people could use SECO Energy instead of Duke Energy. **Town Clerk Burke** stated that the providers had territories. **Mayor Pro-Tem MacFarlane** stated that the Sara Maude Boardwalk was closed on the old section.

She also asked for an update regarding the lights on Lakeshore Blvd. **Clay Ormsbee** said that they had one meeting to discuss and were working on providing examples for the Town Council. **Councilor McGill** asked if there could be light shields placed on other poles throughout the Town. **Clay Ormsbee** replied that light shields could be placed on poles where needed.

Councilor McGill said that he had received a lot of questions about a car show in Town. He was getting with local cities to discuss a date. He asked **Chief Thomas** if Central Ave to Lakeshore Blvd could be closed. **Chief Thomas** said yes. **Councilor McGill** said as far as reviewing codes do, we create a committee? **Mayor Nebel** said yes. **Mayor Pro-Tem MacFarlane** said that she will oversee the code review and was reaching out to residents to become a part of the committee.

Councilor Scott said that he had asked Department Heads to come up with five projects for their Department. He then asked for permission to create a committee to discuss Town infrastructure.

Mayor's- No Comment

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion: Monthly Howey Car Show (Councilor McGill)

Previously discussed.

Update: Code of Core Values and Ethics (Mayor Pro-Tem MacFarlane)

Mayor Pro-Tem MacFarlane asked for an update.

Councilor McGill said that it was a great idea.

Councilor Conroy said to bring the document back before the Town Council for discussion at the next Town Council meeting.

Discussion: Plan for Replacing the Town Markers (Mayor Pro-Tem MacFarlane)

Mayor Pro-Tem MacFarlane said that the Town Council needed to look at replacing the existing Town Markers. The Town could review the examples that were provided with the Central Avenue Project. **Mayor Nebel** asked if Parks and Recreation did the work. **Mayor Pro-Tem MacFarlane** replied yes. **Mayor Pro-Tem MacFarlane** said that she would work with Town Clerk Burke and come back to Town Council with a presentation.

Update: Police Department Body Camera Policy (Mayor Pro-Tem MacFarlane)

Mayor Pro-Tem MacFarlane asked for an update. **Chief Thomas** replied that they were waiting on training and then they would update.

NEW BUSINESS

Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal (Eagle Scout Troop 254)

Tabled to the February 25, 2019 Town Council Meeting.

Reading of the Howey-in-the-Hills Founders Day Proclamation (Mayor Pro-Tem MacFarlane)

Town Attorney Ramos read the Proclamation.

Discussion and action by the Town Council: approval and ratification of previous actions taken by all Howey-in-the-Hills Police Chiefs regarding the employment or discharge of persons connected with the Police Department (Councilor McGill)

Mayor Nebel said that all past hires and fires under all past Chiefs are for consideration.

Councilor McGill said that he was uncomfortable with approving everyone.

Councilor Conroy said that he doesn't believe that Town Council should approve Police Department personnel.

Town Attorney Ramos said to keep the items separate. That this action was to approve all previous actions taken by past and present Police Chiefs. She suggests to approve the past and discuss the future items.

Marie Gallelli, 1104 N Tangerine, said to approve the past and trust the people that are in the current position.

Councilor Conroy seconded by Councilor Scott moved to approve the ratification of previous actions taken by all Howey-in-the-Hills Police Chiefs regarding the employment or discharge of persons connected with the Police Department. Motion carried 4-1 with a roll call vote. (Councilor McGill voting no.)

Mayor Nebel said that he agreed with meeting the new hires at the Town Council Meeting.

Mayor Nebel read Section 34-4 of the Code. **Town Attorney Ramos** said that the interpretation of the code is being read in two different ways. She said that the Town Council needs to interpret the code.

Chief Thomas said what about section 34-9. It contradicts section 34-4.

Town Attorney Ramos said that she is unsure of the Town Councils intent in 2004 was that section supposed to be removed or not?

Mayor Pro-Tem MacFarlane agrees with Chief Thomas's hires and judgement. She thinks that the section 34-4 needs to be removed. However, she does agree with meeting the new hires at the Town Council Meeting.

Councilor McGill requested that the new hires and what will happen discussion be tabled until the work session next meeting.

Town Attorney Ramos said that there are several ways to handle the discussion for section 34-4 and the new hires.

Councilor Scott seconded by, **Mayor Pro-Tem Macfarlane** moved to approve tabling the discussion of Section 34-4 of the Code of Ordinances to include options from Town Attorney Ramos at the February 25, 2019 Town Council Meeting. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Discussion and action by the Town Council to extend the contract with Progressive Inspections until a new building inspector agreement is approved. (Councilor McGill)

Councilor McGill said that he was working with Ron Frank Von. Frankenstein directly about the contract.

Mayor Pro-Tem MacFarlane said that with the new contract the Town needs to look at software and becoming more technical.

Councilor McGill seconded by **Councilor Scott** moved to approve extending the contract with Progressive Inspections until a new building inspector agreement is approved. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Discussion regarding the review of the Code of Ordinances for provisions to be updated or removed. (Councilor McGill)

Previously Discussed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Marie Gallelli, 1104 N. Tangerine Ave, asked if the Eagle Scout Project could go in Blevins Park. **Mayor Pro-Tem MacFarlane** said that it was a possibility.

Chris Sears, 100 Island Drive, said that the Town was granted a one-year extension on the sewer grant.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

David Nebel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dairian Burke

Town Clerk