

**MINUTES OF THE HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD JUNE 13, 2011**

**Mayor Sears** called the Town Council Meeting of June 13, 2011 to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

**Councilor Hall** led the invocation.

**Present: Mayor Sears, Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel, Councilor Ernest, Councilor Richardson, Councilor Hall, Police Chief Robbins, Public Works Director Padgett, Library Director Merchant, Administrator of Financial Services Monday-Bolte, and Town Clerk Brasher.**

**PRESENTATIONS-None**

**CONSENT AGENDA – Only one motion is needed to approve the Consent Agenda Minutes of the May 9, 2011 Town Council Meeting and May 23, 2011 Town Council Work Session**

**Councilor Ernest, seconded by Councilor Richardson, moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Civility Proclamation**

**Mayor Sears** gave background on this item.

**Town Attorney Blom-Ramos** read the Civility Proclamation out loud for the record.

**Consideration and Approval of Architectural and Engineering Service Proposal Submitted by W. David Arnold for Marianne Beck Memorial Library Expansion RFQ 2011-001**

**Mayor Sears** gave background on this item and read the Library Report. He further stated only one proposal was submitted. **Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel** asked who the others members of the "team was". **Councilor Richardson** said it is the architects' responsibility to wrap his arms around the contractors and stand behind their work. Library Director Merchant was present to answer questions. Discussion ensued.

**Councilor Richardson, seconded by Councilor Hall, moved to approve architectural and engineering service proposal with W. David Arnold for the Marianne Beck Memorial Library Expansion and to authorize Mayor Sears to being negotiations. Motion carried 4-1 with Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel voting no with a roll call vote.**

**Consideration and Approval of Resolution 2011-004, Adopting the Lake County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.**

**Town Attorney Blom-Ramos** read by title, Resolution 2011-004.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel**, seconded by **Councilor Hall**, moved to adopt Resolution 2011-004, adopting the Lake County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

**Consideration and Approval of Resolution 2011-005, Other Post Employment Benefits**

**Town Attorney Blom-Ramos** read by title, Resolution 2011-005.

**Mayor Sears** gave detailed background on this item.

**Councilor Hall**, seconded by **Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel**, moved to adopt Resolution 2011-005, Other Post Employment Benefits. Motion carried 3/2 with Councilor Ernest and Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel voting no with a roll call vote.

**Councilor Richardson** said he felt this is taking away another employee benefit and he feels that if an employee serves their years with the Town they should be able to utilize the benefit. **Mayor Sears** said this is difficult and he agrees that it is chipping away at retiree employees benefits. **Councilor Richardson** said he would like to see the financial impact on this in the future.

**Consideration and Approval of Combined Voluntary Cooperation and Operational Assistance Mutual Aid Agreement**

**Police Chief Robbins** gave detailed background on this item and cited examples of assistance. **Town Attorney Blom-Ramos** said she has reviewed the document for legality and asked to add a term length.

**Councilor Richardson**, seconded by **Councilor Ernest**, moved to approve the combined voluntary cooperation and operational assistance mutual aid agreement with the City of Tavares. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

**Designation of One (1) Elected Official to Cast Their Vote at the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference, August 11-13 at the World Marriott in Orlando.**

**Councilor Richardson**, seconded by **Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel**, moved to table this item until the July Town Council Meeting. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2011-002, Extending the Moratorium on the Collection of Wastewater Impact Fees for an Additional Six Months; Providing for the Sunset of the Moratorium; Providing for Severability; Providing for an Effective Date.**

**Mayor Sears** gave background on this item.

**Town Attorney Blom-Ramos** read by title only, Ordinance No. 2011-002.

***The Public Hearing was opened. As no one wished to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.***

***Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Richardson, moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-002, extending the moratorium on the collection of Wastewater Impact Fees for an additional six months; providing for the sunset of the moratorium; providing for severability; providing for an effective date. Motion carried 4-1 with Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel voting no with a roll call vote.***

### **OLD BUSINESS-None**

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel** said there are safety concerns along Lakeshore Blvd. in front of Ormsbee's home. There is concrete and wood that needs to be bolted down. Discussion ensued. It was consensus of the Town Council to bring this item back with a solution.

### **Councilor Ernest - None**

**Councilor Richardson** asked where the Land Development Regulations stand?

**Mayor Sears** said Town Planner Shira is about 1/3 done with the rewrite. He said Town Planner Shira will be presenting portions of the rewrite later this summer.

**Councilor Hall** gave detailed background on Lake Illinois. **Mayor Sears** said the Town needs to make sure we get a letter from FDEP and SJRWMD to spray. **Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel** asked how involved the residents surrounding the lake will be. **Councilor Hall** said they are willing to do what is necessary to get the lake cleared. Discussion ensued.

### **MAYOR REPORT**

**Mayor Sears** said that SJRWMD approved the CUP for 10 years but there are 41 conditions such as a TV ad, wetland monitoring as well as numerous other conditions. He further said the usage has been reduced by 17% and in the future the Town will have to ask for a TCUP when development starts. He further stated Lakeshore Boulevard and the Taylor Memorial Cemetery will have to get off potable water. A lengthy discussion ensued.

**Mayor Sears** announced a Joint Work Session with the Town Council and the Planning & Zoning Commission on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. He said the Joint Work Session is being held to see the Preliminary Plans for the Bouis property and to hear a presentation by the developer.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

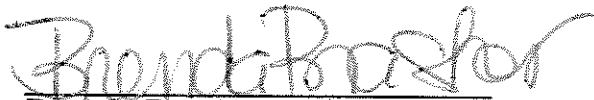
**Pat Miller** asked for an update on the road project. **Mayor Sears** said the project was delayed but should start around mid summer.

**Police Chief Robbins** announced that there will be a short Staff meeting Wednesday morning as he and Town Clerk Brasher are working on a special project.

**ADJOURNMENT AT 7:20 P.M.**

  
Chris Sears, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Brenda Brasher, CMC  
Town Clerk