

MINUTES OF THE HOWEY IN THE HILLS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD APRIL 09, 2018

Mayor Sears called the Town Council Meeting of April 09, 2018 to order at 6:00 p.m.
Boy/Cub Scout Troop 245 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
Public Services Director Ernest led the Invocation.

Present: Mayor Sears. Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel, Councilor Mabry, Councilor Scott, and Councilor Conroy.

Also Present: Chief Thomas, Public Services Director Ernest, and Town Clerk Burke.

NEW BUSINESS

Mid-year Budget Review.

Mayor Sears asked if there were any questions regarding pages one through six of the revenue pages.

Mayor Sears said that the water sales revenue is low because at the budget meeting the Council agreed to increase the estimated revenue by twenty percent (20%).

Mayor Sears asked if there was any questions regarding the expenditure accounts.

Councilor Conroy said that a budget amendment needed to be done regarding the funding for the land purchased since Police Impact Fees paid for it entirely. **Mayor Sears** replied yes.

Public Services Director Ernest said that due to Hurricane Irma some expenditure items will be over budget.

Chief Thomas said that the Town is waiting to hear from FEMA but most of the expenses will hopefully be reimbursed.

Mayor Sears said that Police Reserves Salaries are expended to date. Is that also due to Hurricane Irma and will the town be reimbursed. **Chief Thomas** said that some hours will be reimbursed but the reserve salary has been exhausted due to covering shifts.

Councilor Scott said that special events was at 106% committed.

Councilor Scott asked Public Services Director Ernest what was in rentals and leases. **Public Services Director Ernest** replied that it was machines for Hurricane Irma.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel said that he would like to see an executive summary. He also doesn't like the grey scale reports that black mountain produces.

Councilor Conroy said that the black mountain software can be exported to excel. **Town Clerk Burke** said she would produce the reports in excel from now on and work on an executive summary.

Consideration and Approval to execute the amended and restated Interlocal agreement between Lake County and municipalities relating to local option fuel tax.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel said that this an additional five cent fuel tax. The Town is due to get \$14,000 with the six percent so next year we would see double.

Councilor Conroy, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel moved to execute the amended and restated Interlocal agreement between Lake County and municipalities relating to local option fuel tax. Motion carried 3-2 with a roll call vote. Councilor Scott and Mabry voting no.

OLD BUSINESS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Sears-No Comment

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel-No Comment

Councilor Scott- No Comment

Councilor Mabry-No Comment

Councilor Conroy said that he would encourage all residents to talk to their neighbors instead of listening to rumors.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Charles Richardson, 214 E. Laurel Ave, said that he had twenty-five to thirty signed petitions regarding the fence on Laurel Ave. He expressed his concerns with the fences appearance and stated that he believes a steady wind would knock it down. He said he would like to see the fence replaced.

Councilor Mabry asked if it was a new fence. **Charles Richardson** replied that it was put up three weeks ago. **Chief Thomas** said it was an open code case.

Jodi McGill, 119 E Croton Ave, explained the reasoning for the fence and why they had to put it up. The Town's Attorney was contacted and they were told the fence was in compliance with the Town's code. She said that her and her husband felt as though they were being singled out. She said she had a list of thirty-nine other code violations around Town that were the same as hers. **Chief Thomas** asked for the list.

Graham Wells, 718 Calabria Way, asked what the status was in regards to joining the sidewalks in Town with the Venezia subdivisions so that the residents out there had access to the Lake and downtown Howey. **Mayor Sears** replied that the sidewalk at the corner of State Road 19 and Florida Avenue was an option. **Graham Wells** said that State Road 19 was a very busy road and asked if Mayor Sears have any other ideas that wouldn't involve residents having to cross such a busy road. **Mayor Sears** said he is working on a few other options but didn't want to discuss them until he talked to Town Planner Harowski.

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

ATTEST:

Chris Sears, Mayor

Dairian Burke
Town Clerk