

MINUTES OF THE HOWEY IN THE HILLS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AUGUST 12TH 2019

Mayor Pro-Tem Martha MacFarlane called the Town Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Boy/Scout Troop 245 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
Public Services Director John Ernest led the Invocation.

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

Also Present: Administrative Assistant II Eller, Chief Thomas, Attorney Heather Ramos and Public Services Director Ernest.

Absent: Mayor David Nebel

REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Finance Report-No Comment

Police Department Report-No Comment.

Code Enforcement Report

Mayor Pro-Tem MacFarlane stated that the Police Department will be handling issues since there is a gap in Code Enforcement. **Councilor Conroy** said that the Town needs to have an officer that is experienced in code violations. **Councilor Scott** asked why would pay for an Officer when we are changing the code. **Mayor Pro-Tem MacFarlane** said it is not happening tomorrow and we have codes not being enforced and the Town needs an immediate solution.

Town Attorney Report-No Comment

Council Report

Councilor McGill discussed the Building Official having the fees wrong, builders are calling and complaining the Building Official is not responding or showing up to scheduled inspections.

Mayor Pro-Tem MacFarlane suggested adding different service levels and a time line for inspections. **Councilor McGill** stated that Alpha is willing to come back and find builders of their own.

John Bladek, Meritage Homes said that when the Building Official does not come when he is supposed to it cost them money since they have to reschedule concrete and it throws their whole build off. **John Rhodes, ICN Homes** said that the Building Official is knowledgeable but his communication needs work. **Councilor McGill** wants to schedule a meeting to go over the ten offences for Chief Thomas. **Mayor Pro-Tem MacFarlane** made a suggestion to go over the ordinance first and come back to the ten offences.

Councilor Scott feels that Sara Maude is torn up and the Town should try to have the money to fix it by November. **Public Services Director Ernest** said that he could have the cost to fix it by the end of the week. **Councilor Conroy** suggested getting grants rather than using the Town's money. **Councilor Scott** said that he does not want to wait two to four years to have it done. **Councilor Scott** suggested getting donations to fund the project.

Discussion: Retail Wastewater Agreement for the Bishops gate Property

Public Services Director Ernest says that the Towns cost to be involved with 31 lift stations there are questions that need to be answered before voted on. **Town Attorney Ramos** said there is a problem in the statute and it needs to be an ordinance. **Councilor Conroy** said him and Public Services Director Ernest would work on a budget that it should be profitable not cost the town money. Mayor **Pro-Tem MacFarlane** said we have to correct the problems. **Town Attorney Ramos** stated to amend the agreement with CDD and other developments. **Councilor McGill** asked if everyone can be under one agreement. **Town Attorney Ramos** said that yes, they can be. **Councilor Conroy** said that CDD is whole sale and the town is resale. **Town Attorney Ramos** this is the first read.

First Reading Ordinance 2019-011. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN; ADOPTING A WELLFIELD PROTECTION DISTRICT TO PROTECT THE TOWN'S DRINKING WATER SUPPLY; CREATING A NEW SECTION TITLED "WELLFIELD PROTECTION" IN CHAPTER 175 OF THE TOWN'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; DELETING THE SECTIONS ENTITLED "CONSTRUCTION OF WELLS PROHIBITED" AND "USE OF EXISTING WELLS RESTRICTED" IN CHAPTER 175 OF THE TOWN'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney Ramos read the ordinance by title.

Public Services Director Ernest stated that it is just housekeeping.

Councilor Conroy, seconded by Councilor Scott moved to approve First Reading Ordinance 2019-011. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN; ADOPTING A WELLFIELD PROTECTION DISTRICT TO PROTECT THE TOWN'S DRINKING WATER SUPPLY; CREATING A NEW SECTION TITLED "WELLFIELD PROTECTION" IN CHAPTER 175 OF THE TOWN'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; DELETING THE SECTIONS ENTITLED "CONSTRUCTION OF WELLS PROHIBITED" AND "USE OF EXISTING WELLS RESTRICTED" IN CHAPTER 175 OF THE TOWN'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Motion passed 4-0 with roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

Second Reading and Adoption ORDINANCE NO. 2019-010. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA, RAISING THE FEES FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING BY 52 CENTS PER HOME FOR A NEW MONTHLY RATE OF \$16.86 BASED ON THE ANNUAL 2019 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ADJUSTMENT OF 3.2%; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney Ramos read the ordinance by title.

Councilor McGill, seconded by Councilor Conroy moved to approve ORDINANCE NO. 2019-010. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA, RAISING THE FEES FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING BY 52 CENTS PER HOME FOR A NEW MONTHLY RATE OF \$16.86 BASED ON THE ANNUAL 2019 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ADJUSTMENT OF 3.2%; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Motion passed 3-0 with a roll call vote. (Councilor Scott voting No.)

Meeting returned to Councilor McGill's ten offences toward Chief Thomas

Ten Offences

1. Dismissal and Hiring of Officers
2. Interfering with Campaign
3. Abuse of Power with Building Inspector
4. Rumors with Town Attorney
5. Hiring Officers without Advertising
6. Targeting Mr. Alimenti
7. Targeting Councilors and wire tapping
8. Several counts of lying at Town Council Meetings
9. Suspicious person, stalking
10. Egregious conduct towards Town Clerk

Mayor Pro-Tem MacFarlane commented to have a Special Session to go over the offences and nothing can be done with out the Mayor present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Ellis, 125 W. Magnolia Ave expressed he doesn't think it's right that Chief Thomas is laughing during meeting and requested an apology.

George Lehning, 1004 N. Citrus Ave, complained about all the noise at the Howey Mansion, and the Mausoleum looking like a jungle.

JoJo Lowe, 139 E Central, said Meet the artist is from 6-8 and the theme is Woodstock. Everyone should dress in hippie attire.

Sal Gallelli, 1104 N Tangerine said I have been here through six Mayors, three Chiefs, the Chief now is the poorest Chief and a slacker.

Donna Klein, 701 Lakeshore said everyone should put \$10 in a pot if their phones go off during a meeting and can donate to Sara Maude.


Marie Gallelli, 1104 N Tangerine asked why doesn't the Town start a Sara Maude trust fund.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.



Martha MacFarlane,
Interim Mayor

ATTEST:



Rebecca Eller
Administrative Assistant II