

Mayor Joseph S. Kroll  
President James E. Woods  
Vice President Jay G. Foy

Council Member Jerry E. Beavers  
Council Member H. Christopher Edden  
Council Member U. Jonathan Jadu  
Assistant Town Administrator / Town Clerk Janice C. Rutan  
Town Attorney John Foster



## TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Town Council Meeting  
Town Hall Council Chambers  
Thursday ~ February 8, 2007

7:00 p.m.

### AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- V. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA
  - a. Approval of the minutes of the December 14, 2006 Regular Meeting
  - b. Approval of the minutes of the January 25, 2007 Regular Meeting
- VI. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS
- VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
- VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
- IX. SECOND READINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS
- X. FIRST READINGS AND REGULAR AGENDA
- XI. REPORTS
  - a. Town Attorney
  - b. Mayor
  - c. Consultants
  - d. Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk
  - e. Committee/Delegate Report
  - f. Treasurer's Report (included in packet)
- XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- XIII. NEW BUSINESS
- XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, a regular meeting of the Haverhill Town Council was held on Thursday, February 8, 2007 at the Town Hall, 4585 Charlotte Street, Haverhill. Those present were Town Council President James E. Woods; Town Council Vice President Jay G. Foy, Council Member Jerry Beavers and Council Member Chris Edden. Advisors to the Council present were Town Attorney John Fenn Foster, Town Planner Jack Horniman, Assistant to Town Clerk Betty Sites and Code Enforcement Officer Joseph Roche.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Council President Woods called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council President Woods offered the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Council President Woods called the roll. All members were present with the exception of Council Member Jonathan Jadu.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Council President Woods asked for approval of the Agenda. There being no additions, deletions or substitutions, the agenda was accepted as presented.

**PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:**

None

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Henry Lynch: 1042 Pineway Drive.** Mr. Lynch announced that the steady increase in crime on his street had prompted residents to call a meeting to organize a neighborhood crime watch program. He asked Council to put up signs that the street is under video surveillance. He also informed that Council that he has discovered that the Department of Homeland Security has grants available for Towns to purchase surveillance equipment.

Code Enforcement Officer Roche stated that a fence at the end of Pineway had been removed and that hoodlums from Stacy Street are now pouring into the neighborhood. They apparently scout out houses where residents are away and by cell phone inform burglars who arrive in trucks and clean out the residences. PBSO is quick to respond and have spotted several perpetrators. Code Enforcement Officer Roche got license numbers of three pick up trucks and they are being traced.

## COMMENTS FROM THE PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Palm Beach County Sheriff's office reported that for the past month there had been three cars stolen, one house burglary and three car burglaries. The cars were all recovered and fingerprints have been taken at the burglary scenes.

Council Member Edden stated that his car had been one of the burglary victims. He had seen a red Toyota truck with three men leaving the scene about 6 a.m. The next morning, he spotted another man checking car doors in his neighborhood. He got the license number of his truck and called PBSO. He had been disappointed that they took so long to respond and had given him no feedback on the information he gave them.

The Sheriff told Council that the PBSO responds by priority and that follow up can take a long time. Council Member Eddens asked if additional coverage could be set up between 4:30 and 6:00 a.m. Vice President Foy stated that Council could only pay for more security by raising taxes. Mr. Lynch stated that this is not a crime spree but a crime network moving into Haverhill. He urged the Council to look into the DHS grants as soon as possible while they are still available.

**Ed Davila, Pineway Street** Mr. Davila stated that the young man at the end of the street is a repeat felon and that he is installing video surveillance equipment in his yard too as well as a sign so stating. He recommended paying for a "Citizens on Patrol" force. President Woods stated that the Town has no one to train and no budget to pay for such a program. Mr. Davila said that the Sheriff's department would train. If not, "street justice" would prevail. President Woods quickly stated that the Council would not condone vigilantes but encouraged the crime watch program. Mr. Davila said he had been disappointed in the PBSO's lack of response.

**Tom Buckholtz, Stratford Street** After a lengthy introduction, Mr. Buckholtz stated that the fence behind his house (which backs up to the Lake Worth Drainage District area) has come down. He said that kids use the pipe across the L4 canal to get to his house which has been robbed numerous times. Code Enforcement Officer Roche informed Council that the fence had been built years ago by volunteers and that Mayor Kroll had recently gotten permission from the LWDD to repair it. President Woods promised to follow up with the Mayor and Code Enforcement Officer Roche to get the fence taken care of.

## SECOND READINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

## FIRST READINGS AND REGULAR AGENDA

None

## REPORTS

### **Town Attorney**

Attorney Foster asked if the Council had any interest in initiating a change in the Town's R2 zoning to allow "zero lot line detached" (ZLLD) building. President Woods said he had no interest. Vice President Foy stated that other issues would have to be addressed such as windows and easements to make ZLLD acceptable. He also was not interested in the Town spending the money to have staff and Counsel investigate the issue.

Council Member Beavers agreed that cost should be borne by a formal applicant, not the taxpayers. Council Member Edden stated that he is against builders asking for zoning changes for their own profit.

Attorney Foster said he would take that as a "no" from the Council.

**Mayor**

Absent

**Consultants**

None

**Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk**

Assistant to the Town Clerk Sites gave Council Members copies of the Florida League of Cities Legislative Alert on Property Tax Reform. Council Member Beavers said he would go to the hearing on Monday February 12, 2007 and report back to Council.

**Committee/Delegate Report**

For the Code and Ordinance Committee, Vice President Foy stated that Attorney Foster will revise the list of issues to be discussed by the Committee to include affordable housing, set backs and fence heights. The next meeting of the Code & Ordinance Committee will be at noon on Thursday, February 22, 2007.

**Treasurer's Report (included in packet)**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Edden announced that this would be his last official Council meeting. Due to a young family and a growing business, he will not seek reelection in March. He stated that he was honored to have served and happy to have gotten to know the Council Members and Town staff and consultants but he no longer has the time the Town deserves for him to serve. He asked the Council to continue their good work and keep Haverhill the great place it is. President Woods thanked him for his service and asked him to stay involved as much as he could.

**With no further business to come before the Town Council, it was moved, seconded and ordered adjourned at 8:05 p.m.**

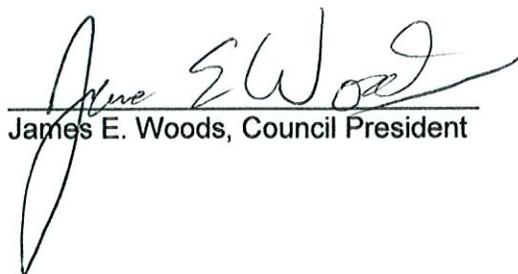
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Date

2/22/07



Betty Sites, Assistant to Town Clerk



James E. Woods, Council President