

## MINUTES OF THE HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 28, 2009

**Mayor Sears** called the Town Council Meeting of September 28, 2009 to order at 6:02 p.m.

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

**Councilor Ernest** led the Invocation.

**Present:** Mayor Sears, Councilor Nebel, Councilor Ernest, Councilor Ormsbee, Administrator of Financial Services Monday-Bolte, and Town Clerk Brasher

**Absent:** Mayor Pro-Tem Green (unexcused)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Consideration and Approval of Re-Employment Connection Worksite Agreement with Work Force of Central Florida**

**Town Clerk Brasher** gave detailed background on the item.

**Councilor Ormsbee**, seconded by **Councilor Nebel**, moved to approve the Re-Employment Connection Worksite Agreement with Work Force of Central Florida. Motion carried 4-0 with a roll call vote.

#### **Discussion: Legal Counsel representation at monthly Town Council Meetings**

**Mayor Sears** gave detailed background on this item and proposed to not have legal counsel at the council meetings to save approximately \$12,000 as the budget is over approximately \$12,000 this year. He further stated if the Council gives his authorization to base it on a meeting by meeting basis.

**Councilor Ernest** said he would be in favor of authorizing Mayor Sears to make the decision for legal counsel to be present. **Mayor Sears** stated that Town Attorney is available via telephone during the meetings if needed. Discussion ensued. **Councilor Nebel** said she would be uncomfortable with not having legal counsel present at the meetings.

**Councilor Ernest**, seconded by **Councilor Ormsbee**, moved to have legal counsel attend the first meeting of each month unless Mayor Sears feels the legal counsel attendance is not necessary. Motion carried 4-0 with a roll call vote.

**Mayor Sears** asked for the agenda to be amended to take action on the Interlocal Agreement for the CDBG.

**Councilor Ormsbee**, seconded by **Councilor Nebel**, moved to amend the agenda to take action on the Interlocal Agreement for the CDBG. Motion carried 4-0 with a roll call vote.

**Mayor Sears** gave detailed background on the item and said Town Engineer Shira has reviewed the document as well as Town Clerk Brasher.

**Councilor Ernest**, seconded by **Councilor Nebel**, moved to approve the Community Development Block Grant Interlocal Agreement between Lake County and the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills for Water Treatment Plant Upgrade, Phase 1. Motion carried 4-0 with a roll call vote.

**Mayor Sears** said all Town Councilors will need to be present to take action on the next two items and asked for a recess to contact Mayor Pro-Tem Green.

**It was the consensus of the Town Council to hold the Final Budget Public Hearing on October 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., October 3, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. or October 5 at 7:00 pm. as this meeting has to be advertised**

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**Resolution No. 2009-009, Adopting a Final Millage Rate of 7.2500 for Ad Valorem Taxes for Fiscal Year 2009-2010; Providing for an effective date**

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN AS THE MEETING WAS CONTINUED.**

**Resolution No. 2009-010, Adopting a Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010; Providing for an effective date**

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN AS THE MEETING WAS CONTINUED.**

**Councilor Ormsbee**, seconded by **Councilor Ernest**, moved to continue the Budget Final Hearing. Motion carried 4-0 with a roll call vote.

#### **MAYOR / TOWN COUNCIL REPORT**

**Mayor Sears** said the Hollenbach documentation has been recorded and the taxes will be paid tomorrow.


**Councilor Nebel** said she has met with the school regarding fundraising.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Barry Crowder** asked various budget related questions.

**MEETING WAS RECESSED**

**ATTEST:**

  
**Brenda Brasher, CMC**  
Town Clerk

  
**Chris Sears, Mayor**