

**Minutes of the Howey-in-the-Hills Town Council Meeting
Held October 26, 2009**

Mayor Sears called the Town Council Meeting of October 26, 2009 to Order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Councilor Ernest led the Invocation.

Present: Mayor Sears, Mayor Pro-Tem Green, Councilor Ernest, Councilor Nebel, Councilor Ormsbee and Town Clerk Brasher.

Absent: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held October 12, 2009.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Approval of Energy Efficiency Conservation Strategy Grants
Traffic Engineer Watanabe gave detailed background on the item.

It was the consensus of the Town Council to apply for the Energy Efficiency Conservation Strategy Grant.

Update on S. Lakeshore Blvd./E. Revels Road Project

Traffic Engineer Watanabe presented an update on the project and said the project would go before the BOCC on November 17, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

Consideration of Work Authorization No. 7 for Conceptual Plans of State Route 19 in the Amount of \$3,200

Traffic Engineer Watanabe presented detailed background on this item.

Del Pearce, Bob Olsen and Barry Crowder voiced their opinions on this item.

Councilor Nebel, seconded by Councilor Ernest, moved to authorize Work Authorization No. 7 for Conceptual Plans of SR 19 in the amount of \$3,200.00 to be taken from Account No. 1519496. Motion carried 3/2 with Mayor Pro-Tem Green and Councilor Ormsbee voting no.

Status of CUP Renewal

Town Engineer Shira presented detailed background on this item. Discussion ensued.

Update: Abandonment of Well 1 (*This item was taken out of agenda order*)
Town Engineer Shira gave detailed background on this item. Discussion ensued.

Status of Water Plant Design

Town Engineer Shira gave detailed background on this item and asked for direction on several items. Discussion ensued.

Status of SRF Loan

Town Engineer Shira said the loan is being processed but he still needs additional information. Discussion ensued.

Discussion: Water Rate Increase

Mayor Sears gave background on this item. He said the Resolution that was previously adopted will expire and a new Resolution for water rates is needed. Discussion ensued.

It was the consensus of the Town Council to adopt new water rates.

Discussion: \$5 Surcharge for Water Plant Improvements

Mayor Sears discussed the financial issues to fund the water plant improvements. Mayor Pro-Tem Green said the taxes rolled back so there were savings to the resident and he is in favor of the \$5.00 water plant improvement fee. Mayor Sears said the Town needs to be in compliance with DEP and the water plant improvement project would bring the Town into compliance. He further stated the \$5.00 stormwater fee will aid the develop of the downtown area.

Consideration and Approval of Three-Year Extension with Veolia

Town Clerk Brasher gave background on this item.

Mayor Pro-Tem Green, seconded by Councilor Ernest, moved to approve the three-year extension with Veolia. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Report of Lakeshore Blvd mowing and comments by Mr. Barber

Mayor Sears discussed Mr. Barber's concerns with the mowing down Lakeshore Blvd. It was further discussed that it is a safety issue with regards to mowing due to the high water levels. Councilor Ernest presented a spreadsheet of expenditures and said there is not enough money for all expenditures needed but money was just spend unnecessarily on the mowing of Lakeshore Blvd.

Bob Olsen asked if there is an equipment maintenance schedule in place. Discussion ensued.

Finance Report – There were no financial questions. Mayor Sears said the Budget Amendment will be November 9, 2009.

Code Enforcement Report and Police Department Report – There were no questions.

Cemetery Board Minutes – There were no questions.

Library Board Report Minutes- There were no questions.

Park & Recreation Board Report – Parks & Recreation Chairman Richardson submitted renderings for landscaping projects at Griffin Park and the library.

Councilor Ormsbee, seconded by Councilor Ernest, moved to authorize the presented Griffin Park improvements with a not to exceed amount of \$1,000.00 from the Nature Trail account line item. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Planning & Zoning Commission Minutes – There were no questions.

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Sears - None

Mayor Pro-Tem Green said Scott Strong passed away and gave the viewing/funeral time and place.

Councilor Ernest - None

Councilor Nebel - None

Councilor Ormsbee said the boat dock grant money has been received.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT AT 8:16 P.M.



Chris Sears, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brenda Brasher, CMC
Town Clerk