

**TOWN OF INTERLACHEN
TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.
DICKERMAN BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Bennett called the meeting to order at 10:01 am and dispensed with the formalities.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members present were Chairperson Carolyn Bennett, Vice-Chairperson, Carolyn Meadows, Beverly Bakker, Joni Conner, and David Yonts. Mayor Larsen was present also.

Donald Ferguson from Putnam County Animal Control stated that thanks to the Town's donation this past year they were able to purchase traps and pay veterinarian bills. He stated that the shelter currently has ninety-six (96) dogs, and their most urgent need is for more traps and Ferrell cat boxes.

COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON: CAROLYN BENNETT

Chairperson Bennett stated that the Florida League of Cities has an annual conference in Orlando and that she would like three (3) Council members to attend next year. She asked that the Council consider this when looking at the budget.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Discussion and Consideration of the Proposed 2023/2024 Budget for all Departments.

The Clerk stated that she received a quote from Florida Power & Light for the placement of six (6) lights in Jenkins Park for \$238.00 a month and the total construction cost of \$85.00. However, the project will take six (6) to nine (9) months to complete. The lighting agreement will be on the August agenda.

The following was discussed:

- 1) Restricted Revenues: \$28,000.00 was added for a possible FDLE Grant.
- 2) Mayor/Council Expenditures: "Audit" was increased to \$35,000.00.
- 3) Mayor/Council Expenditures: "Travel & Seminars" was increased to \$5,000.00.
- 4) Police Department Expenditures: New line item for the FDLE Grant.
- 5) Non-Departmental Expenditures: "Traffic Signal Reimbursement" was increased to \$10,038.00.
- 6) Non-Departmental Expenditures: "Town Resident Animal Spay/Neuter Program" was changed to "Operation Catnip/TNR."
- 7) Capital Projects: "Discretionary Sales Tax" was increased to \$500,000.00 for overages on grants.
- 8) Water: "Capital Outlay Engineering & Construction" was increased to \$100,000.00 for the REDI Grant.
- 9) Water: "Capital Outlay Machinery & Equipment" was increased to \$50,000.00.
- 10) The general consensus of the Council was to keep the millage rate at .72553% .
- 11) Water rates will not be increased.

The Council thanked the Town Clerk for the well organized and color-coded budget.

The workshop adjourned at 11:10am.