

**TOWN OF INTERLACHEN  
TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2024 – 10:00 A.M.  
DICKERMAN BUILDING**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Meadows called the meeting to order at 9:04 am and dispensed with the formalities.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON: CAROLYN MEADOWS**

Council Members stated that the workshop is to finalize the 2024/2025 budget.

Dawn Morton, from Putnam County Animal Control expressed her thanks to the Council for their generous donations in the past and stated that the funds were used for veterinarian bills and equipment such as catch poles, leashes, and crates.

The Clerk stated that the Tentative Budget Public Hearing will be September 5, 2024 and the Final Budget Public Hearing will be September 19, 2024. Both will be at 5:05pm.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

***Discussion and Consideration of the Proposed 2024/2025 Budget for all Departments.***

The following was approved:

- 1) Hiring a Maintenance Man #5 at an estimated start-up cost of \$53,527.74.
- 2) Keep Blue Cross Health Insurance and employee percentage payments the same.
- 3) “Community Projects” was changed to “Special Events” in Restricted Revenues and Expenditures.
- 4) “JAG Grant” was added to Restricted Revenues in the amount of \$22,000.00.
- 5) The \$22,000.00 JAG Grant will be used towards the purchase of a new patrol car.
- 6) “Town Celebrations” was changed to two separate events; “Christmas” and “Independence Day.”
- 7) Christmas Expenditures was set at \$5,000.00.
- 8) Independence Day Expenditures was increased to \$25,000.00.
- 9) Special Events Expenditures was increased to \$15,000.00.
- 10) Use of ARPA Funds for remodeling Interlachen Hall.
- 11) The millage rate was set at the rolled-back rate of 6.9513%.
- 12) Donations to Animal Control and I.V.F.D. Station 4.

The purchase of new chairs for council chambers was not approved.

The workshop adjourned at 10:38am.