

**INTERLACHEN TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023 - 6:00 P.M.
DICKERMAN BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Carolyn Bennett called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON: CAROLYN BENNETT

Chairperson Bennett led the pledge and Mayor Larsen gave the invocation.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing opened at 6:02pm.

COUNCIL AGENDAED DISCUSSION:

Discussion and Consideration of the Live Local Act.

North Florida Regional Council representatives, Robert Jordan, was present and Jack Shad was present via zoom.

Mr. Jordan stated that Senate Bill 102 addresses affordable housing and requires the town to inventory town owned property and depict which properties are appropriate for affordable housing. A Live Local Resolution along with criteria must be posted on the town's website.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2023-11: Live Local Act.

By unanimous general consent Resolution 2023-11 was read by title only.

Council Member Conner moved to approve Resolution 2023-11. Council Member Yonts seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

The public hearing was closed at 6:35p.m.

OPEN COUNCIL MEETING

Chairperson Bennett called the regular meeting to order at 6:36pm.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Discussion and Consideration of a Presentation From the Department of Health.

Rita Cianfrocco, regional program manager from the Health Department stated that they offer community health education, WIC program, mobile mammography, and the Putnam 1st Cancer Program. Pamphlets explaining all their services are available in the town office for the public.

Discussion and Consideration of the Historical Society Contract & the use of Interlachen Hall.

Chairperson Bennett passed the gavel to Council Member Meadows since she is a member of the Historical Society.

Attorney Young stated that after his initial meeting with the Historical Society attorney, he has tried to reach him three times and has not received a response. He stated that there is no valid contract.

Council Member Yonts moved to proceed with a thirty (30) day notice to the Historical Society to vacate the building and to provide the town with an inventory of all the items in the museum. Council Member Conner seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Resignation of C.E.O., Mary Ratliff.

Council Member Bakker moved to accept Ms. Ratliff's resignation. Council Member Meadows seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice/vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Budget Transfer #3.

Council Member Conner moved to approve Budget Transfer #3. Council Member Bakker seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice/roll vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Employee Christmas Luncheon.

The luncheon was set for noon on December 13, 2023. Council Member Bakker will provide drinks, Council Member Bennett will provide the paper goods, Council Member Meadows will decorate, and Council Member Yonts will provide ice. The Mayor and all the council members will bring a dessert.

Discussion and Consideration of Decorating the Christmas Float.

Anna Rose Larsen will coordinate decorating the float with flamingos and palm trees. The Council will decorate the float at 10:00am on December 1, 2023.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The consent agenda was approved by unanimous general consent.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Bakker stated that the student of the quarter awards ceremony at the elementary school was wonderful and meant a lot to the children and their parents. She thanked the staff for preparing the certificates. The next one will be in January.

Council Member Meadows gave kudos to the Events Committee for the successful fall festival.

Council Member Conner stated that there was over fifty (50) vendors at the fall festival, and everything went well. She thanked the Council, Events Committee, Maintenance Department, and staff for their help.

Council Member Yonts stated that he was advised of a child getting hurt on a slide at Hastings Park. The Maintenance Supervisor advised him that they had closed it down and are trying to get it replaced.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Larsen stated that he attended a Veteran's luncheon at the elementary school and also the Veterans ceremony at Mary Wisham Park.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

The Chief wished the Clerk a happy birthday and stated that she and the other staff are good employees.

The Clerk reminded the Council that the bank needs their signatures. The RFQ has been published, with a bid date of December 21, 2023. The Dickens property has been cleaned up and the lien has been released.

The Maintenance Supervisor stated that the cemetery fence is finished. There will be a change order for around \$3,000.00 for meters on the Redi-Grant Project.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

Attorney Young swore in council members Bakker, Bennett and Meadows. Supervisor of Elections, Charles Overturf presented them with a certificate.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.