

**INTERLACHEN TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025 - 6:00 P.M.
DICKERMAN BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Beverly Bakker called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. She led the pledge, and Mayor Hanes gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON: BEVERLY BAKKER

Chairperson Bakker stated that the Council seats up for re-election are Beverly Bakker, Carolyn Bennett, and Carolyn Meadows, and announced the elections dates as follows:

The Caucus will be at 5:30pm on Tuesday, July 8, 202. Council Members Joni Conner and David Yonts are eligible to chair the Caucus.

Qualifying begins at noon on Monday, August 4, 2025, and ends at noon on Friday, August 8, 2025.

The Resigns to Run deadline is Friday, July 25, 2025.

Petitions must be filed by noon on Monday, July 28, 2025.

Voters Registration Books close at midnight on Monday, October 6, 2025.

The Election will be Tuesday, November 4, 2025 from 7am-7pm at the Community Center.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Bakker opened the public hearing at 6:03pm.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 2025-1; Rezoning to Change the Official Zoning Map. – 2nd Reading

By unanimous general consent Ordinance 2025-1 was read by title only.

Council Member Conner moved to approve Ordinance 2025-1 on second reading. Council Member Meadows seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

Ordinance 2025-2; Text Amendment to Appendix A of the Infrastructure Element of the Comprehensive Plan. – 2nd Reading

By unanimous general consent Ordinance 2025-2 was read by title only.

Council Member Bennett moved to approve Ordinance 2025-2 on second reading. Council Member Meadows seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

The public hearing was closed at 6:06p.m.

OPEN COUNCIL MEETING:

Chairperson Bakker opened the regular Town Council meeting at 6:06pm.

Mayor Hanes presented Interlachen Soup Kitchen Ministries with a \$500.00 check from the Florida League of Cities.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Discussion and Consideration of a Request to Increase the Credit Card Limit.

The Clerk explained that currently there is a \$5,00.00 credit card limit for three (3) departments, and requested that the amount be increased to \$10,000.00.

Council Member Bennett moved to increase the credit card limit to \$10,000.00. Council Member Yonts seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of a Hiring an Additional Part-Time Police Officer.

Chief Wilburn requested permission to hire an additional part-time officer and stated that there is money in his budget.

Council Member Conner suggested that hiring enough police officers so that the town can have 24-hour police coverage be discussed at the budget workshops.

Council Member Conner moved to hire an additional part-time police officer. Council Member Meadows seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Sign Contractor.

The Clerk advised the Council that no bids were received on the sign project and the procurement policy does not address this issue.

Council Member Meadows moved to pursue the bidding process again for the sign. Council Member Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the council.

Discussion and Consideration of Surplus Items.

The Clerk advised the Council that none of the surplus items had been bid on.

Council Member Bennett moved to allow the radios to be donated to the Sheriff's Office and the other items be donated to a thrift store. Council Member Yonts seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Banner Board at the Corner of SR 20 & CR 315.

Council Member Conner stated that she would like to have a second banner board installed at CR 315 & SR 20.

Council Member Meadows moved to approve the installation of another banner board. Council Member Yonts seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the council.

Discussion and Consideration of Attendance at the Florida League of Cities Conference.

The Clerk stated that the Florida League of Cities annual conference will be August 14th – 16th. The Mayor and Council Members Bennett, Conner and Yonts expressed their desire to attend the conference.

Discussion and Consideration of Interlachen Hall Update.

The Clerk advised the Council that the electrical permit has been approved. The windows should be installed before July 4th, the front restroom has been gutted; the original council table and the doll house have been moved upstairs.

The Clerk stated that direction from the Council on plans for the Dickerman Building would be beneficial for planning and budgetary purposes. A workshop was set for 10:00am, on Thursday, July 10, 2025 to discuss this.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 2025-3; Tree Board. ~ 1st Reading

By unanimous general consent Ordinance 2025-3 was read by title only.

Council Member Conner moved to approve Ordinance 2025-3 on first reading. Council Member Meadows seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the council.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The consent agenda was approved by unanimous general consent.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Conner announced that the July 4th activities will not only include a cake contest, but also a cake walk. and asked Council members to bake a cake for the cake walk. The Council will decorate the float at 8:30am, on July 3, 2025.

Council Member Bennett thanked everyone for attending and stated that she had attended an Emergency Management training meeting with the Town Clerk at the EOC in Palatka.

Council Member Meadows inquired about hiring a Codes Enforcement Officer. The Clerk stated that applicants who Had applied on Indeed have been asked to fill out an application.

Council Member Yonts had no comments.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Hanes stated there will be sparklers for the kids on July 4th and that he had attended the Robert Henry Jenkins, Jr Scholarship banquet and the Interlachen Jr/Sr High School graduation. He congratulated the University of Texas softball team for winning the national championship.

There were no department head or public comments.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

Attorney Young stated that he is talking to the county about the truck traffic on Francis Street. He invited everyone to the Babe Ruth softball tournament this weekend in Palatka.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:58pm.