

**INTERLACHEN TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 - 6:00 P.M.
DICKERMAN BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Carolyn Bennett called the Public Hearing to order at 6:05 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 6:06pm.

Attorney Young reminded the Council that any decision they make must be based on criteria met and not personal feelings.

The Clerk called for disclosure. No council members or the Mayor have been to the site or talked to anyone about the proposed land use and zoning change.

Attorney Young swore in Kathie Ebaugh, from JB Pro, Townsend Russell, the applicant, Noel Comeaux, from Northeast Florida Regional Council and citizen Felicia Perry.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Felicia Perry, from Sisterhood of Servants, who owns the property at 147 North CR 315 voiced her concerns with an RV resort going in next to her property.

Kathie Ebaugh, from JB Pro presented the applicant's request and explained the Land Use and Rezoning process.

Noel Comeaux, from Northeast Florida Regional Council presented the staff report and recommended approval of the land use and rezoning.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Discussion and Consideration of the Planning Commission Recommendation for Land Use Change Case LU 2023-2.

Council Member Conner moved to accept the Planning Commission's Recommendation for Land Use Case LU 2023-2. Council Member Yonts seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Planning Commission's Recommendation for Rezoning Case RE 2023-2.

Council Member Bakker moved to approve the Planning Commission's Recommendation for Rezoning Case RE 2023-2. Council Member Meadows seconded. Council Member Bakker amended her motion to include the requirement for a solid fence around the property. Council Member Meadows seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Planning Commission's Recommendation for Amending Zoning Ordinance 2012-1.

Council Member Yonts moved to approve the Planning Commission's Recommendation for Amending Zoning Ordinance 2012-1. Council Member Bakker seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Closing and Vacating Leamy Avenue and Prescott Avenue.

Council Member Bakker moved to close and vacate Leamy Avenue and Prescott Avenue. Council Member Conner seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 2023-5; Small Scale Amendment. - 1st Reading

By unanimous general consent Ordinance 2023-5 was read by title only.

Council Member Meadows moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-5 on first reading. Council Member Yonts seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

Ordinance 2023-6; Adopting Changes to the Official Zoning Map. – 1st Reading

By unanimous general consent Ordinance 2023-6 was read by title only.

Attorney Young advised the Council to remove the last two sentences from 4.19(b) and add "in accordance with Florida Statutes" at the end of the first sentence. Add "solid fence with a minimum of six (6) feet in height" Under 4.7 "Buffers".

Council Member Meadows moved to accept the changes to Ordinance 2023-6 as amended. Council Member Yonts seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

Ordinance 2023-7; Closing and Vacating Leamy Avenue and Prescott Avenue. – 1st Reading

By unanimous general consent Ordinance 2023-7 was read by title only.

Council Member Bakker moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-7 on first reading. Council Member Meadows seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

Ordinance 2023-8; Amending Zoning Ordinance 2012-1. – 1st Reading

By unanimous general consent Ordinance 2023-7 was read by title only.

Council Member Bakker moved to approve Ordinance 2023-7, amending Zoning Ordinance 2012-1. Council Member Conner seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

The public hearing was closed at 8:15p.m.

OPEN COUNCIL MEETING

Chairperson Bennett called the regular meeting to order at 8:28pm.

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 DISCUSSION:

Discussion and Consideration of the Better Place Plan Committee's Recommendation to Use Better Place Plan Funds for the Redi-Grant Project.

Council Member Conner moved to approve the Better Place Plan Committee's Recommendation to use \$370,000.00 of Better Place Plan Funds for the Redi-Grant Project. Council Member Yonts seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Better Place Plan Committee's Recommendation for Financing the Redi-Grant Project through Better Place Plan Funds.

Council Member Bakker moved to approve the Better Place Plan Committee's Recommendation for financing the Redi-Grant Project through Better Place Plan funds. Council Member Meadows seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Replacement of the Siding at Interlachen Hall.

Maintenance Supervisor, Richard Glover stated that the wood at the back of Interlachen Hall was replaced several years ago and it's already rotten. He would like to replace it with hardy board and reframe the windows and install flashing, at a cost of around \$6,000.00.

Council Member Meadows moved to approve the replacement of the siding at Interlachen Hall . Council Member Bakker seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice/vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Cemetery Fence Quotes.

Council Member Conner moved to accept the bid of \$20,400.00 from Mathews Fencing for the west and East side. Council Member Yonts seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Cemetery Investments.

Council Member Conner moved to allow the Clerk to contact Community State Bank to negotiate a higher CD rate. Council Member Bakker seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Renewal of the Interlachen Historical Society Contract.

Chairperson Bennet recused herself and passed the gavel to Vice-Chairperson Carolyn Meadows, since she is a member of the Historical Society.

The Clerk stated that she was unable to negotiate the contract and was seeking guidance from the Council.

Council Member Conner moved to allow Attorney Young to negotiate the contract with the Historical Society President for a minimum monthly rental fee of \$100.00. Council Member Yonts seconded.

Council Member Conner amended her motion instructing Attorney Young to negotiate the contract for a minimum monthly rental fee of \$100.00 and to use his discretion as to all the other points of the contract. Council Member Yonts seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council, with Chairperson Bennett abstaining.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 2023-4; Repealing, Re-enacting, Retaining and Sunsetting Certain Ordinances. – 2nd Reading

By unanimous general consent Ordinance 2023-4 was read by title only.

Council Member Bakker moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-4 Repealing, Re-enacting, Retaining and Sunsetting Certain Ordinances on second reading. Council Member Meadows seconded. 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 Yonts voiced his concern regarding students crossing North CR 315 and parents parking all along North CR 315. Chief Wilburn said he would talk to the school resource officer.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Larsen had no comments.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

The Clerk reminded the Council of the Final Budget Public Hearing at 5:05pm on September 21, 20223.

The Maintenance Supervisor stated that the Town faired well from the storm, other than the two (2) trees that fell down on Francis Street.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

Attorney Young had no comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:23pm.