

**TOWN OF INTERLACHEN
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 - 5:15 P.M.
DICKERMAN BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Carolyn Bennett called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m. and led the Pledge. Mayor Larsen gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON – CAROLYN BENNETT

Chairperson Carolyn Bennett announced a Florida League of Cities dinner in Palatka on September 21, 2023 at the Golf Club and she would like two council members to attend. Council Members Joni Conner and Carolyn Meadows will attend.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Discussion and Consideration of Codes Enforcement Officer Contract Renewal.

Council Member Baker moved to approve the Codes Enforcement Officer contract. Council Member Conner seconded. The motion passed by a four (4) to one (1) voice vote of the Council, with Council Member Meadows voting no, because she didn't agree with the clause stating that the C.E.O. can't carry a weapon.

Discussion and Consideration of Holmes & Young Contract Renewal.

The Clerk stated that the monthly retainer and the billable hours were increased because of the expected increase in workload.

Council Member Conner moved to approve the renewal of Holmes & Young's contract for the 2023/2024 fiscal year. Council Member Yonts seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Mittauer & Associates Contract Renewal.

Kellen Lindsey, from Mittauer & Associates stated that their three (3) year continuing services contract is up for renewal, and that it has been a mutually beneficial relationship.

Council Member Baker moved to approve Mittauer & Associates Contract Renewal for another three (3) years. Council Member Meadows seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Special Magistrate Contract Renewal.

Council Member Meadows moved to approve the Special Magistrate's Contract Renewal for the 2023/2024 fiscal year. Council Member Bakker seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of The Net-Group Contract Renewal.

Council Member Yonts moved to approve The Net-Group's Contract Renewal for the 2023/2024 fiscal year. Council Member Conner seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Two-Fold Water Engineering Contract Renewal.

Ricky Tisdale, from Two-Fold Water stated that the company has worked with the Town for almost forty (40) years and that the Town's water system is well-maintained, thanks to Maintenance Supervisor Richard Glover.

The Clerk stated that someone from Two-Fold comes out seven (7) days a week to check on the three (3) water plants.

Mr. Glover stated that Two-Fold is always available in an emergency.

Council Member Baker moved to approve Two-Fold Water Engineering's Contract Renewal for the 2023/2024 fiscal year. Council Member Conner seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Appointing a Better Place Plan Member to the Putnam County Better Plan Oversight Committee.

Council Member Baker moved to appoint Jason Matchett to the Putnam County Better Place Plan Oversight Committee. Council Member Yonts seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Use of ARPA Funds for Lagonda Park.

Council Member Baker moved to approve the use of ARPA funds for the Lagonda Park retaining wall. Council Member Meadows seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Workshop Date to Discuss the Growing Homeless Crisis.

Chairperson Carolyn Bennett said she would like to have a workshop to address this situation. A workshop was set for 10:00am on October 17, 2023.

Discussion and Consideration of Budget Transfer #2.

Council Member Conner moved to approve Budget Transfer #2. Council Member Bakker seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Special Town Council Meeting adjourned at 6:06pm.