

**TOWN OF INTERLACHEN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023 - 6:00 P.M.
DICKERMAN BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON – CAROLYN BENNETT

Chairperson Bennett welcomed everyone and stated that she is happy that fall is here and looking forward to cooler weather.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Discussion and Consideration of Request From Interlachen Jr/Sr High School for a Ram Rally Parade.

Leslie Smith, from Interlachen Jr/Sr High School stated that they would like to bring back the Ram Rally Parade on October 19, 2023 beginning at 5:30 P.M. on Atlantic Avenue like they use to do in the past. The line up for the parade will be behind the Town Office.

Chief Wilburn advised that Interlachen Jr/Sr High School could utilize the School Resource Officer to assist with the floats crossing State Road 20, but that the Interlachen Police Department would also be available.

Council Member Conner moved to have the Interlachen Jr/Sr High School Ram Rally Parade on Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 5:30 P.M.

Council Member Yonts seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Complaint About Parking on Columbus Avenue.

John Lloyd was not present for the meeting. No action was taken on this item.

Discussion and Consideration of 104 Dickens Street.

Christina Bryant was not present for the meeting. Dennis Bogden addressed this item.

Dennis Bogden advised that with the reduction of fines he will purchase the property and would come into compliance within the set time that the Town Council would allow.

Attorney Young explained the Council of their options with proceeding of reduction of fines, allowing Mr. Bogden to purchase the property, and coming into compliance within a certain time period. He also explained the options of if Mr. Bogden does not come in compliance that the lawsuit would still be in effect and could still be foreclosed on. Attorney Young also stated under full disclosure he has prepared work for Mr. Bogden in the past but was not aware Mr. Bogden was looking to purchase this property.

The Clerk advised that this would not only be contingent on cleaning 104 Dickens Street and the surrounding properties.

Council Member Yonts moved to reduce liens to \$7,500.00 contingent upon 30 days compliance.

Council Member Bakker seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Better Place Plan Committee Presentation.

Committee member Tony Minotti stated that they would like to utilize Better Place Fundings to redesigning Lagonda Park. The funds would be used to move the dock over, clearing the lake of weeds, making a beach area for swimming, and creating a quite area near the water.

Chairperson Bennett moved to follow up with a workshop at a future scheduled date.

Council Member Bakker seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Property at 201 Commonwealth Avenue.

Attorney Young explained the Council's options with proceeding forward with a court ordered abatement or foreclosure case.

Council Member Conner moved to have Attorney Young to proceed with the abatement process for the property at 201 Commonwealth Avenue.

Council Member Bakker seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Cemetery Investment.

The Clerk stated that Community State Bank raised the rates from what they had previously presented. She believes it would be beneficial to stay with a local bank and the rates are competitive to what the other banks have submitted.

Council Member Yonts moved to use Community State Bank for the Cemetery Investment for a 12-month CD at 4.94%.

Council Member Meadows seconded.

The Clerk requested that the motion be amended to include the amount of the CD as \$200,000.00.

Council Member Yonts amended his motion to use Community State Bank for the Cemetery Investment for 12-month CD at 4.94% on \$200,000.00.

Council Member Meadows amended her seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Citizen's Request for Speed Bumps on Lancaster Street.

No action was taken on this item.

Discussion and Consideration of the Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement.

The Clerk stated that signing the Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement allows us to give and receive assistance from other agencies.

Council Member Bakker moved to adopt the Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement.

Council Member Meadows seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Resignation of Sherri White From the Planning Commission.

Council Member Conner moved to accept the verbal resignation of Sherri White from the Planning Commission.

Council Member Yonts seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Budget Transfer #3.

This item has been tabled until the November Town Council Meeting.

Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Date for a Workshop on the Cannabis Moratorium.

A workshop was set for 10:00 am on November 15, 2023.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2023-10; Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement.

By unanimous general consent Resolution 2023-10 was read by title only.

Council Member Bakker moved to approve Resolution 2023-10. Council Member Meadows seconded.

The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 2023-5; Small Scale Amendment to the Future Land Use Map.

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

Council Member Conner moved to approve Ordinance 2023-5. Council Member Yonts seconded.

The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

Ordinance 2023-6; Rezoning to Change the Official Zoning Map.

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

Council Member Conner moved to approve Ordinance 2023-6. Council Member Meadows seconded.

The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

Ordinance 2023-7; Closing/Vacating Leamy and Prescott Avenue.

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

Council Member Bakker moved to approve Ordinance 2023-7. Council Member Yonts seconded.

The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

Ordinance 2023-8; Amending Zoning Ordinance 2012-1.

By unanimous general consent Ordinance 2023-8 was read by title only.

Council Member Meadows moved to approve Ordinance 2023-8. Council Member Conner 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 Bakker reminded the Town Council of the Robert H. Jenkins Jr. Elementary School Student of the Quarter ceremony the Town will be presenting Good Citizenship awards at on Wednesday, October 18th at 9:00 a.m.

Council Member Conner reminded everyone about the Town of Interlachen Fall Festival. She stated they have about 30 vendors, a car show, sack races, bike race, pet adoption, reptile exhibit and food trucks, pie baking contest.

Council Member Meadows had no comments.

Council Member Yonts had no comments.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Larsen had no comments.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Town Clerk, Joni Payne acknowledged Bill White with Water Management attending the meeting. She stated that the REDI Grant water project was to begin on October 23, 2023.

Chief Wilburn stated that we are still waiting on the radios which were ordered in April this year for the 800MHz upgrade for the Sheriff's Office. He has spoken with Joe Clark with the Sheriff's Office and their radio project has been placed on hold until next year due to supply chain issues.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Tony Minotti stated he was advised that the bridge to County Road 310 is completed and waiting on their final inspection. The final inspection is expected by the end of October. The inspection for Hog Wild Café is completed.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

Attorney Young reminded Council of the Sunshine Law when attending the Student of the Quarter ceremony. He stated he has not received a response regarding 107 Dickens, and he will be filing a motion for summary judgment on October 11th.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.