

**TOWN OF INTERLACHEN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY OCTOBER 14, 2025 - 6:00 P.M.
DICKERMAN BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Beverly Bakker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members present were Chairperson Beverly Bakker, Vice-Chairperson Joni Conner, and Carolyn Meadows. Council Member Carolyn Bennett was present via zoom. Mayor Hanes and Attorney George Young were present also.

COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON – BEVERLY BAKKER

Chairperson Bakker reminded the council of the student citizen's award ceremony at Jenkins Elementary at 9:00am on Wednesday.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Discussion and Consideration of the Appointment of Leslie Schippa to the Planning Commission.

Council Member Conner moved to approve the appointment Leslie Schippa to the Planning Commission. Council Member Meadows seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Putnam County Traffic Signals Interlocal Agreement.

Council Member Meadows moved to approve the Putnam County Traffic Signals Interlocal Agreement. Council Member Conner seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Approval of an ACH Agreement and Procedures.

The Clerk explained that a credit limit must be established in the application. She suggested that the weekly credit limit be \$75,000.00. An authorized signer must sign the application.

Council Member Meadows moved to complete the ACH application with DLP with a weekly credit limit of \$75,000.00. Council Member Conner seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of an Update on the Land Development Regulations.

The Clerk explained that Senate Bill 180 was approved in June, which hinders municipalities from amending Comprehensive Plans and Land Development Regulations that create more restrictive regulations. In the process of updating the Town's LDR's, some updates may be considered more restrictive, and she doesn't want to approve something that violates Senate Bill 180.

Council Member Conner moved to postpone the approval of the LDR's. Council Member Meadows seconded the motion. The motion and second were withdrawn. The deadline for completion of the LDR's was postponed.

Discussion and Consideration of Extending the Lighting in Jenkins Park.

Council Member Conner stated that she was impressed with the lights in Jenkins Park. It really lights up the town, provides security, and makes the walkway pretty. She would like to see the lights extended throughout the entire Park.

The Clerk will check on the cost.

Discussion and Consideration of Bids for the Town of Interlachen Welcome Sign.

Only one bid was received.

Council Member Conner moved to reject the bid due to the inconsistency between the base bid and the alternate bid and because of the cost. Council Member Meadows seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Interlachen Hall Sign.

A workshop will be scheduled at a later date to discuss the welcome sign and the Interlachen Hall sign.

Discussion and Consideration of the Christmas Parade.

The Council will meet to decorate the float at 9:00am on December 5, 2025.

Discussion and Consideration of Having an Employee Christmas Luncheon.

The luncheon was set for December 12, 2025. A volunteer luncheon may be held sometime in the future.

CONSENT AGENDA :

The consent agenda was approved by unanimous general consent.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Hanes stated that everything is going well and welcomed Leslie Schippa to Planning Commission.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Conner stated that the 3rd Annual Fall Festival will be November 1, 2025 from 9:00am -3:00pm. Activities include; a car show, bounce house, pumpkin painting, hayride and much more.

Council Member Meadows thanked the staff who has worked on Interlachen Hall. She stated that she knows it has taken a lot of energy and time and has cut down on some of the normal maintenance, but in the end it will be so worth it. It looks really nice, and the town will be proud of our new town hall.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Town Clerk Joni Payne stated she had received Gail Giunta's resignation from the Planning Commission.

Maintenance Supervisor Richard Glover stated that he received plans from the engineer that would hopefully take care of Mr. Briseno's drainage problem. There had been a waterline break at the Catholic Church, and their bill may need to be adjusted because it was nothing on them, it was probably caused by a lightning strike.

Chief Wilburn stated that the Homecoming Parade needs to be addressed with the higher-ups at the school so he can provide adequate security because no one from the school had contacted him.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Joshua Harris from Healing Grace addressed the homeless problem and stated that a lot of people feed them, which enables them. Their ministry is to teach the homeless a trade in order to transition them from homelessness to productive citizens.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm.