

**TOWN OF INTERLACHEN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13, 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, Carolyn Bennett, and Carolyn Meadows. Anna Rose Larsen was absent due to illness. Mayor Hanes and Attorney George Young were present also.

COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON – BEVERLY BAKKER

Chairperson Bakker wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Discussion and Consideration of an Update From Alex Sharp on a Sex Offender Ordinance.

Mr. Sharp stated that he was the general counsel for the Putnam County Sheriff's Office and he was present on behalf of Sheriff Gator Deloach, to ask the Council to pass a sex offender ordinance. He explained that Putnam County has three times the amount of sex offenders than the national average.

Attorney Young voiced concerns over the lien language in the ordinance and will review the ordinance for any changes needed for first reading at the December meeting.

Discussion and Consideration of the Appointment of Tony Minotti to the Planning Commission.

Council Member Conner moved to approve the appointment of Tony Minotti to the Planning Commission. Council Member Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Appointment of Charles Marsh to the Tree Board.

Council Member Bennett moved to approve the appointment Charles Marsh to the Tree Board. Council Member Meadows seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Approval of Holmes & Young Contract.

Council Member Bennett moved to approve Holmes & Young contract. Council Member Meadows seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Approval of CPH Contract for a Water System Map.

The Clerk explained that the last water system map was done in 2014. An updated one is needed to show all the water lines and what water plant feeds them.

Council Member Conner moved to approve the CPH contract for a water system map. Council Member Meadows seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the council .

Discussion and Consideration of Using Next Bill Pay for the Water Department.

The Clerk explained that customers have been asking for the ability to pay their water bills by debit, credit or online. The Next Bill program is compatible with the water department's Easybill system.

The Council and Attorney Young were concerned about the statement in the contract regarding saying that the governing law is Alabama and asked the Clerk to see if Next Bill is willing to change it to Putnam County, Florida.

They also asked her to check around to see if there are any Florida companies that provide the same service.

Discussion and Consideration of Setting up a Clearing Account for the Water Enterprise Fund.

Due to the decision above, this item was tabled.

Discussion and Consideration of Budget Transfer #2.

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

Discussion and Consideration of Plans for the Employee Christmas Luncheon.

Tony Minitti will smoke brisket and ribs. Council members will provide the sides, drinks, and paper goods.

Discussion and Consideration of the Christmas Parade Float.

The parade theme is "Christmas Memories." Council members will decorate the float at 9:00am on Friday, December 5, 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA :

The consent agenda was approved by unanimous general consent.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Hanes thanked those who participated in the Veteran's festival and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Joni Conner stated that the fall festival was a success and thanked all the town staff for their help. A chicken pot pie won first place at the pie contest, and four dogs were adopted at the Pet Adoption.

Council Member Carolyn Bennett stated that she appreciated the Interlachen Police Department having a booth at the fall festival with the police car photo op.

Council Member Carolyn Meadows thanked the Glover's for loaning their fishing sink for the pumpkin painting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Town Clerk Joni Payne stated that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new animal control facilities at 3pm on Monday, November 17, 2025.

Maintenance Supervisor Richard Glover stated that the exterior of Interlachen Hall should be painted next week.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Judi Costanzo announced that the Wreaths Across America wreath placement will be at Pineview Cemetery at 10am on December 13, 2025.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

Attorney George Young swore in incumbent Council Members, Beverly Bakker, Carolyn Bennett, and Carolyn Meadows.

APPOINTMENT OF A COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON & VICE-CHAIRPERSON:

Council Member Meadows nominated Joni Conner as Council Chairperson. Council Member Conner accepted the nomination. The nomination was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Council Member Meadows nominated Carolyn Bennett as Vice-Chairperson. Mrs. Bennett accepted the nomination. The nomination was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.