

**TOWN OF INTERLACHEN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022 - 6:00 P.M.
DICKERMAN BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

COUNCIL VICE-CHAIRPERSON - CAROLYN BENNETT

Attorney George Young swore in incumbents Mayor Larsen and Joni Conner, and elected Council Member, David Yonts. Supervisor of Elections, Charles Overturf presented them with a certificate.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Discussion and Consideration of the Approval of the Magistrate Contract.

Council Member Conner moved to approve the magistrate contract. Council Member Bakker seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous roll vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Approval of a Surplus Sale.

Council Member Bakker moved to have a surplus sale. Council Member Meadows seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

Council Member Bakker moved to allow the Town Staff to set the minimum bid for all items. Council Member Conner seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Enforcement of the Town Zoning Ordinance.

By unanimous general consent this item was tabled to allow Attorney Young to consider other alternatives for compliance.

Discussion and Consideration of the Renewal & Appointment of Better Place Plan Board Members.

Attorney Young advised the Council that according to Florida Statutes family members of council members can't serve on Town boards especially dealing with zoning or land issues.

Council Member Meadows moved to approve the appointment of Laura Hafner and Jason Matchett to the Better Place Plan Committee. Council Member Bakker seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Renewal & Appointment of C.A.T.F. Board Members.

Council Member Conner moved to approve the appointment of Tim Baker, Gail Giunta, Erika Judson, Shelton Griffis and Jean Russell to the Citizens Advisory Task Force. Council Member Yonts seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Renewal & Appointment of Planning Commission Board Members.

Council Member Meadows moved to approve the appointment of Judi Costanzo, Clay Dzioba, Gail Giunta, Sherri White and School Board Member Tonya Whitehurst to the Planning Commission. Council Member Conner seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Renewal & Appointment of Tree Board Members.

Council Member Bakker moved to approve the appointment of Joni Conner, Timothy Keyser, Jean Russell, and Ronald Stephens to the Tree Board. Council Member Meadows seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Renewal & Appointment of Zoning Board of Adjustment Board Members.

Council Member Conner moved to approve the appointment of Tim Baker, Barbara Cooke, Leo Granger, Jasmine Rivera, and Stacy Suarez to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Council Member Bakker seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2022-16; Authorized Signatures.

By unanimous general consent Resolution 2022-16 was read by title only.

Council Member Bakker moved to approve Resolution 2022-16. Council Member Meadows seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

Resolution 2022-17; Appointment of a Records Management Officer.

By unanimous general consent Resolution 2022-17 was read by title only.

Council Member Conner moved to approve Resolution 2022-17. Council Member Bakker seconded. 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 stated that the Christmas Celebration was fabulous and thanked the Maintenance Department for the beautiful Christmas tree that they made.

Council Member Yonts thanked the Maintenance Department for their work and for cleaning up after the celebration, and that it was nice to have a little extra lighting.

Council Member Meadows also complimented the Christmas Celebration; however, she expressed her dismay that the Council did not participate in the parade.

Council Member Bennett thanked everyone for coming out and stated that the Christmas Celebration was well attended and had good refreshments. Her only complaint was the lighting along the parade route. She stated that Interlachen High School football team needs honorable mention for their undefeated season and winning the state championship. She's really proud of their accomplishments

COUNCIL COMMENTS CONTINUED:

Council Member Conner stated that the ugly outfit contest was a success and that the Arbor Day Celebration will be at noon on January 20, 2023 at Interlachen Hall. She wished everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Larsen stated that today is his wife's birthday and that they have lost two children in the past two years. He also said he is disappointed that Anna Rose can no longer serve on a board.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Chief Wilburn stated that there were no problems at the Christmas Celebration and introduced Captain Miller from the Putnam County Sheriff's Department.

Town Clerk, Joni Payne stated that she will find a place for Anna Rose to serve and that she is waiting on a quote from Florida Power & Light for the lighting in Jenkins Park. The Cemetery paving should start in mid-January.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

Attorney Young stated that unfortunately the law is not always fair and hopefully they can find some way for Anna Rose to help the Town out.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Captain Miller stated that he has worked this area for thirty (30) years and the Sheriff's Office has gone through some reorganization due to the expected growth in the county so he's assigned to the west end of the county. He stated that he's looking forward to serving the town.

APPOINTMENT OF A COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON.

Council Member David Yonts nominated Council Member Carolyn Meadows as Chairperson. Council Member Meadows declined the nomination.

Council Member Carolyn Meadows nominated Council Member Carolyn Bennett as Chairperson. Council Member Bennett accepted the nomination.

The nomination of Council Member Carolyn Bennett for Chairperson was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

Council Member Beverly Bakker nominated Council Member Carolyn Meadows as Vice-Chairperson. Council Member Meadows accepted the nomination.

The nomination of Council Member Carolyn Meadows for Vice-Chairperson was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:56pm.