

**TOWN OF INTERLACHEN  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023 - 6:00 P.M.  
DICKERMAN BUILDING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Carolyn Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:00p.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 wished everyone a happy Valentine's Day.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

***Discussion and Consideration of Approval of the Audit Report.***

Brendan McKitrick, from James Moore gave an overview of the audit process and stated that they encountered no difficulties in preparing the audit.

For the Fiscal year 2021/2022 the Town had a total revenue of \$2.1 million and a total expense of \$1.49 million. The water fund had \$687,00.00 and the cemetery had \$908,000.00.

Council Member Conner moved to approve the audit report as presented. Council Member Meadows seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

***Discussion and Consideration of Approval of the Redi-Grant Phase Four Contract.***

This item was tabled.

***Discussion and Consideration of a Citizens' Request for a Game Room.***

Angela Manhart and Daisy Martinez stated that they want to reopen the internet café' that was shut down. It is under a new owner now and they want to do whatever is needed to reopen.

Attorney Young stated that the Town has an ordinance in place prohibiting gambling machines and advised them that the new owner needs to come before the Council and state his intentions for the business.

***Discussion and Consideration of Approval of the Addendum to the Code Enforcement Officers' Contract.***

Council Member Meadows moved to authorized attorney Young to negotiate the contract addendum with Mary Ratliff. Council Member Yonts seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

**Discussion and Consideration of Hastings Park Playground Equipment Request.**

Council Member Meadows stated that when she visited the elementary school the children expressed their desire for an inground trampoline at Hastings Park.

Maintenance Supervisor, Richard Glover expressed his concern that the trampoline would probably be destroyed by vandalism. He showed the Council pictures of graffiti and damage that was done to the fence, slide and other playground equipment and stated that vandalism is an ongoing thing.

Some of the Council members expressed their concern regarding safety issues.

The possibility of the placement of security cameras was discussed to help deter further vandalism.

**Discussion and Consideration of the Update on the Chili Cook-Off.**

Council Member Joni Conner stated that the Chili Cook-Off will be from 11am-3pm on March 25, 2023. The judging will be at noon and the announcement of the winners will be announced at 3pm. Prizes for the winners will be \$125.00, \$75.00, & \$50.00. Donations for the door prizes have been received and will be given out during the event.

The Council by unanimous general consent approved all the activities as stated by Council Member Conner.

**Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Date for the Volunteer Luncheon.**

Council Member Conner will check on the availability of the Community Center for Saturday, April 15, 2023.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

The consent agenda was approved by unanimous general consent.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Council Member Meadows wished everyone a happy Valentine's Day.

Council Member Bakker thanked Angie Glisson for producing the power point for her presentation at the elementary school and she has inquired about the Council recognizing a student of the month at the school.

Council Member Yonts liked the idea of the Council recognizing a student of the month at the school.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Larsen wished everyone a happy Valentine's Day and said that he has received numerous calls about the odor coming from the C&D landfill.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:**

Chief Wilburn commented as follows: (1) The new owners of 104 Dickens Street are cleaning it up. (2) The Health Department is citing RV's in the area for dumping waste. (3) A citizen was stabbed recently when confronting someone that damaged his car. The Chief urged everyone not to take the law into their own hands. (4) The Chief stated that the Town has some of the best staff and public works department.

Town Clerk, Joni Payne stated that Sherrie White is conducting operation cat nip to round up cats to be spayed and neutered on March 18, 2023 and if anyone knows of any feral cats in the area, they can contact the office for Ms. White's phone number. The CDBG advertisements for a grant administrator and engineer were in the paper for last Friday.

Maintenance Supervisor, Richard Glover stated that the paving company expects to finish paving the cemetery this week and once it cures, they will do the striping and the project should be finished by next month.

**ATTORNEY COMMENTS:**

Attorney Young gave a review of the Sunshine Law to the Council and reminded them that as an individual they have no power. He urged the Council that when responding to email not to “reply all”.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Beverly Holley stated that she lives on Istanbul and the odor from the landfill is bad.

Pat High passed out flyers and stated that at next month’s Council meeting she will bring her Park Reservation Application for Jenkins park for a Native American Skills Day.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.