

**TOWN OF INTERLACHEN  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024 - 6:00 P.M.  
DICKERMAN BUILDING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

**COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON – CAROLYN MEADOWS**

Chairperson Meadows welcomed everyone and stated

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

***Discussion and Consideration of Approval of JBPRO Planning Services Contract.***

Council Member Conner moved to approve JBPRO's Contract. Council Member Yonts seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

***Discussion and Consideration of Approval of JBPRO Proposal.***

Council Member Bennett moved to approve JBPRO's Proposal, provided that they are in agreement and sign it. Council Member Bakker seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

***Discussion and Consideration of Request for a Codes Lien Fine Reduction for 105 Lima Street.***

Council Member Bakker moved to reduce the fine to \$1,000.00. Council Member Yonts seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

***Discussion and Consideration of Approval of the Plans for the Installation of Fitness Equipment in Jenkins Park.***

This item was tabled until the Clerk can get a quote on the shipping costs and if the warranty will be valid if the equipment is installed by the Maintenance Department.

***Discussion and Consideration of Approval of the use of ARPA Funds for the Installation of Fitness Equipment in Jenkins Park.***

Council Member Conner moved to approve the use of ARPA Funds for the installation of fitness equipment in Jenkins Park. Council Member Bennett seconded.

Council Member Conner amended her motion to include that the price does not exceed \$25,000.00. Council Member Bakker seconded the amended notion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

***Discussion and Consideration of Approval of the Plans for the Caboose Stage Extension.***

The Council approved getting a quote to move the caboose eastward. A workshop was set for 10:00am on April 4, 2024 to discuss the caboose, codes, and Jenkins Park fitness equipment.

**Discussion and Consideration of Approval of the use of ARPA Funds for the Caboose Stage Extension.**

This item was tabled

**Discussion and Consideration of Tremont Street Update.**

Police Chief, Larry Wilburn recommended that the stop sign be moved from Plum Avenue to Tropic Avenue and Tremont Street.

Council Member Bennett moved to approve moving the stop sign from Plum Avenue to Tropic Avenue and Tremont Street. Council Member Conner seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the council.

**Discussion and Consideration of Upcoming Events. ~ Joni Conner**

Council Member Conner announced that there will be a concert at the caboose on April 20, 2024 from 4-6pm, and a fall festival the first Saturday in November.

**Discussion and Consideration of the Interlachen Lakes Estates Deed. ~ Attorney Young**

Attorney Young explained that there were two lots in Interlachen Lakes Estates that the Town wanted to surplus. In the past I.L.E. relinquished those properties to the town. However, upon reaching out to the current owners, they indicated that due to the riveter clause they want the property back if it is no longer used for town purposes. He suggested that a deed be executed giving those properties back to I.L.E.

Council Member Bennett moved to give approval to Attorney Young to prepare deeds for the Mayor's signature. Council Member Yonts 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 commended Mrs. Meadows on the speck she gave at Jenkins Elementary's Citizens Award Ceremony.

Council Member Yonts thanked Mrs. Conner for the opportunity to help with the Chili Cook-Off.

Council Member Conner thanked the staff and Mrs. Bakker for their help with the Chili Cook-Off.

Council Member Bennett thanked the audience for attending the meeting and commended Mayor Larsen for the plaques that he made for the winners of the Chili Cook-Off.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Larsen thanked everyone for their condolences on the loss of his daughter.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:**

Chief Wilburn stated that he may present a new officer at the next meeting.

Maintenance Supervisor, Richard Glover stated that the dilapidated mobile home on Dickens Street has been demolished and they are waiting on the water meters to finish the grant work.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

There were no citizen comments.

**ATTORNEY COMMENTS:**

Attorney Young stated that the abatement at 102 Commonwealth Avenue is under new ownership, and she has been served. She has asked for time to “make things right.” She has until next week to file a legal answer, or she will be in default. However, if there is some improvement or she undertakes the beginning of the demolition process, we can hold off on the Final hearing. The advantage of this is that the building will be demolished at their expense and not the towns.

He had a conversation with the Historical Society’s attorney, and he has asked to be on the April agenda to present the changes. The lease states that they have thirty days to take action or to vacate the premises. That will be next week. Based on the Town’s long history with the Historical Society he recommended that the Council grant a time extension until the April Council meeting to see if they satisfactorily addressed everything.

The Council was in agreement with Attorney Young’s suggestion.

The Town Clerk introduced Tara Howell, from JBPRO, who had arrived late.

Ms. Howell stated that they are looking forward to helping guide the town as how to remain quaint but also get ahead of the potential growth.

They will be updating the zoning ordinance which will be the new Land Development Regulations, and they will hold community engagement workshops.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57pm.