

**TOWN OF INTERLACHEN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023 - 6:00 P.M.
DICKERMAN BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON – CAROLYN BENNETT

Chairperson Bennett welcomed everyone and stated that they celebrated two employees, Pam Glover for twenty-five (25) years of employment with the Town and Officer Ricky Mendez for fifteen (15) years.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Discussion and Consideration of Redi Grant Phase IV Bids.

Kellen Lindsey, from Mittauer and Associates stated that two bids were received, and the lowest bidder was Art Walker Construction. However, the bid was over budget by \$264,725.00.

Mr. Lindsey stated that one option would be to reduce the scope of work in order to cut the overage cost to \$50,000.00. He will meet with St. Johns River Water Management to see if he can change the scope of work in order to reduce the costs. The Council will discuss funding at the ARPA Workshop.

Discussion and Consideration of Robert H. Jenkins Elementary Student Awards.

David Watson, from Robert H. Jenkins Elementary asked the Council if they would bring back the student of the month recognition. Council Member Yonts moved to approve recognizing students of the month at the school. Council Member Bakker seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council. Council members will rotate going to the school.

Discussion and Consideration of the Property at the Corner of SR 20 and CR 315.

Chief Wilburn asked for clarification on the use of the property at the corner of SR 20 & CR 315. The Clerk stated that the Town has not officially received the property from F.D.O.T.

The Council stated that they would like to see a beautification project done there and will have a workshop after the deed is received.

Discussion and Consideration of Setting Dates for Rock Painting and Fall Festival.

The date for the rock painting was set for 1:00pm on June 21, 2023 at the Community Center. The fall festival was set for November 4, 2023.

Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Date for a S.W.O.T. Analysis Workshop.

Chairperson Bennett stated that the acronym stands for Strength, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats and is a way to do a self- assessment for Town Departments.

A workshop date will be set after budget workshops are completed.

Discussion and Consideration of Updating the Zoning Ordinance via Staff or Hire a Consultant.

The Town Clerk stated that she and the Deputy Clerk have been working for a year on updating the zoning ordinance and have gone as far as they can. She was seeking direction from the Council as to whether they want to complete this project in house or look into hiring a professional planner. ARPA funds can be used for this project.

Council Member Meadows moved to look into hiring a planner for this project. Council Member Yonts seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Setting ARPA Workshop Dates.

The ARPA Workshop was set for 10:00am on May 25, 2023.

Discussion and Consideration of Setting Budget Workshop Dates.

Budget workshops were set for 10:00am on June 15, 2023 and July 13, 2023.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2023-2; Business Tax Fees.

This item was moved under item 5(C). Since item 5(C) failed this item was withdrawn.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 2023-1; Small Scale Amendment to the Future Land Use Map.

By unanimous general consent Ordinance 2023-1 was read by title only.

Council Member Bakker moved to approve Ordinance 2023-1. Council Member Meadows seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

Ordinance 2023-2; Rezoning to Change the Official Zoning Map.

By unanimous general consent Ordinance 2023-2 was read by title only.

Council Member Meadows moved to approve Ordinance 2023-2. Council Member Yonts seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

Ordinance 2023-3; Business Regulations.

By unanimous general consent Ordinance 2023-3 was read by title only.

Council Member Meadows moved to approve Ordinance 2023-2. Council Member Bakker seconded. The motion failed by a three (3) to one (1) vote of the Council, with Council Chairperson, Carolyn Bennett voting yes and the other members voting no.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The consent agenda was approved by unanimous general consent.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Meadows stated that she drove through town during the Pow-Wow but wasn't sure how many people were in attendance.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Larsen read a proclamation designating May 20-27 as "Safe Boating Week" and Kathy Fisk gave an overview of Safe boating tips.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Chief Wilburn stated that he had a zoom meeting with F.D.O.T. to request that they reduce the speed limit in town back to thirty-five (35).

F.D.O.T. advised him that they have a formula for determining speed limits. Chief Wilburn stated that he may need the Council to send a letter to F.D.O.T. requesting the speed limit be reduced.

Town Clerk, Joni Payne announced that Johnson Overturf Funeral Home and volunteers will be placing flags on veteran's graves at Pineview Cemetery at 9:00am on Monday, May 22, 2023 if the Council would like to join them. First Baptist Church will provide refreshments at the funeral home afterwards.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

Attorney Young had no comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Beverly Holley stated that she would like to do make a community cookbook. The Council suggested she contact the Historical Society to see if they would be interested.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.