

**TOWN OF INTERLACHEN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 8, 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. David Yonts was absent. Mayor Hanes and Attorney George Young were present also.

COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON – BEVERLY BAKKER

Chairperson Bakker stated that July 4th was amazing and thanked Mrs. Glover, Mrs. Glisson, and Mr. Griffis for helping with the council's float.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Discussion and Consideration of the Drainage Problem at Boyleston & Tropic. ~ Mike Briseno

This agenda item was tabled until the August meeting.

Discussion and Consideration of a Settlement Agreement Extension for 201 Commonwealth Avenue.

Mr. Walter has completed all the items outlined in the agreement except for the repair of the exterior wall and windows on the one-story portion of the building. He is seeking an extension through the end of August.

Council Member Meadows moved to grant the settlement agreement extension through August 31, 2025. Council Member Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the council.

Discussion and Consideration of Erroneous Tax Deed.

Attorney Young explained that this property was sold in error which resulted in it being erroneously transferred and had to be purchased back. The County requested that the Town's portion of \$13,298.08 be refunded back.

Council Member Conner moved to refund the tax deed payment. Council Member Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the council.

Discussion and Consideration of Weight Limit Signs on North Francis Street.

Attorney Young will talk to the county and to the trucking company owners.

Discussion and Consideration of the 2025/2026 Proposed Milage.

Council Member Meadows moved to set the proposed milage at 6.9513%. Council Member Conner seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the council.

Discussion and Consideration of Selecting a Voting Delegate for the Florida League of Cities Conference.

Council Member Conner moved to select Mayor Hanes as the voting delegate. Council Member Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the council.

Discussion and Consideration of Rescheduling the November 11, 2025 Council Meeting (Veteran's Day).

The November 11, 2025 meeting was rescheduled for Thursday, November 13, 2025.

EMERGENCY ITEM:

Chairperson Bakker announced that last week Council Member Yonts had turned in his resignation from the Town Council effective immediately but did not give a reason.

Council Member Meadows moved to place the resignation of a council member on the agenda as an emergency item. Council Member Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the council.

Council Member Conner moved to accept Mr. Yonts resignation. Council Member Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the council.

Attorney Yong stated that the charter doesn't allow any flexibility as to how you appoint a council member and stated that a charter revision needs to be made sometime in the future. A workshop was scheduled for 10am on July 25, 2025 to discuss procedures for replacement of elected officials.

ORDINANCES: Ordinance 2025-3; Tree Board Ordinance. – 2nd Reading

By unanimous general consent Ordinance 2025-3 was read by title only.

Council Member Conner moved to approve Ordinance 2025-3 on second reading. Council Member Meadows seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA :

The consent agenda was approved by unanimous general consent.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Hanes stated that even with the change of leadership July 4th was a success. He stated that he has a conflict with this Thursday's budget meeting and asked the council to reschedule it. The first Budget Workshop was rescheduled for 10am on July 29, 2025, and the second one was set for 9am on August 19, 2025.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Bennett stated that the July 4th parade and fireworks were great.

Council Member Conner stated that there were 19 cake entries, and the cake walk was a success.

Council Member Meadows stated that July 4th celebration grows every year.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Chief Wilburn stated there were no major incidents at the July 4th celebration.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57pm.