

**TOWN OF INTERLACHEN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021 - 7:00 P.M.
DICKERMAN BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Conner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON: JONI CONNER

Chairperson Conner read Putnam County Resolution 2021-043 designating North & South CR 315 as the “PFC Robert H. Jenkins, Jr. Memorial Veterans Highway.” Markers will be placed near the northern and southern Town limits. Chairperson Conner thanked Office Clerk, Angie Glisson for putting the Town Seal contest together.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Discussion and Consideration of Selection of the Winner of the Town Seal Contest.

The 1st Place winner was Ted Burke, 2nd place winner was Esme Coward and the 3rd place winner was Judy Bloom.

Council Member Meadows moved to change the Town Seal as presented by the 1st place contest winner. Council Member Bennett seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Dowda Field.

Better Place Plan representative, Jason Matchett asked that the Council reconsider using Better Place Plan Funds for Phase I of Dowda Field improvements instead of waiting for a grant to begin the project.

The Council agreed that letters should be sent to the neighbors that would be affected most by any changes to the field.

Discussion and Consideration of The Net Group Website Contract.

Council Member Bakker moved to approve the Net Group contract. Council Member Costanzo seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Scope of Work for IT Services.

Council Member Meadows moved to submit the request for proposals. Council Member Bennett seconded. There was some discussion about adding the Police Department. Council Member Meadows withdrew her motion.

Council Member Meadows moved to approve the Scope of Work and to keep the Police Department separate. Council Member Bakker seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of a Plan of Action for 104 Dickens Street.

Attorney Young stated that an abatement would be expensive. He will do a title search and see if an ejection has been filed on the property.

Discussion and Consideration of Increasing the Travel and Seminars Budget Line Item.

Council Member Bennett stated that the resolution regarding travel is from the eighties and needs to be updated to reflect current per diem rates and she would like to see the seminar budget line item increased.

A workshop was scheduled for 3:00 pm on August 25, 2021 to discuss this.

Discussion and Consideration of Update on New Codes Enforcement Guidelines.

Attorney Young advised the Council that according to a new state statute, codes complaints can no longer be anonymous. There was some discussion on being pro-active instead of re-active. Attorney Young advised the Council that a policy needs to be set if you are going to be pro-active.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 2021-4; Clay Electric Franchise Agreement. – 1st Reading

This item was tabled until next month.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The consent agenda was approved by unanimous general consent.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Meadows stated that the joint meeting between the Town Council and the Putnam County Board of County Commissioners was informative, but the longest discussion was not in the newspaper article, and she would like some things to get done.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

The Mayor stated that he was glad to see a full house tonight.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Chairperson Conner asked the Chief where he had advertised for a full-time officer. Chief Wilburn stated that he was not advertising now. Attorney Young advised the Chief that he could put him in contact with the night academy for police officer.

The Maintenance Supervisor stated that he had hired a new worker and has a full crew now. The new water tank at the Grassy Lake Water Plant has been installed and the new generator at the Strickland Water Plant should be ready to start up next week.

The Clerk stated that the final contractor payment has been made for Andree Street and that project is done.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

There were no citizen comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.