

**TOWN OF INTERLACHEN
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2024 - 10:00 A.M.
DICKERMAN BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Meadows called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and dispensed with the formalities.

ROLL CALL

Council Members present were Chairperson Carolyn Meadows, Vice-Chairperson, Joni Conner, Beverly Bakker, and Carolyn Bennett. David Yonts was absent. Mayor Larsen was present.

COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON: CAROLYN MEADOWS

Chairperson Meadows stated that the workshop is to discuss several things.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Discussion and Consideration of the Water Rate Study.

Andrew Greene and Wayne Moore from Florida Rural Water Association presented the rate study results and recommended a 5% rate increase.

Discussion and Consideration of Updating the Covid Policy.

The Council agreed to void the Covid Policy.

Discussion and Consideration of a Policy for Making Donations to Non-Profit Organizations.

The Clerk stated that the auditor suggested that the Town set guidelines or a grant process with criteria and a selection process for donating to non-profit organizations. The Council was in agreement not to donate to non-profit organizations until guidelines are set.

There was a discussion on in lieu of flowers donations. The Mayor suggested each council member donate in those circumstances instead of the Town.

If a policy is set up for non-profit donations, the Council wants to include an exception for in lieu of flowers donations. The Clerk will consult the auditor regarding this.

There was some discussion on setting guidelines for the donations made to the I.V.F.D. and Putnam County Animal Control. The Clerk will come back to the Council with a draft of guidelines for these donations.

Discussion and Consideration of Mayor/Council Guidelines.

Chairperson Meadows stated that she asked for this discussion to address the importance of council members attending workshops.

After the suggested editing the Mayor/Council Guidelines will be placed on the agenda for adoption.

Discussion and Consideration of Future ACH Procedures.

The Clerk stated that she would like to set up a practice for making electronic payments to some Town vendors, and the future possibility of allowing water customers to pay online or by credit/debit cards.

This will be revisited after the bank proposals have been reviewed.

Discussion and Consideration of Future Town Projects.

- 1) Extending the pavilion at the caboose and installing speakers.
- 2) Options for Interlachen Hall: use it, sell it, or rent it. Estimated cost of making office spaces.
- 3) Sign at the corner of SR 20 & CR 315. Council members will come up with a design and have a workshop Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 10:00am.
- 4) Clean up and mow the FDOT transfer property.
- 5) Events Committee; possible future Farmers Market/Community Yard sale.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10p.m.