

**TOWN OF INTERLACHEN  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 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 was absent. Attorney George Young was present via zoom.

**COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON – CAROLYN MEADOWS**

Chairperson Meadows welcomed everyone and stated that due to Hurricane Milton tonight's meeting will be abbreviated.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

***Discussion and Consideration of Approval of Street Closure for IJSHS Homecoming Parade.***

Melissa Whittington asked for permission to have the Interlachen Junior/Senior High School Homecoming Parade downtown again this year. The parade will begin at 5:00pm on Thursday October 24, 2024 with the lineup will beginning on Atlantic Avenue, west of Commonwealth Avenue, as well as on Washington Street in front of Dowda Park. The parade will proceed down East Boyleston and loop around to Atlantic Avenue.

Chief Wilburn asked that she coordinate the street closures with him.

Council Member Yonts moved to approve the Interlachen Junior/Senior High School Homecoming Parade. Council Member Bakker seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

***Discussion and Consideration of a Request From JROTC for Police Presence for Their Raider Competition.***

Lt. Cory Brown and Cadets William Cohen and Leila Cook gave a presentation on the Raider Competition that the Interlachen Junior Senior High School JROTC will be hosting on October 19, 2024. There will be twenty-four team competing. The competition challenges the cadets mentally and physically.

The run will begin around 7:20am at Boyleston to Commonwealth and the ROTC are asking for police presence at the intersection of SR 20 & CR 315.

Council Member Conner moved to approve the request for police presence for the October 19, 2024 Raider Competition. Council Member Bennett seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

***Discussion and Consideration of the American Legion Request for Traffic Assistance for Their Wreath Placement Event at the Cemetery and a Dat That the Wreaths Must be removed.***

This agenda item was tabled.

***Discussion and Consideration of the 201 Commonwealth Avenue Agreement.***

This agenda item was tabled.

**Discussion and Consideration of Approval of the Mayor/Council Guidelines.**

This agenda item was tabled.

**Discussion and Consideration of Determining What Department will Hire a Codes Enforcement Officer.**

This agenda item was tabled,

**Discussion and Consideration of the Resignation of Rick Hanes from the Planning Commission.**

Council Member Bakker moved to accept the resignation of Rick Hanes from the Planning Commission. Council Member Conner seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council

**Resolution 2024-8; Florida Government Week.**

This agenda item was tabled.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

The consent agenda was approved by unanimous general consent.

**MAYOR COMMENTS:**

Mayor Larsen was absent.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Council Member Bakker reminded the Council of the October 22, 2024 9:00am Awards Ceremony at Jenkins Elementary.

Council Member Yonts thanked all the JROTC participants.

Council Member Conner reminded everyone of the Fall Festival November 2, 2025 from 10:00am-3:00pm and stated that the JROTC will be helping with various events. Activities include; pie baking contest, rock climb, hayride, bounce house, bike race, face painting, car show and music.

Council Member Bennett stated that she is glad that the ROTC Raider Competition will be in Interlachen again.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:**

Chief Wilburn stated that they are prepared for the storm.

Maintenance Supervisor Richard Glover stated that he has transferred the Grassy Lake and Tremont Water Plants over to Strickland Water Plant and public works is as prepared as they can be for the storm.

Town Clerk, Joni Payne reminded everyone of the Jenkins Park Vita Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on October 23, 2024 at 10:00am.

Attorney Young stated that he is available if anyone needs anything as long as he has cell service.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28pm.