



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2022
7:00 PM**

City Clerk Reese gave the written Oath of Office to Councilmember FitzGerald prior to the start of the Council meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER (Via Zoom)

Mayor Hartman called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Hartman led the Council, Staff and Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. ROLL CALL

City Council

Mayor Matthew Hartman	Present
Steven Glenn	Present
Tom FitzGerald	Present
Erin Hogan	Absent
David Griggs	Present

City Staff

City Clerk Darla Reese
City Manager Brent Kirk
Deputy City Manager Jeff Balentine

Consultants

Thom Graafstra - Weed, Graafstra & Assoc.
Police Chief Tom Dalton - S.C.S.O.
Ryan C. Larsen, Consultant Planner

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. AB 009-2022 Approval December 15, 2021 Minutes
- B. AB 010-2022 Approval of January 5, 2022 Minutes
- C. AB 011-2022 Approval of January 12, 2022 Minutes
- D. AB 012-2022 Approval of January 19, 2022 claims checks #412141 through #412180 and Two EFT's totaling \$293,376.01
- E. AB 013-2022 Approval of December 16, 2021 through December 31, 2021 payroll claims check #27421 through #27424 and Twenty EFT's totaling \$84,355.67

Councilmember FitzGerald moved to approve the Consent Agenda as written. Councilmember Hartman seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Hartman added item 11a to tonight's Council Agenda; Executive Session to discuss potential litigation for ten minutes.

5. STAFF REPORTS

City Clerk Reese included her Staff Report in the Council packet.

Consultant Police Chief Dalton gave the following updates:

- Suncrest Farms complaints
- School District implemented new drop off/pick up changes at Mt. Way Elementary
- Working on crew goals for 2022 (will be working on them as a team)

City Manager Kirk discussed the following Public Works updates:

- Catch basin problem on 189th
- Met with FCS Group regarding rate study (discussed outcomes of meeting)
- Met with Kathy Reed and Cynthia Wall with the Department of Ecology regarding funding for Wastewater Treatment Plant (discussed outcomes of meeting)

Deputy City Manager Balentine gave an update on the passport office, training, hours of operations and hiring a new part-time person.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS-NON-ACTION ITEMS

There were no public comments submitted for the record. No one online opted to speak during this portion of the meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. AB 014-2022 Administration of Oath of Office to:
Tom FitzGerald – City of Granite Falls Council Position #3**

City Clerk Reese gave the Oath of Office to Councilmember FitzGerald.

- B. AB 015-2022 Consideration of Appointment of Bruce Straughn to the City's Planning Commission**

Mayor's Motion:

Councilmember Hartman moved to appoint Bruce Straughn to the City's Planning Commission to fill in the unexpired term of Seat 1 to end on January 2, 2027. Councilmember Glenn seconded. Motion carried.

Council's Motion:

Councilmember FitzGerald moved to confirm the appointment of Bruce Straughn to the City's Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Seat 1 to end on January 2, 2027.

Councilmember Griggs seconded. Motion carried.

C. AB 016-2022 Consideration of Appointment of Chris Marsh to the City's Planning Commission

Mayor's Motion:

Councilmember Hartman moved to appoint Chris Marsh to the City's Planning Commission to fill in the unexpired term of Seat 5 to end on January 2, 2028. Councilmember Glenn seconded. Motion carried.

Council's Motion:

Councilmember Glenn moved to confirm the appointment of Chris Marsh to the City's Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Seat 5 to end on January 2, 2028. Councilmember FitzGerald seconded. Motion carried.

D. AB 017-2022 Consideration of Representative for the City of Granite Falls for the Snohomish County Tomorrow (SCT) Board for 2022

Councilmember FitzGerald moved to nominate Councilmember Hartman to serve as our representative to Snohomish County Tomorrow. Councilmember Glenn seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Glenn moved to appoint Councilmember FitzGerald as the Alternate Representative to the Snohomish County Tomorrow Board for 2022. Councilmember Griggs seconded. Motion carried.

E. AB 018-2022 Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance 1018-2022, an Ordinance of the City of Granite Falls, Washington, relating to the 2022 City Budget and amending Ordinance 1017-2021 adopting the 2022 Budget to adjust revenue estimates and appropriations as included on Exhibit "A."

Councilmember Griggs moved to adopt Ordinance 1018-2022, an Ordinance of the City of Granite Falls, Washington, relating to the 2022 City Budget; and amending Ordinance No. 1017-2021 adopting the 2022 Budget to adjust revenue estimates and appropriations as included on Exhibit "A." Councilmember FitzGerald seconded. Motion carried.

F. AB 019-2022 Discussion of Legislative Priorities for 2022

This item was continued from the Council meeting of January 12, 2022. The following was a list the Staff/Council suggested as being legislative priorities:

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Funding

- Change School District's percentage of board instead of the 12% (currently receiving) to 18% or 24%
- Department of Ecology Grants/Loans
- Make Granite Falls a "Walkable City" including:
 - Adding more curb/gutter & sidewalks
- Have new city lobbyist (Cameron Bailey) participate in an upcoming meeting with City Council

8. CURRENT BUSINESS

There were no Current Business items for the Agenda.

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Hartman shared that he and City Manager Kirk had dinner this evening with former Senator Kirk Pearson who now is working for the Volunteers of America. He had introduced them both to Cameron Bailey previously.

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Glenn had no comments.

Councilmember FitzGerald had the following comments:

- School Board Meeting tonight was Success in Education Awards & Mucker Awards
- School District is accepting applications for opening on School Board through February
 - Area 1 (have to live in) includes Burn Road/Suncrest Farms/Crossroads areas
- Spoke with Sam Lowe (Chair of the TIB) – is happy to serve on board/committee to help represent Granite Falls and get money, asks for the trestle being tolled or requiring money on the project

Councilmember Griggs had the following comments:

- Zoom Transit Board meeting tomorrow at 4:30 PM
 - Works downtown Seattle – took 425 Community Transit Bus down
- Looking forward to summer and the Show 'N Shine car show in August
 - He volunteered to help Josh VonJentzen again this year

11. CITY MANAGER

City Manager Kirk mentioned the pre-application scheduled at the end of the month with the two lots across from Rite Aid. Also, the empty lot across from Subway has been sold (April submittal possibly).

11A. EXECUTIVE SESSION for the purpose of potential litigation for 10 minutes

8:04 PM -

Councilmember Glenn moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation for a period of time for ten minutes. Councilmember FitzGerald seconded. Motion carried.

8:14 PM –

Council exited Executive Session.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hartman adjourned the meeting.



City Clerk Darla Reese, MMC



Mayor Matthew Hartman