



**CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 2, 2022  
7:00 PM**

**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
<u>Consultants</u>
Emily Guildner – Thompson, Guildner & Assoc.

Councilmember Glenn moved to excuse Councilmember Hogan due to illness. Councilmember Griggs seconded. Motion carried.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. AB 032-2022 Approval February 16, 2022 Minutes
- B. AB 033-2022 Approval of March 2, 2022 claims checks #412252 through #412286 and One EFT totaling \$33,486.38
- C. AB 034-2022 Approval of February 1, 2022 through February 15, 2022 payroll claims checks consisting of Thirteen EFT's totaling \$49,124.88

Councilmember Glenn moved to approve the Consent Agenda as is. Councilmember Griggs seconded. Motion carried.

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

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

**Deputy City Manager Balentine** gave the following report updates:

- City turned in the final passport packet (still awaiting on State Department approval)
- Closed February books and gave an update on highlights of each of the funds

**City Manager Kirk** discussed the following Public Works updates:

- Department of Corrections crews are back to work
- Surface Water Management fees were mistakenly charged on a parcel located outside the city limits
- Gave an update on the Alpine/Union St. project
- Gave an update on the Galena St. project
- Working with the County on getting an estimate for security cameras in Jim Holm and Frank Mason parks
- Grand Opening of Boys & Girls Club on March 24<sup>th</sup>
- FCS Study – Closer on rates – have a workshop on either March 30<sup>th</sup> or April 13<sup>th</sup>
- Wants to hold a joint Planning Commission/City Council meeting with Chris Collier from Affordable Housing Alliance (AHA)
- Update on Ziplly Fiber upgrades in the City
- New nutrient loading requirements for municipalities (unfunded mandates)
- Meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup> with FCS Group at 6pm?

## **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 035-2022 Discussion of creation of Salary Commission for Elected Officials**

Council discussion ensued on the subject.

This item will be brought before the council on March 16<sup>th</sup> for action in the form of an ordinance.

## **8. CURRENT BUSINESS**

There were no Current Business items for the Agenda.

## 9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

**Mayor Hartman** discussed the following items:

- Snohomish County Tomorrow – looked at possibility of amending population forecast numbers – turned out this will not happen
- HAART meeting postponed until next month
- County Council passed a 1/10 of 1% sales tax increase to fund affordable housing
- Met with Josh VonJentzen, Brent & Jeff regarding the Chamber of Commerce
  - City to put something together to protect the Chamber and events
  - Jennifer Whited to continue to run the Farmers Market

## 10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

**Councilmember Glenn** is working with individuals from Israel, Russia and Ukraine over the past few weeks. He stated he is grateful to live in a country with the blessings we have.

**Councilmember FitzGerald** shared the following updates:

- Granite Falls School Board Meeting
  - Report from Mt. Way Elementary Principal regarding what's going on with K, 1 & 2
  - Crossroads School Report
  - Business report on projections
  - Enrollment report (will bring back numbers for Council)
  - Agreed to bigger push on the levees – will bring back to vote again on the April election
- Public Works Trust Fund Money – wrote to Susan Del Bene, Carolyn Eslick and Keith Waggoner regarding using the Public Works Trust Fund money & to oppose passing a State rule to allow up to three residential dwelling units on lots over 4,500 square feet

**Councilmember Griggs** would like to see Granite Falls capture more tourism dollars by people stopping in town, and would like to make it more of a destination location.

## 11. CITY MANAGER

**City Manager Kirk** gave the following updates:

- Fire Inspections ILA & Fire Review (Snohomish County Fire Marshal) – expired in 2019. Contract will be on the next meeting on March 16th
- Meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup> will be in person and online (hybrid)
- Another round of code amendments are forthcoming (chickens, rats and roosters)

**13. EXECUTIVE SESSION per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 15 minutes with no action to follow**

8:15 PM –

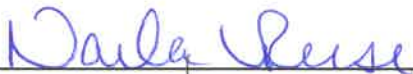
**Councilmember Glenn** moved to enter into Executive Session for 15 minutes regarding pending litigation with no action to follow. Councilmember FitzGerald seconded. Motion carried.

8:30 PM –

Council exited Executive Session.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**Mayor Hartman** adjourned the meeting.



City Clerk Darla Reese, MMC



Mayor Matthew Hartman