

**CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 5, 2022  
7:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER (Via In-Person & Zoom)**

Mayor Pro Tem Glenn called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

Mayor Pro Tem Glenn led the Council, Staff and Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**3. ROLL CALL**

City Council

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

City Staff

City Clerk Darla Reese
City Manager Brent Kirk
Community Dev. Director Eric Jensen

Consultants

Thom Graafstra – Thompson, Guildner & Assoc.
Police Chief Tom Dalton – S.C.S.O.
City Engineer Stacey Clear, P.E. – Gray & Osborne

Councilmember Hogan moved to excuse Mayor Hartman. Councilmember Griggs seconded. Motion carried.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. AB 116-2022 Approval of September 7, 2022 Minutes
- B. AB 117-2022 Approval of October 5, 2022 claims checks #412790 through #412829 totaling \$197,180.74
- C. AB 118-2022 Approval of September 1, 2022 through September 15, 2022 payroll claims check #27461 through #27462 and Fourteen EFT's totaling \$56,253.67

Councilmember Hogan moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Griggs seconded. Motion carried.

## 5. STAFF REPORTS

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

- Flashing signals for Alpine and Alder (crosswalk)
- CCTV Installation (Security cameras at Frank Mason Park)
- Water hydrant struck at Shell Station
- Electrical box repair
- Sewer Lift Station parts timing (12-14 weeks out)
- Suncrest Lift Station Pump
- Post Railroad Days clean-up
- Generators maintained through Cummins

**City Clerk Reese** gave a brief passport update. She mentioned last Sunday that 54 passports were applied for in one day.

**Police Chief Dalton** mentioned Sheriff Fortney, Captain Palmer and Bureau Chief Robertson are all here tonight to speak with the Council about a School Resource Officer.

*Staff Report were halted due to the start of the 7:10 PM Public Hearing.*

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### A. AB 119-2022 Public Hearing – 7:10 PM, or soon thereafter

**For consideration of Ordinance No. 1032-2022, an interim regulation related to concurrency and moratoria concerning applications with sewer capacity, the adoption of findings of fact, and its ratification, revision or repeal, all as required by RCW 35A.63.220 and RCW 36.70A.390**

**Councilmember Hogan** moved to open the Public Hearing. Councilmember Griggs seconded. Motion carried.

**City Clerk Reese** submitted the following exhibits into the record:

Exhibit 1 – Public Hearing Notice, dated September 23, 2022, 1 page

Exhibit 2 – Verification of Public Hearing Posting, dated September 23, 2022, 1 page

Exhibit 3 – Affidavit of Publication by the Everett Daily Herald, dated September 23, 2022, 2 pages

Exhibit 4 – Granite Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant Biosolids Process Control Statistics, 1 page

Exhibit 5 – Ordinance No. 1032-2022, 6 pages

**City Manager Brent Kirk** discussed the specifics of the moratorium including:

- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Problem**
  - Concerns of biosolids having to be hauled off the site = \$\$ costly
  - Spreadsheet in packet showing how many tons hauled
  - Rainy season hasn't hit yet – concern we can be pushing load limitations on BOD's and flow
  - Plant will be possibly running at 100% + this winter
- Look at keeping exemptions as is? New commercial coming in (two) currently in the pipeline. Haven't been hooked into the system yet.
- Adding commercial into the list on moratorium right now?
- Been in a moratorium for 4 years now

**Councilmember Glenn** opened the public testimony portion of the Public Hearing.

No one from the audience or online chose to comment.

**Councilmember Glenn** closed the public testimony portion of the Public Hearing.

**Councilmember Hogan** moved to close the Public Hearing. Councilmember Griggs seconded. Motion carried.

**Councilmember FitzGerald** moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1032-2022, an interim ordinance of the City of Granite Falls, Washington, adopting a six-month moratorium on filing with and processing by the City of applications for development activities requiring connection to the City's sewer system and ratifying Ordinance 1032-2022 and Chapter 19.12.010 relating to concurrency determinations and sewer connections within the City for a minimum of six months, with exceptions; declaring an emergency; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date. Councilmember Hogan seconded. Motion carried.

*Staff Reports were resumed.*

## **5. STAFF REPORTS (Continued)**

**City Manager Kirk** mentioned the City of Everett raised the intake fees for animals to \$250.00 per animal.

## **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

### B. AB 120-2022 Discussion with Sheriff Adam Fortney

Sheriff Fortney, Bureau Chief Scott Robertson and Captain Palmer spoke to the Council and answered questions as to why a School Resource Officer is not attainable at the current time.

### C. AB 121-2022 Public Information Presentation on Planned Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade.

City Consultant Engineer Clear, P.E. & Doug Welch, P.E. presented a PowerPoint presentation to the City Council, Staff and Public which included the following slides for discussion:

- Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Upgrades
- Plant History
- Facilities Plan / Alternatives
  - Two Alternatives Provided =
    - Alternative 1 = New Oxidation Ditches
    - Alternative 2 = Membrane Bioreactor
  - Chosen Alternative
    - 1. New Headworks / Influent Pump Station
    - 2. New Oxidation Ditches
    - 3. New Blower / Electrical Building
    - 4. Effluent Filtration / Expansion of UV Disinfection System
    - 5. Effluent Cooling Towers
    - 6. Cooling Tower / Effluent Filter Feed Pump Station
    - 7. Solids Handling Building
    - 8. Administration Building
  - Environmental Impact
  - Social Impact
  - Economic Impact

*Floor and phone line were open for public comment and questions.*

**Question:** *(Audience member) Being that the Pilchuck is considered a "stream", in the long run, is there a possibility of having a really big plant, and end up doing big pumping actions, that it will go into the Stillaguamish? Meaning if something happens being a change in the Stillaguamish or Pilchuck governmental mandates, that we have to use the Stillaguamish River, I assume that we can still take advantage of the new plant by simply not building it on the Stilly but allow it to be pumped too.*

*Answer: (Consultant Engineer Clear) Yes, the Pilchuck River is considered an alternative and will stay on the table down the road if for some reason the Pilchuck really doesn't work out. Back then it was such an unknown with the TMDL and the restrictions we would have releasing over there as well.*

**D. AB 122-2022 Consideration to Approve Renfro Electric estimate for repairs to the Suncrest Lift Station.**

**Councilmember Griggs** moved to approve the work, as this is an emergency, and is pollution control equipment, as outlined in estimate 2109 in an amount not to exceed \$22,895.31 including WSST. Councilmember FitzGerald seconded. Motion carried.

**8. CURRENT BUSINESS**

There were no Current Business items for the Agenda.

**9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

**Mayor Pro Tem Glenn** attended Rail Road Days and felt it was well attended and he really enjoyed it. He also took a moment to thank Catherine Anderson for all of her hard work putting it on.

**10. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Councilmember Griggs** really enjoyed his very first Railroad Days event. He also thanked Catherine Anderson for setting it up. He looks forward to next year!

**Councilmember Hogan** had no comments.

**Councilmember FitzGerald** discussed the following items:

- School Board meeting tonight
  - Facility Master Plan Review
- Four of the next five Friday night's will be home football games
- Feedback on Council retreat
- AWC Legislative Agenda
  - Look at our Legislative Agenda for setting priorities
  - Financial Request Agenda
- New Community Development Director encouraging to get new grants, prioritize projects
- Make a walkable city
- Finish sidewalks and curb & gutter
- Talk about at next City Council retreat

## 11. CITY MANAGER

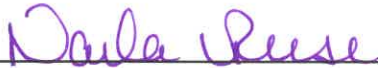
**City Manager Kirk** had the following comments:

- Mentioned he is glad that Railroad Days is over
- October 20, 2022 is the next Chamber of Commerce meeting
- Christmas event put on by Museum
  - Push for Chamber involvement (vendors asking)
- AWC Legislative Agenda
  - Vehicle pursuit safety program
- Council ideas related to policies
  - Money for Galena Street Extension
  - Money for Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade
- Indiana Avenue down to Union St. – is next area for TIB Sidewalk Grant
- Budget to be discussed over the next two months
- Mayor Hartman will be absent the month of October (traveling)

**Councilmember Glenn** mentioned he will be attending the HAART meeting on Monday due to Mayor Hartman's absence.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

**Mayor Pro Tem Glenn** adjourned the meeting.



City Clerk Darla Reese, MMC



Mayor Matthew Hartman