



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 4, 2023
7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER (Via In-Person & Online 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
Community Dev. Director Eric Jensen

Consultants

Thom Graafstra – Thompson, Guildner & Assoc.
Police Chief Tom Dalton – S.C.S.O.

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. AB 001-2023 Approval of December 7, 2022 Minutes
- B. AB 002-2023 Approval of January 4, 2023 claims checks #413029 through #413048 totaling \$31,470.17

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

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. AB 003-2023 SAO Exit Audit

Amanda Robinson, Kristina Baylor & Irina Frovlova

Irina Frovlova, Kristina Baylor and Amanda Robinson reviewed the results of the City's 2020-2021 Accountability and Financial Statement Audit performed by the Office of the Washington State Auditor.

5. STAFF REPORTS

Consultant Police Chief Dalton gave an update regarding:

- Holiday calls
 - Suicides
 - Stolen vehicle
- New Captain Andy Kahler introduced to City Staff
- Deputies new mandated tactics training
 - New tasers
 - Body cameras
- End of month timesheets (paperless)
- Dashboards stats being re-worked
- Jail bill
- Issues at local tavern
- SWAT standoff that happened yesterday
- House fire on N. Indiana Ave

Community Development Director Eric Jensen mentioned the Planning Commission meeting is next week. They will be discussing:

- Long-range Comprehensive planning effort for the year
- Land Use Code updates
- Reviewing the City's existing Sign Code
- He has finished the 45-page report for the Washington State Department of Commerce for the Comprehensive Plan Update

Deputy City Manager Balentine gave the following updates:

- Passport Department updates
- Budget Amendment #1 – will be on next meeting Agenda
 - Two TIB projects
 - Move passport technician lead to a management position (exempt)
- 2022 Close – Fund balances increased across the board (over 1 year of reserves)
- Employee reviews to begin next week
- Policies and procedures due to exit items in audit

City Manager Kirk gave a Public Works update on the following information:

- Flashing crosswalk signals working
- Christmas decorations coming down this week
- Sewer line clean out with jetter
- Working on Annual Reports for Dept. of Ecology and Dept. of Health
- Sander gear drives replaced
- Vinyl siding on old City Hall installed in 1989
 - Work with building inspector on fixes and costs
- Galena St. Extension Public Meeting scheduled for January 19th with Kevin Brown
- CIAW insurance costs increasing 49%
- Dock replacement at Lake Gardner
- New water rates to go in effect in January
- Legion Hall – set up meeting with Ed and Chuck regarding their building

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

Carl Cary, 17520 Russian Rd.

Mr. Cary was at the meeting as a Representative of the Granite Falls School Board and spoke about the following items:

- School Board has re-scheduled their board meetings for the 2nd & 4th week of the month to no longer conflict with City Council meetings
- Asked for another joint meeting with the School Board and City Council
- Long Range Planning – just recently completed a demographic study
- Focusing on safety of students, staff and security – thank you to Chief Dalton
- Robert Butler is resigning at next meeting. Will be looking for his replacement for District #2 area

8. CURRENT BUSINESS

There were no Current Business items for the Agenda.

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Hartman gave an update on the following items:

- Snohomish County Cities Dinner – January 19th at Terracotta Red
- Audit follow up – BIAS status
- Frank Mason Park cameras
- Charles White – recognized for his efforts in dealing with the Mayor's phone calls, concerns.

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Glenn asked about the status of cover repair on the back of the outhouse at Frank Mason Park. He also mentioned the crosswalks did work – he checked for himself today.

Councilmember FitzGerald mentioned the AWC Center for Quality Community Scholarships were due on January 13th. He also offered to help meet with Chuck and Ed with Brent.

Councilmember Griggs Kudos to the staff for a great job! Passport services = family singing praises for the service received at the office. American Legion building – wants to have more conversation about the building and lot.

11. CITY MANAGER

City Manager Kirk reminded everyone the next Chamber meeting will be on January 12th.

12. ADJOURNMENT



City Clerk Darla Reese, MMC



Mayor Matthew Hartman