



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 18, 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	Present
David Griggs	Present

City Staff

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

Consultants

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. AB 004-2023 Approval of December 21, 2022 Minutes
- B. AB 005-2023 Approval of January 5, 2023 through January 18, 2023 claims checks #413049 through #413085 and One EFT totaling \$406,039.48
- C. AB 006-2023 Approval of December 16, 2022 through December 31, 2022 payroll claims checks #27484 through #27488 and Twenty-Six EFT's totaling \$118,451.47

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

5. STAFF REPORTS

Deputy City Manager Balentine gave the following updates:

- Passport revenues (updated)
- Dashboards for 2022 completed
- Highlight 2022 Year in Review

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

- Community Development; reviewed current code enforcement process
- Worked with the Planning Commission Comprehensive Plan update decisions
- University of Washington School of Public Policy and Government; help with the City's Comprehensive Plan Update (social media)
- Western Washington University Planning Department – intern candidates also to help
- Planning Commission Public Hearing – Title 19 Code Amendments
 - Sign Code revisions for clarity
 - Limited Architectural Design Standards

Consultant Police Chief Dalton gave an update regarding:

- 2022 Calls for service
- Coffee with the Chief will be on February 11th

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

- Galena Street Extension – held an open house last night, will look into placing a right-hand turn lane in plans
- Sewer loan offer list from Department of Ecology – due out on January 20th
- Sewer jetting – found a large 7-inch rock in the line
- Pothole patching coming up
- Scope of work Frank Mason bathrooms, cameras update
- Water Use Efficiency Report = 2.4% annual water loss for 2022

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 007-2023 The inequities in Senior Property Tax Exemption; and other Senior Discount Programs **Evelyn Stone**

Ms. Stone gave a presentation to discuss the inequities in the State's "Senior/Disabled Persons Property Tax Exemption Law".

- B. AB 008-2023 Consideration of adopting Ordinance 1038-2023 an Ordinance of the City of Granite Falls, Washington, relating to the 2023 City Budget; and amending Ordinance No. 1035-2022 adopting the 2023 Budget to adjust revenue estimates and appropriations for funds as included on Exhibit "A".**

Councilmember Griggs moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1038-2023 an Ordinance of the City of Granite Falls, Washington, relating to the 2023 City Budget; and amending Ordinance No. 1035-2022 adopting the 2023 Budget to adjust revenue estimates and appropriations for funds as included on Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B". Councilmember Hogan seconded. Motion carried.

- C. AB 009-2023 Consideration of Proposal/Scope of Work for Engineering services related to the North Alder Ave. Road and Water Main Improvements.**

Councilmember FitzGerald moved to approve Scope of Work and Fee Proposal for North Alder Ave. Improvements with Gray & Osborne, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$136,300.00 and authorize the City Manager to sign. Councilmember Glenn seconded. Motion carried.

- D. AB 010-2023 Set Date for Council-Planning Commission Joint Workshop**

After a brief discussion, Councilmembers recommended to ask Planning Commission if March 8, 2023 would work for them for a workshop date. Look into sending out a survey monkey survey for a date.

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:

- Attended high school wrestling match tonight against Sultan
- Last Friday attended YMCA Inspirational Breakfast

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Glenn had no comments.

Councilmember FitzGerald mentioned he met with Dr. Middleton on filling the empty position on the School Board until the election in November is held. He also turned in the nominee for the AWC Center for Quality Scholarship.

Councilmember Hogan had no comments.

Councilmember Griggs asked about the options on the property next door. Mentioned some grants may be available for a park or memorial.

11. CITY MANAGER

City Manager Kirk had the following comments:

- Joint Meeting – discuss Legion FOE and park improvements options
- SCC Dinner on Thursday night
- Community Transit – Move the Park & Ride to behind McDonald’s? – have conversation
- Old City Hall – hire inspector to look at for issues. Can Legion occupy it?
- Host a work session on water/sewer rates in March or April? Discuss rates for 2024
- FCS Group – Finalizing report on settling rates
- Cameron Bailey – Appointments changed on how to meet with State Representatives
 - Legislative Asks are due
 - Matt/Brent meetings or Tom/Brent meetings

12. ADJOURNMENT



City Clerk Darla Reese, MMC



Mayor Matthew Hartman