



**CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 1, 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

Police Chief Tom Dalton – S.C.S.O.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. AB 011-2023 Approval of January 4, 2023 Minutes**
- B. AB 012-2023 Approval of February 1, 2023 claims checks #413086 through #413121 totaling \$239,407.55**
- C. AB 013-2023 Approval of January 1, 2023 through January 15, 2023 payroll claims checks #27489 and Nineteen EFT's totaling \$66,363.38**

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

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

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

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

**Consultant Police Chief Dalton** asked Council's input regarding:

- Stats on social media
- Website ideas
  - Calendar
  - Anonymous Q & A form
- Interactive ideas with the Police Department
- Transparency

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

- Moving Planning Commission meeting this month to the 16<sup>th</sup>
- March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting
  - Land use issues
  - Public outreach
  - Galena St. Extension
- Planning Commission Meeting discussion on the 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Sign Code update
  - Architectural Design Standards
- Feasibility Analysis – Mt. Loop Sub Area Neighborhood
- 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

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

- Sewer – Looking into Cummins to start doing annual inspections of generators
- SSCTV cameras at Frank Mason Park update
- Water Dept. – master meter on Gun Club Rd. – Fire Dept.
  - Water pressure lower than thought (working with Charles on fixes)
- Annual Report for water utility;
- Annual backflow testing (115 commercial assemblies in town)
- Stormwater Annual report due March 31<sup>st</sup>
- Sewer
- Streets – Graded Boys & Girls Club Alley
  - Ask State Legislature for money to help with storm system in alley
- Galena St. Ext. Legislative Ask - \$400,000.00
- Wastewater Treatment Plant – received \$30 million from Department of Ecology at 1.6% interest

## **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 014-2023 Public Hearing – 7:10 PM, or soon thereafter To receive comments regarding Resolution 2023-01, the Fee Resolution**

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

**City Clerk Reese** entered the following exhibits into the record:  
Exhibit 1 - Public Hearing Notice dated January 20, 2023, 1 page  
Exhibit 2 – Verification of Public Hearing Posting dated January 20, 2023, 1 page  
Exhibit 3 – Affidavit of Publication from the Everett Daily Herald dated January 20, 2023, 2 pages  
Exhibit 4 – Proposed Resolution 2023-01 – Fee Resolution, 38 pages

**City Clerk Reese, City Manager Kirk and Community Developer Director Jensen** reviewed the complete list of changes between the old and in the new document as noted in the Council Agenda Bill.

**Councilmembers** asked questions regarding the General Facility Rates.

**Mayor Hartman** moved to open the public testimony portion of the Public Hearing.

No one from the audience or on-line chose to comment.

**Mayor Hartman** closed the public testimony portion of the meeting.

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

**Councilmember Griggs** moved to approve Resolution 2023-01, A Resolution of the City of Granite Falls, establishing, setting and imposing fees due to the City as allowed by law and City Code. In a new 2023 Master Fee Schedule to be effective February 1, 2023; ending the effective date of all prior resolutions of the City setting and imposing fees and confirming the absence of vesting in any fee of the City. Councilmember FitzGerald seconded. Motion carried.

## 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:

- Past Saturday was the Emerald Sound Conference Wrestling Tournament –Granite Falls Tigers participated and ended up in 1<sup>st</sup> Place (Congrats)
- Participated in SCT Meeting
  - Light Rail (Everett Link) to start in 2037
  - Housing survey
    - Align with corresponding house bills
  - House Bill 1110 – Cities expected to mandate if passed
  - House Bill 1351 – Reduces or eliminates parking requirements
- Snohomish County Mayors Meeting
  - Dave Hayes spoke – Adult Care Homes ramping up
    - Dropping off older persons at adult care centers
  - Public safety kick – fee involved; (not feasible for Granite Falls)
  - Board of Health – small cities being represented
- Chamber of Commerce update

## 10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

**Councilmember Glenn** had no comments.

**Councilmember Hogan** had no comments.

**Councilmember Griggs** asked about the plans on the property next door. He also thanked the audience members for attending the meeting.

**Councilmember FitzGerald** had the following comments:

- School District
  - 25<sup>th</sup> Success in Education
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> at parents meeting – drug issues (attended with Chief Dalton)
  - Key Communicators meeting – need more attendees and people to share information
- AWC Conference – February 15 & 16 – will attend with Brent if City can get appointments made
- Basketball ended last night for high school boys, but high school girls to start playoffs
- Robert Butler farewell from School Board. (Applicants have until February 17<sup>th</sup> to put their names in to serve). Tom put his name in the hat for the opened position.

**11. CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Kirk had no comments.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

  
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City Clerk Darla Reese, MMC

  
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Mayor Matthew Hartman