



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 15, 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	Absent

City Staff

City Manager Brent Kirk
Community Dev. Director Eric Jensen

Consultants

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

Councilmember Glenn moved to excuse Councilmember Griggs due to personal issues.
Councilmember FitzGerald seconded. Motion carried.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. AB 022-2023 Approval of February 1, 2023 Minutes
- B. AB 023-2023 Approval of March 2, 2023 through March 15, 2023 claims checks #413182 through #413231 and One EFT totaling \$280,452.87
- C. AB 024-2023 Approval of February 16, 2023 through February 28, 2023 payroll claims checks #27498 through #27502 and Twenty-Four EFT's totaling \$109,558.49

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

5. STAFF REPORTS

Consultant Police Chief Dalton mentioned the following items:

- Police Department to start implementing the body cameras
- Had a fire in town (old Sears house) – Suspicious circumstances

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

- Sewer Department
 - Problem with Smoots lift station battery (blown fuse) has been fixed
- Parks Department
 - CCTV camera equipment mounts needed for 180-degree cameras (Frank Mason Park)
- Water Department
 - Did more cleaning up by the tanks
 - Water service to Middle School (leaking)
 - Fire on Kentucky (Fire Department hooked into oldest hydrant in town = blew) – had to emergency fix hydrant
- Other Discussion Items
 - Pothole repairs along Alder Avenue
 - West Alpine and Wallace Street earlier this week
 - Wastewater Treatment Plant – Kim Schrier has been in town all day (toured Wastewater Treatment Plant)
 - Wrote a grant ask for Federal appropriation to Cantwell and Schrier for \$2.8 million
 - Galena Street Extension update (corner deed/dedication for right hand turn lane)
 - Public Disclosure Commission F1 forms due April 15th

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. 025-2023 Sno-Isle Library

Lois Langer Thompson, Executive Director

Chris Sorenson, Granite Falls Library Manager

Mrs. Langer-Thompson gave an update to give Councilmembers a snapshot of what's currently happening with Sno-Isle Library.

Mr. Sorenson explained in detail how Sno-Isle helps in the community and School District.

**B. 026-2023 ARPA Request from Granite Falls Senior Center
Erika Maynard, Senior Center Vice-President**

Ms. Maynard talked to the City Council on the struggles the Senior Center is currently facing. They are asking for help to keep their doors open. Most money they have comes directly from their membership. The City currently provides \$750.00 per year to help with the water/sewer bill.

The Council and Senior Center members went back and forth on questions and answers in detail.

Councilmember Input:

- Council asked for copies of billing invoices
- Look into title information on Center – in safety deposit box? (Senior Center)
- Meet with Deputy City Manager Balentine and other community members who may be willing to help
- Place this item on the April 12th work session meeting to discuss further
- City Manager Kirk to talk to Volunteers of America and other Senior Centers for help/options

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:

- Thanked Kim Schrier for coming out to the City today
- Senator Cantwell's Aid came out two weeks ago
- Appreciates the Planning Commission's involvement in the joint meeting (need to do that more often)
- Attended Cadman (Rebrand = Heidelberg?) Conditional Use Permit re-up meeting
- Schrier asked about broadband/more internet availability (Broadband Week)

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember FitzGerald had the following comments:

- Enjoyed the Town Hall meeting with Kim Schrier
- Key Communicators Meeting – March 23rd at 6pm (School District)
- Monday, 27th training series = Social Media Awareness Night (School District)
- Wednesday, 29th will interview for the School Board Vacancy (School District)
- Spring Break – April 3rd through April 7th

- April 17th – Voice of Youth (Crossroads School)
- April 21st & 22nd The Plot (Theater Program – PAC Center in High School)
- Softball started today (first home game is Saturday at 1pm)
- Baseball started on Saturday (tomorrow is first home game at 4pm)
- Soccer started on Saturday

Councilmember Hogan stated how great it was to meet Kim Schrier today and how she carried herself at tonight's meeting, answering everyone's questions.

Councilmember Glenn discussed the following:

- Grateful everyone got to meet Kim Schrier today
- Broadband (Ziplay Fiber) - want to explore when it is coming to the area and have them come talk at a meeting
- Intrigued with working with the Senior Center

11. CITY MANAGER

City Manager Kirk had no comments.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hartman adjourned the meeting.



City Clerk Darla Reese, MMC



Mayor Matthew Hartman