

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APRIL 5, 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

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. AB 027-2023 Approval of February 15, 2023 Minutes
- B. AB 028-2023 Approval of March 1, 2023 Minutes
- C. AB 029-2023 Approval of March 8, 2023 Minutes
- D. AB 030-2023 Approval of March 15, 2023 Minutes
- E. AB 031-2023 Approval of March 16, 2023 through April 5, 2023 claims checks #413232 through #413283 and totaling \$197,806.96
- F. AB 032-2023 Approval of March 1, 2023 through March 15, 2023 payroll claims checks #27503 and Nineteen EFT's totaling \$64,123.85

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

5. STAFF REPORTS

City Clerk Reese described her Washington Municipal Clerk's Conference experience this year and what she had learned from it.

Deputy City Manager Balentine will present his report after the Public Hearing and will be listed on the Agenda under item 8A.

Consultant Police Chief Dalton reported on recent police calls, alarm calls, traffic enforcement and investigations.

Community Dev. Director Jensen gave the following updates:

- Draft Community Survey (Planning Commission review)
- University of Washington Evans School (Recommendations)
- Hazard Management Plan update (Completed – Will meet with Sno. County)
- Western Washington Student Asher Shopeflin (internship)
- Mountain Loop Subarea Plan (Completed)
- Planning Commission meeting (next week)
 - Land Use Code Matrix code update

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

- Sewer Department
 - Problem with Smoots lift station pumps (debris being flushed causing issues)
 - Suncrest Farms Lift Station – pressure transducer went out, was fixed on Monday
- Parks Department
 - CCTV camera update at Frank Mason Park
 - REET money for Frank Mason Park bathrooms (out to bid)
 - Trees at Little League field need to be taken down (bids came in this week)
- Water Department
 - Water service to Middle School (leaking)
 - Found an isolation valve
 - Gun Club master meter (isolation valve in PRV)
 - Alder Avenue project set to be repaired this year
- Streets Department
 - Third flag pole – to be placed in round-a-bout on April 13th
- Project Updates
 - Gas Station project update – bore line underground for sewer
 - McDaniel's Hardware and restaurant
 - Galena St. signal/right hand turn lane – bid April 17th
 - Alder Avenue Water line and Overlay = TIB funded

- Wastewater Treatment Plant – Advertise May 16th, open bids June
 - State Legislature set to approve loan at the end of the month
 - Ask = Federal funds to help offset loan – hear end of April
- Other Discussion Items
 - Trip – Mayor and City Manager took last minute trip to State to meet with representatives and ask for funding

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

Justin Thoreson, 111 Noble Way

Mr. Thoreson expressed his feelings regarding the new development in town and environmental concerns.

Brenda Ramsey, 712 S. Granite Ave.

Mrs. Ramsey spoke about traffic safety concerns at her property.

Fred Cruger, 7020-230th Ave SE

Mr. Cruger spoke about saving Bridge #102 and asked the Council for Staff support. He also added the Museum found the original 1913 blueprints for City sewer.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. 033-2023 Public Hearing 7:10 PM, or soon thereafter

For consideration of Ordinance No. 1039-2023, an interim Ordinance of the City of Granite Falls, Washington, Extending for Six Months a Previous 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 Ordinances 1021-2022, 1024-2022, and 1032-2022 and Chapter 19.12.010 relating to Concurrency Determinations and Sewer Connections within the City with Exceptions; Declaring an Emergency; Providing for Severability; and Establishing an Effective Date

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

City Clerk Reese submitted the following Exhibits into the record:

Exhibit 1 – Public Hearing Notice dated March 24, 2023, 1 page

Exhibit 2 – Verification of Public Hearing Posting dated March 24, 2023, 1 page

Exhibit 3 – Affidavit of Publication from the Everett Daily Herald dated March 24, 2023, 2 pages

Exhibit 4 – Ordinance No. 1039-2023, 6 pages

City Manager Kirk gave an update on the status of the Wastewater Treatment Plant now at a 100% completed design. He mentioned the City work now has a way to be funded and is moving forward.

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 moved to close the public testimony portion of the Public Hearing.

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

Councilmember Griggs moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1039-2023, an Ordinance of the City of Granite Falls, Washington, extending for six months a previous six-month moratorium on the filing with and processing by the City of applications for Development Activities Requiring Connections to the City's Sewer System and Ratifying Ordinances 1021-2022, 1024-2022 and 1032-2022 and Chapter 19.12.010 relating to Concurrency Determinations and Sewer Connections within the City with Exceptions; Declaring an Emergency; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date. Councilmember Glenn seconded. Motion carried.

8. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Deputy City Manager Balentine's Staff Report

Deputy City Manager Balentine shared the following information with the Council and attendees:

- Reviewed the compliance report for AARPA and gave first quarter fund updates
- Submitted Annual Report for 2022
- Submitted the Annual Street Report
- Under the direction of the City Manager, we have issued an RFP for property and liability insurance
- Workshop in May regarding City land and buildings (strategic uses)
- Thanked Fred Cruger for helping develop the Passport lobby and help on the work
- Senior Center (Wendy) dropping off ledger tomorrow. Looking to help come up with a plan to support them
- Passport dashboard update

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Hartman gave an update on the following items:

- Went on trip to Olympia and met with 39th District Representatives as well as Neighboring State Representatives Fosse, Robinson, Cortes, Berg, Lovick and Liias.
- Cadman/Heidelberg Conditional Use Permit – April 25th
- Snohomish County Mayors Meeting – April 24th
- Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Meeting – April 17th at 7:30 AM (Lyla's Café)

- Play at Granite Falls High School – April 21st and 22nd (evenings)
- Funko Field (Aquasox) open on Friday

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Glenn discussed the following:

- Funko Field family area (beautiful park)
- Kudos to Police Chief and other officers in helping deal with students “threatening to use police” situations

Councilmember Hogan had no comments

Councilmember Griggs mentioned the Show N’ Shine registration is up and available

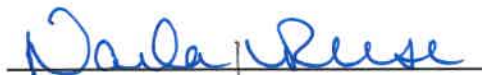
Councilmember FitzGerald stated the Granite Falls School Board chose Bill Dane to fill the School Board Director Seat #2

11. CITY MANAGER

City Manager Kirk mentioned Chief Dalton was chosen to receive “The Community Leadership Award by the Washington Association of School Administrators.” The awards ceremony will be held on April 27th at 1pm at the Sno-Isle Technical Skills Center.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hartman adjourned the meeting.



City Clerk Darla Reese, MMC



Mayor Matthew Hartman