



**CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 3, 2024  
7:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**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
David Griggs	Present
Bruce Straughn	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.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. AB 001-2024 Approval of December 6, 2023 Minutes**
- B. AB 002-2024 Approval of December 13, 2024 Minutes**
- C. AB 003-2024 Approval of January 3, 2024 claims checks #413931 through #413962 totaling \$83,455.06**
- D. AB 004-2023 Approval of December 1, 2023 through December 15, 2023 payroll claims checks consisting of Eighteen EFT's totaling \$65,388.84**

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

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

**Consultant Chief Dalton** discussed current issues around town dealing with graffiti, egg throwing, vandalism and harassing of older residents in town.

**Deputy City Manager Balentine** updated the council on the following items:

- December 2023 closeouts
- Investments & Cash
- W2 completions
- Quarterlies
- DOE Loan
- Wastewater Treatment Plant project updates
- Passports

**City Manager Kirk** gave the Public Works update and discussed the following items:

- Storage units; mailbox issue
- Stanley St. Sidewalks project
- IRG – proposed new building and pre-application meeting
- Surplused purple Ford Ranger

## **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 005-2024 Administration of Oath of Office to:**  
**Bruce Straughn – City of Granite Falls Council Position #4**  
**Matt Hartman – City of Granite Falls Council Position #5**

**City Clerk Reese** gave the Oath of Office to both Councilmembers Straughn and Hartman.

- B. AB 006-2024 Selection of Mayor under the Council-Manager Form of Government**

**Councilmember Hartman** stated his interest in the position.

No other Councilmembers voiced interest.

**Councilmember Griggs** nominated Councilmember Hartman as the Mayor. Councilmember Glenn seconded. Motion carried.

- C. AB 007-2024 Selection of Mayor Pro Tem under the Council-Manager Form of Government**

**Councilmember FitzGerald** stated his interest in the position.

No other Councilmembers voiced interest.

**Councilmember Glenn** nominated and acclaimed Councilmember FitzGerald as the Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Griggs seconded. Motion carried.

**D. AB 008-2024 Consideration to approve change order for the siding replacement and painting of old City Hall**

**Councilmember Griggs** moved to approve the change order with GPA Enterprises, Inc. for the siding replacement and painting of old city hall not to exceed the amount of \$31,606.00 plus Washington State tax. Councilmember Glenn seconded. Motion carried.

**E. AB 009-2024 Consideration of Selection of One Elected Official from City to represent Granite Falls at the Community Transit Board Selection Meeting.**

**Councilmember Glenn** moved to appoint Councilmember Griggs as the representative for the City of Granite Falls for the Community Transit Board Selection Meeting. Councilmember Straughn seconded. Motion carried.

**8. CURRENT BUSINESS**

There were no Current Business items for the Agenda.

**9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

**Mayor Hartman** thanked both the city councilmembers for the votes to keep in the Mayor position for an additional two years as well as the citizens of Granite Falls for re-electing him to council.

**10. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Councilmember Glenn** wished everyone a Happy New Year! He also mentioned he is looking forward to exciting new changes in the coming year in both the city and the chamber of commerce.

**Councilmember FitzGerald** discussed the following items:

- Congratulated Mayor Hartman on his re-election
- Stated the little league trailer was vandalized and they lost everything in the shed and shipping container
- Old city hall – wants to give layout input
- Tree behind police department – carvers? Offered to volunteer to help give input on design
- Wished everyone a Happy New Year!

**Councilmember Griggs** thanked Fred Cruger and the city staff for the tree lighting event. He also asked if the city was in the process of buying additional tree rings to make it taller.

**Councilmember Straughn** thanked everyone for the warm welcome back. He added he too would like to look at the plan for old city hall input and asked about his new email address.

**11. CITY MANAGER**

**City Manager Kirk** thanked everyone for their help and support over the past year. He likes the mix of new employees, and mentioned how he and Jeff are working to cross train passport employees. He also mentioned the comprehensive plan update review and working with Eric on it.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Mayor Hartman** adjourned the meeting.



City Clerk Darla Reese, MMC



Mayor Matthew Hartman