

**CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 7, 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

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| Mayor Matthew Hartman | Present |
| Steven Glenn          | Present |
| Tom FitzGerald        | Present |
| David Griggs          | Present |
| Bruce Straughn        | Present |

City Staff

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| City Manager Brent Kirk             |
| Deputy City Manager Jeff Balentine  |
| Community Dev. Director Eric Jensen |

Consultants

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

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. AB 016-2024 Approval of January 17, 2024 Minutes
- B. AB 017-2024 Approval of February 7, 2024 claims checks #414017 through #414070 totaling \$172,025.00
- C. AB 018-2023 Approval of January 1, 2024 through January 15, 2024 payroll claims checks consisting of Nineteen EFT's totaling \$77,765.28

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

Mayor Hartman added a new item 11A to the Agenda: Executive Session to consider the acquisition of real estate.

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

Consultant Chief Dalton discussed the following items:

- Hosted the Snohomish County Sheriff and Police Chief's Association meeting here at City Hall on January 25, 2024
  - Granite Falls Culinary Arts Students catered
- January (call updates)
- Deputy Thorne will be returning soon
- Chief out for approximately 1 month from February 26<sup>th</sup>
- Mt. Loop Highway last weekend (homicide at Camp Silverton)
- Flock Representatives (meeting tomorrow morning)
- School updates (fights, arrests)

**Community Dev. Director Jensen** mentioned the following items:

- Planning Commission Meeting next week
  - Presenting the Draft Housing Element Chapter
  - Discussion on Racial Disparity Impact Assessment Community Engagement Approaches
  - Historic Preservation Element
- Planning Commission discussion (future Community Center development)
  - Reached out to University of Washington and Western Washington University to engage with faculty/students for some urban design studio work for conceptual and site plan layouts for the design of the Community Center and associated improvements (meeting forthcoming)

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

- Radar sign on S. Granite has been replaced (crash)
- Mailboxes
- Prospect water line (copper line decommission)
- Hydrant meter froze/broke – has been repaired and fixed
- Galena St. project update
- Water line Granite Place
- Galena St. buckled road area and fix
- Stanley Street design
  - Open house on February 20, 2024
- Suncrest Farms lift station (high run times/fix)
- Website training/template

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

- Wastewater Treatment Plant project update
- Passports close-outs
- New dashboards/review

## **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**

There were no New Business items for the Agenda.

## **8. CURRENT BUSINESS**

There were no Current Business items for the Agenda.

## **9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

**Mayor Hartman** had the following comments:

- Attended the Chief's meeting (enjoyed it)
- Empty Bowls this Saturday (5-8 PM at Grange Hall)

## **10. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Councilmember FitzGerald** discussed the following items:

- School District hired new Superintendent
- Pipe break in Monte Cristo (Fundraiser at Eagles last Saturday)
- Sultan High School also had a pipe break = gym flooded
  - Playoff games with Sultan (Thursday and Saturday)

**Councilmember Glenn** discussed the following items:

- Troop in town put gravel down last Saturday at the Grange Hall
- Appreciated the radar sign coming into town

**Councilmember Griggs** had the following comments:

- Friend of Facebook asked about passports – multiple responses telling him to go to Granite Falls
- Show N' Shine = has three food trucks locked in so far
- Sign and the logo is almost completed

**Councilmember Straughn** commented on the fundraiser for the Eagles Club.

## 11. CITY MANAGER

**City Manager Kirk** discussed the following items:

- Cameron Bailey (Lobbyist) set up dinner at 7pm with Senator Wagoner, Representative Carolyn Eslick and Representative Sam Lowe
  - Operating budget money ask information
  - May ask for funding next year to help fund a school resource officer
  - Boys & Girls Club Ask (never applied)

### 11A. EXECUTIVE SESSION

7:44 PM –

**Mayor Hartman** moved to recess into Executive Session for 15 minutes to end at 7:50 PM under RCW 42.30.110(1)(B) Acquisition of Real Estate where public knowledge would increase price. Councilmember FitzGerald seconded. Motion carried.

7:59 PM –

The meeting returned to regular session.

**Deputy City Manager Balentine** went to the Council room doors, opened them, and voiced that Executive Session had ended. All in the lobby and online were welcome to rejoin the meeting at this time.

8:02 PM –

**Mayor Hartman** moved to recess into Executive Session for an additional 5 minutes to end at 8:07 PM. Councilmember Straughn seconded. Motion carried.

8:07 PM –

The meeting returned to regular session.

**Deputy City Manager Balentine** went to the Council room doors, opened them, and voiced that Executive Session had ended. All in the lobby and online were welcome to rejoin the meeting at this time.

**Councilmember Straughn** moved to approve for the City to enter into a Purchase Sale Agreement for the property located on the north side of Gun Club Robe near the Fire District land, adjacent to 20031 Gun Club Rd. for the amount of \$350,000, per the Terms and Conditions of the PSA, and

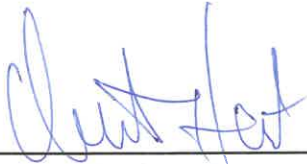
authorize the City Manager to sign. Councilmember Griggs seconded. Motion carried 4-1 with Mayor Hartman opposing.

### 13. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hartman adjourned the meeting.



City Clerk Darla Reese, MMC



Mayor Matthew Hartman