



**CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 7, 2015  
7:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Mayor Golston** called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

**Mayor Golston** led the Council, Staff and Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**3. ROLL CALL**

City Council

Mayor Joshua Golston	Present
Matt Hartman	Present
Tess Greene	Present
Suzie Ashworth	Present
Tom Collins	Present
Tom FitzGerald	Absent

City Staff

City Clerk Darla Reese  
City Administrator Brent Kirk

Consultants

City Attorney Grant Weed  
Police Chief Scott Robertson  
City Engineer Warren Perkins

**Councilmember Greene** moved to excuse Councilmember FitzGerald due to illness. Motion seconded by Councilmember Collins and passed 4-0.

*Councilmember Collins – Aye, Councilmember Ashworth – Aye, Councilmember Greene – Aye, Councilmember Hartman – Aye*

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. AB 130-2015 Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2015.**
- B. AB 131-2015 Approval of November 7, 2015 Claims Checks #405301 through #405347 and Four EFTs totaling \$164,764.75.**
- C. AB 132-2015 Approval of September 1, 2015 to September 15, 2015 Payroll Checks #27808 through #27810 and Ten EFT's totaling \$34,660.03.**

**City Clerk Reese** announced the claims were changed to include additional check #405347 bringing the new total to \$164,764.75.

**Councilmember Greene** moved to accept the Consent Agenda with noted changes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ashworth and passed 4-0.

*Councilmember Collins – Aye, Councilmember Ashworth – Aye, Councilmember Greene – Aye, Councilmember Hartman – Aye*

## **5. STAFF REPORTS**

**Police Chief Robertson** gave an update on lowered emergency response times, notable arrests, and explained the incident with a gun brought to school.

The Council, Mayor and Chief Robertson discussed giving a City Accommodation to the kid that turned in the gun at a future Council meeting.

**Police Chief Robertson** also gave an update on Railroad Days, changes in staff report due to New World Systems, and Narcotics Taskforce abatements.

**City Administrator Kirk** talked about the possibility of a Sno Comm & SnoPac merge, new cameras for the Family Center, budget and property tax timing.

**Councilmember Ashworth** asked about the Skate Park meeting.

**City Administrator Kirk** mentioned they are still waiting to hear back on the information but is working on getting the concrete resurfaced (bids). He is further looking into fixing up this park equipment for the middle of next year.

**Councilmember Greene** asked about the permits and business licenses.

**Police Chief Robertson** parked in front of City Hall to show off his new graphics on the Police vehicle. The next new vehicle will be here at the end of the month and will have the new graphic on it.

**City Clerk Reese** discussed the budget hearing and work shop dates calendar and reminded Council of their required training that is currently due.

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

### **Kristi Everett, 21419 Wait Mill Road, Granite Falls, WA 98252**

Mrs. Everett is with Unchained Washington and is going to towns asking for ordinances about tethering. She further mentioned working with a senator on forthcoming legislation, Blaze, Arlington City Council ordinance, specifics she would like to see Granite Falls put into an ordinance, and asked to be placed on the November 4<sup>th</sup> Council Agenda.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. AB 133-2015 Consideration of Bid from Superior Maintenance Solutions for the Construction of the Jim Holm Park Stairs and Gazebo Pad in an amount not to exceed \$11,924.28 and Authorization for Mayor to sign.**

**Councilmember Greene** moved to approve bid from Superior Maintenance Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$11,924.28 for the construction of the Jim Holm Park stairs and gazebo pad and authorize the Mayor to sign. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ashworth and passed 4-0.

*Councilmember Collins – Aye, Councilmember Ashworth – Aye, Councilmember Greene – Aye, Councilmember Hartman – Aye*

- B. AB 134-2015 Consideration of Approval of Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Management Services and authorization for Mayor to sign.**

**Councilmember Collins** moved to approve Interlocal Agreement for the Department of Emergency Management Services and authorize the Mayor to sign. Motion seconded by Councilmember Greene and passed 4-0.

*Councilmember Collins – Aye, Councilmember Ashworth – Aye, Councilmember Greene – Aye, Councilmember Hartman – Aye*

## 8. CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. AB 129-2015 Continued Discussion on LID Sidewalks Grant Application.**

**City Administrator Kirk** re-discussed the grant applications with the Council.

The Council gave a “thumbs-up” for him to move forth and apply for a grant application for both Union and Kentucky.

## 9. MAYOR’S COMMENTS

**Mayor Golston** shared his disappointment with the School District not budgeting for one quarter of the amount of a School Resource Officer (City would pay half the amount and Sheriff’s would pay a quarter). He hoped the School District would reconsider and get on board with the City and County. Mayor Golston read a letter of resignation into the record and stated it will be effective on October 31, 2015 at which time Mayor ProTem Hartman will then assume the role of temporary Mayor.

## 10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

**Councilmember Hartman** agreed with Mayor Golston about the School Resource Officer and would like to see the use of social media to help educate and push the importance of this issue. He also thanked Mayor Golston for his friendship, confidence in him and stated he will do everything to meet the Mayor's expectations.

**Councilmember Greene** thanked Mayor Golston for being a positive change for the City and for being a personal friend and role model.

**Councilmember Collins** stressed the Mayor will be missed.

**Councilmember Ashworth** talked about social media, thanked law enforcement for their statistics, thanked Beth Morrison and Catherine Anderson for Railroad Days. She also thanked Mayor Golston for being a mentor and his commitment and wished him well in his new ventures.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

**Mayor Golston** adjourned the meeting.

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City Clerk Darla Reese, CMC

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Mayor Pro Tem Matthew Hartman