



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 2, 2015
7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Hartman called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Pro Tem Hartman led the Council, Staff and Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. ROLL CALL

<u>City Council</u>	
Mayor Pro Tem Matt Hartman	Present
Tess Greene	Absent
Suzie Ashworth	Present
Tom FitzGerald	Present

<u>City Staff</u>	
City Clerk Darla Reese	
City Administrator Brent Kirk	

<u>Consultants</u>	
Cheryl Beyer, Weed, Graafstra & Assoc.	
Chief Scott Robertson, SCSO	

Councilmember Ashworth moved to excuse Councilmember Greene due to personal issues. Motion seconded by Councilmember FitzGerald and failed 1-2.

Councilmember Ashworth – Aye, Councilmember FitzGerald – Nay, Councilmember Hartman - Nay

City Attorney Beyer added a point of order that the votes regarding authorization of funds requires all three Councilmembers to vote in favor of it, there cannot be any split votes.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. AB 156-2015 December 2, 2015 Claims Checks #405456 through #405487 and One EFT totaling \$75,587.53.**
- B. AB 157-2015 Approval of November 1, 2015 to November 15, 2015 Payroll Checks #26831 through #26830 and Ten EFT's totaling \$26,042.44.**

Councilmember Ashworth moved to approve Consent Agenda as is. Motion seconded by Councilmember FitzGerald and passed 3-0.

Councilmember Ashworth – Aye, Councilmember FitzGerald – Aye, Councilmember Hartman – Aye

5. STAFF REPORTS

City Clerk Reese mentioned Councilmember Collins has resigned effective immediately. She explained the process of filling his position and stated she will be opening the position to applicants soon.

Mayor ProTem Hartman asked City Clerk Reese to check and see what Boards he was on so we can elect a new Council Representative.

City Administrator Kirk gave an update on the Transportation Board grants.

Chief Roberston thanked the community for all of their help during the wind storm.

Council asked questions regarding the abandoned water meter at Playa Bonita and the leak at the Police Department.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. AB 158-2015 Public Hearing – 7:15 PM For consideration of the 2016 Final Budget.

Councilmember Ashworth moved to open the Public Hearing. Motion seconded by Councilmember FitzGerald and passed 3-0.

Councilmember Ashworth – Aye, Councilmember FitzGerald – Aye, Councilmember Hartman – Aye

City Clerk Reese submitted the following exhibits into the record:

Exhibit 1 – Public Hearing Notice Dated November 20, 2015, 1 page

Exhibit 2 – Verification of Public Hearing Posting Dated November 20, 2015, 1 page

Exhibit 3 – Affidavit of Publication from the Everett Herald, Dated November 20, 2015, 2 pages

Exhibit 4 – 2016 Final Budget, 37 pages

City Administrator Kirk and Councilmembers discussed budget adjustments including salary and wages, court fees, new levy rate, lobbyist, legislative agenda for 2016, tourism, Mayor & Council salary, civil legal services, Police Department building repairs, CIF fund added TBD funding and projects, projected sales and tax revenues, salary breakdown for City Manager, salary scales & comparables, judicial and legislative travel and training, salary commission, water fund loan payoff, utility taxes on funds, taxes and rate studies.

Councilmember FitzGerald moved to open the Public Testimony portion of the Public Hearing. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ashworth and passed 3-0.

Councilmember Ashworth – Aye, Councilmember FitzGerald – Aye, Councilmember Hartman – Aye

No one from the audience chose to comment.

Councilmember FitzGerald moved to close the Public Testimony portion of the Public Hearing. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ashworth and passed 3-0.

Councilmember Ashworth – Aye, Councilmember FitzGerald – Aye, Councilmember Hartman – Aye

Further discussion included jail fees and treatment of Lake Gardner.

Councilmember Ashworth moved to close the Public Hearing. Motion seconded by Councilmember FitzGerald and passed 3-0.

Councilmember Ashworth – Aye, Councilmember FitzGerald – Aye, Councilmember Hartman – Aye

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

Jude Anderson, 815 E, Galena Street, Granite Falls

Mr. Anderson shared the following Library updates:

- Shared a carpet project video on the remodel of the library.
- TEDxSnolsleLibraries – November 6th - well attended in Edmonds, sparse in Granite Falls. They will be posted online and are already planning for 2016.
- Monday & Friday afternoons for next two weeks, will be hosting Tween STEAM programs (Ages 9-12). They will start at 3:30 pm. Topics will be:
 - Dec 7 – Chemistry
 - Dec 11 – Electricity and Magnets
 - Dec 14 – Physics
 - Dec 18 – Dry Ice
- Jan 8th & 15th at 10:30 am – basic computer classes.
- January 16th from 3-5 pm - Teen program on Chocolate Creations.
- January 29th from 3-4 pm – Give a Hoot about Owls – learn about owls and owl pellets.
- He further urged everyone to come and visit the Library.

7. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

B. AB 159-2015 Consideration of Interlocal Agreement Between Snohomish County and the City of Granite Falls Relating to Misdemeanor Warrant and Court Order Data Entry and Verification Services and Authorization for the Mayor Pro Tem to Sign.

Councilmember Ashworth moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement Between Snohomish County and the City of Granite Falls Relating to Misdemeanor Warrant and Court Order Data Entry and Verification Services and Authorization for the Mayor Pro Tem to Sign. Motion seconded by Councilmember FitzGerald and passed 3-0.

Councilmember Ashworth – Aye, Councilmember FitzGerald – Aye, Councilmember Hartman – Aye

8. CURRENT BUSINESS (None)

Discussion was had with Council, Staff and Legal Counsel regarding City Manager form of government, choices in ordinance; if City Manager has to be a resident of the City, duties of City Manager and authority of the ceremonial Mayor. Further discussion included City Manager selection requirements, contract with City Manager, get to a date certain for transition, number of Council positions, Council policies for manager instruction, evaluations, and authorized check signers.

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Hartman is thrilled with the people of Granite Falls' decision.

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Ashworth had no comments.

Councilmember FitzGerald will be late to the Work Session meeting on the 9th.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember FitzGerald moved to enter into Executive Session at 8:32 pm for 10 minutes for the purpose of collective bargaining negotiations. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ashworth and passed 3-0.

Councilmember Ashworth – Aye, Councilmember FitzGerald – Aye, Councilmember Hartman – Aye

Councilmember FitzGerald moved to exit Executive Session at 8:42 pm. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ashworth and passed 3-0.

Councilmember Ashworth – Aye, Councilmember FitzGerald – Aye, Councilmember Hartman – Aye

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Hartman adjourned the meeting.

City Clerk Darla Reese, CMC

Mayor Pro Tem Matthew Hartman