



**CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 2, 2016  
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 Matt Hartman | Present |
| Steven Glenn       | Present |
| Suzie Ashworth     | Present |
| Tom FitzGerald     | Present |
| Erin Hogan         | Present |

City Staff

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| City Clerk Darla Reese  |
| City Manager Brent Kirk |

Consultants

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| Cheryl Beyer, Weed, Graafstra & Assoc. |
| Chief Scott Robertson, SCSO            |
| Warren Perkins, Gray & Osborne, Inc.   |

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. AB 036-2016 Approval of February 10, 2016 Work Session Minutes.**
- B. AB 037-2016 Approval of February 17, 2016 Council Minutes.**
- C. AB 038-2016 Approval of March 2, 2016 Claims Checks #405682 through #405710 and Two EFTs totaling \$53,505.36.**
- D. AB 039-2016 Approval of February 1, 2016 through February 15, 2016 Payroll Checks #26857 through #26858 and Nine EFT's totaling \$27,056.65.**

**City Clerk Reese** mentioned an error where check #405707 was already paid by EFT and the written check was voided.

**Councilmember FitzGerald** pointed out the February 17, 2016 Council Minutes show Mayor Pro Tem FitzGerald leading the flag salute when it should be Mayor Hartman.

**Councilmember Ashworth** moved to approve Consent Agenda with adjusted claims. Motion seconded by Councilmember Glenn and passed 5-0.

*Councilmember Glenn – Aye, Councilmember Ashworth – Aye, Councilmember FitzGerald – Aye, Councilmember Hogan – Aye, Councilmember Hartman - Aye*

## 5. STAFF REPORTS

**City Engineer Perkins** mentioned the award of contract will be at the next meeting for the roadwork happening this summer.

**City Manager Kirk** talked about the annual rate increase with the Snohomish County PUD.

**Chief Robertson** mentioned this week marks his one year anniversary as Granite Falls Police Chief. He is proud to be the Police Chief and of the successes they have had this year.

**Councilmember FitzGerald** asked questions regarding the projects and the target dates for completion that City Engineer Perkins mentioned. He also asked for information regarding the latest accident that occurred in the round-about.

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

*No one from the audience chose to comment.*

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### A. AB 040-2016 Presentation of AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship Letter to Jeremy Miller

**Councilmember FitzGerald** introduced Mr. Miller and read information about him to help explain why he was the candidate selected for the scholarship letter.

### B. AB 041-2016 Public Hearing 7:15 PM For Consideration of the Proposed Sanitary Sewer Collection System Comprehensive Plan Update

**Councilmember FitzGerald** moved to open the Public Hearing for the consideration of the proposed Sanitary Sewer Collection System Comprehensive Plan Update. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ashworth and passed 5-0.

*Councilmember Glenn – Aye, Councilmember Ashworth – Aye, Councilmember FitzGerald – Aye, Councilmember Hogan – Aye, Councilmember Hartman - Aye*

**City Clerk Reese** submitted the following exhibits into the record:

Exhibit 1 – Public Hearing Notice Dated February 20, 2016, 1 page

Exhibit 2 – Verification of Public Hearing Posting Dated February 19, 2016, 1 page

Exhibit 3 – Affidavit of Publication from the Everett Herald Dated February 22, 2016, 1 page

Exhibit 4 – Sanitary Sewer Collection System Comprehensive Plan Update, 72 pages

Exhibit 5 – Resolution No. 2016-03, 1 page

Exhibit 6 – Sanitary Sewer Collection System Comprehensive Plan Update Power Point – Gray & Osborne, Inc. – 11 pages

**City Engineers Warren Perkins and Stacey Clear** gave a PowerPoint slide presentation regarding:

- Three Major Areas for Growth
- Westside Service Area
- Options to Provide Wastewater Service
- Considerations
- Only/Local Lift Station Options
- Smoots Regional Lift Station
- Perrigoue Regional Lift Station
- Stephenson Regional Lift Station
- Suncrest Regional Lift Station
- Westside Service Area Alternatives Summary
- Mountain Loop Service Area
- Mountain Loop Service Area
- SE Urban Growth Area
- Hydraulic Modeling
- New Development Distribution
- Modeled Sewer Main Deficiencies
- Conclusions

**Councilmember FitzGerald** moved to open the Public Testimony portion of the Public Hearing. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ashworth and passed 5-0.

*Councilmember Glenn – Aye, Councilmember Ashworth – Aye, Councilmember FitzGerald – Aye, Councilmember Hogan – 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 5-0.

*Councilmember Glenn – Aye, Councilmember Ashworth – Aye, Councilmember FitzGerald – Aye, Councilmember Hogan – Aye, Councilmember Hartman - Aye*

**Councilmember Ashworth** moved to close the Public Hearing. Motion seconded by Councilmember Glenn and passed 5-0.

*Councilmember Glenn – Aye, Councilmember Ashworth – Aye, Councilmember FitzGerald – Aye, Councilmember Hogan – Aye, Councilmember Hartman - Aye*

**Councilmember FitzGerald** moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-03, A Resolution of the City Council of Granite Falls, Washington, adopting the Granite Falls Sanitary Sewer Collection System Comprehensive Plan Update (February 2016). Motion seconded by Councilmember Ashworth and passed 5-0.

*Councilmember Glenn – Aye, Councilmember Ashworth – Aye, Councilmember FitzGerald – Aye, Councilmember Hogan – Aye, Councilmember Hartman - Aye*

**C. AB 042-2016 Consideration of Ordinance No. 909-2016 Amending the Granite Falls Municipal Code 3.08 – Business and Occupation Tax**

**Councilmember FitzGerald** moved to adopt Ordinance No. 909-2016, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Granite Falls amending the Granite Falls Municipal Code (GFMC) Chapter 3.08 – Business and Occupation Tax, Relating to the City’s Business and Occupation Tax to impose said Tax on the Business of extracting only, and to eliminate all other Business and Occupation Tax in the City from and after the effective date; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date. Motion seconded by Councilmember Glenn and passed 5-0.

*Councilmember Glenn – Aye, Councilmember Ashworth – Aye, Councilmember FitzGerald – Aye, Councilmember Hogan – Aye, Councilmember Hartman - Aye*

**D. AB 043-2016 Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance No. 910-2016 – “Blanket Bond Coverage”**

**Councilmember Ashworth** moved to adopt Ordinance No. 910-2016, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Granite Falls, Washington, addressing Bonding for Elective or Appointive Positions by Adopting the New Chapter 2.54 “Blanket Bond Coverage” to the Granite Falls Municipal Code; Providing for Severability; and Establishing an Effective Date. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hogan and passed 5-0.

*Councilmember Glenn – Aye, Councilmember Ashworth – Aye, Councilmember FitzGerald – Aye, Councilmember Hogan – Aye, Councilmember Hartman – Aye*

**E. AB 044-2016 Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance No. 908-2016, Amending Granite Falls Municipal Code to Establish when and how much is due for Sewer and Water Connection Charges and to Provide for Credit Against General Facility Charges in Certain Circumstances.**

**Councilmember FitzGerald** moved to adopt Ordinance No. 908-2016, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Granite Falls, Washington, Amending GFMC Section 13.02 Rates and Charges – Connection Charge – Connection Related to Sewer; Amending GFMC Section 13.16.254 Rates and Charges – Water Connection Charge – Collection Related to Water and Reformat into Subsections and Adding New Subsections (A) and (B) to (a) Establish when in and how much is Due for a Connection Charge and in (b) provide in Certain Circumstances for a Credit Against General Facility Charges Authorized by those Sections; Providing for Severability; and Establishing an Effective Date with the two Amendments discussed. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ashworth and passed 5-0.

*Councilmember Glenn – Aye, Councilmember Ashworth – Aye, Councilmember FitzGerald – Aye, Councilmember Hogan – Aye, Councilmember Hartman – Aye*

**F. AB 045-2016 Consideration of City of Granite Falls to Assume the Rights, Powers, Functions and Obligations of the Granite Transportation Benefit District (“TBD”)**

**Councilmember Glenn** moved to approve Resolution 2016-04, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Granite Falls, Washington, setting a Public Hearing regarding the City’s intended assumption of the Granite Falls Transportation Benefit District pursuant to the authority of Chapter 36.74 RCW/Second Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5987 (2ESSB5987) with a Public Hearing Date of April 6, 2016 at 7:15 PM. Motion seconded by Councilmember FitzGerald and passed 5-0.

*Councilmember Glenn – Aye, Councilmember Ashworth – Aye, Councilmember FitzGerald – Aye, Councilmember Hogan – Aye, Councilmember Hartman – Aye*

**8. CURRENT BUSINESS**

There were no Current Business items.

**9. MAYOR’S COMMENTS**

**Mayor Hartman** praised City Manager Kirk on his knowledge and expertise.

**10. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Councilmember Glenn** attended a couple School Board meetings and gave an update on school and transportation route changes. He mentioned, at the next meeting, there will be proposals for different options for bleachers at the High School.

**Councilmember Hogan** had no comments.

**Councilmember Ashworth** will not be attending the Council Meeting on Saturday. She indicated she would like to see the notes, and the Boys & Girls Club is high on her list. She further mentioned her happiness for being in school.

**Councilmember FitzGerald** spoke with School Board members regarding transportation and an application for an educational grant for funding at the Boys & Girls Club.

## **11. CITY MANAGER**

**City Manager Kirk** mentioned the following under his report:

- Reminded Council of the Retreat from 9am-3pm at the Library on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Asked about food allergies for the food order for the Retreat lunch
  - Mentioned Bob Jean will be the facilitator and discussed the Agenda information
- Mentioned the Work Session scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup> would be cancelled
- Developer Extension Agreement with Suncrest Farms will be on the March 16<sup>th</sup> Agenda
- Discussed looking into Skate Park improvements and options for financing
- Updated Council on MSRC funding issues and asked the elected's to send emails to our State Representatives: Dan Kristiansen, Elizabeth Scott and Kirk Pearson

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

**Mayor Hartman** adjourned the meeting.

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City Clerk Darla Reese, CMC

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Mayor Matthew Hartman