



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 19, 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

Mayor Matt Hartman	Present
Steven Glenn	Present
Suzie Ashworth	Present
Tom FitzGerald	Present
Erin Hogan	Present

City Staff

City Clerk Darla Reese
City Manager Brent Kirk

Consultants

Tom Graafstra - Weed, Graafstra & Assoc.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. AB 139-2016 Approval of October 5, 2016 Minutes**
- B. AB 140-2016 Approval of October 12, 2016 Work Session Minutes**
- C. AB 141-2016 Approval of October 19, 2016 Claims Checks #406275 through #406324 and One EFT totaling \$149,424.31**
- D. AB 142-2016 Approval of September 16, 2016 through September 30, 2016 Payroll Checks #26930 through #26937 and Twelve EFT's totaling \$52,975.02**

Councilmember Ashworth moved to approve the Consent Agenda as is. Councilmember FitzGerald seconded. Motion carried.

5. STAFF REPORTS

City Manager Kirk gave an update on the following items:

- Movie
 - Special Event Permit
 - House rental
 - First day of filming in town
 - Movie schedule

- Finalizing grants
- Police Department sign

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

No one from the audience chose to speak during public comments.

7. NEW BUSINESS

B. AB 145-2016 Consideration of Approval of Agreement with Roundy Accounting and Consulting for Financial Consulting Services

Discussion was halted due to the start of the public hearing.

A. AB 144-2016 Public Hearing – 7:15 PM For Consideration of possible increases in Property Tax Revenues for the 2017 Budget

Councilmember Glenn moved to open the Public Hearing. Councilmember Hogan seconded. Motion carried.

City Clerk Reese submitted the following exhibits into the record:

1. Public Hearing Notice dated October 7, 2016, 1 page
2. Verification of Public Hearing posting certified on October 7, 2016, 1 page
3. Ordinance No. 918-2016, 2 pages
4. Resolution No. 2016-10, 2 pages
5. 2017 Property Tax Worksheet, 1 page
6. Affidavit of Publication for the Public Hearing Notice from the Everett Herald dated October 7, 2016

City Manager Kirk explained the increase of approximately \$3.39 per property, how tax increase works (separated into City services) and banked percentage.

Councilmember Hogan moved to open the Public Testimony. Councilmember Glenn seconded. Motion carried.

No one from the audience chose to comment.

Councilmember Glenn moved to close the Public Testimony. Councilmember Hogan seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember FitzGerald moved to close the Public Hearing. Councilmember Ashworth seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember FitzGerald moved to adopt Ordinance No. 918-2016, An Ordinance fixing the amount of taxes to be levied in the sum of \$450,169 and levying the same on all taxable property, both real and personal, in the City of Granite Falls, Washington for collection in 2017.

Councilmember Glenn seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember FitzGerald moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-10, A Resolution of intent authorizing an increase in property tax revenue for collection in 2017 in terms of both dollars and percentage for the general operating levy in 2017. Councilmember Hogan seconded. Motion carried.

B. AB 145-2016 Consideration of Approval of Agreement with Roundy Accounting and Consulting for Financial Consulting Services

Councilmember Ashworth moved to approve agreement between the City of Granite Falls and Roundy Accounting & Consulting Services and authorize the City Manager to sign. Councilmember Glenn seconded. Motion carried.

C. AB 146-2016 Consideration of Request for Qualifications for Architectural Services and Engineering design services for new City Hall/Civic Center building site

Councilmember Glenn moved to continue this item to the meeting of November 2, 2016.

Councilmember Hogan seconded. Motion carried.

8. CURRENT BUSINESS

There were no Current Business items to discuss.

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Hartman had no comments.

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Glenn mentioned his excitement of seeing the new rockers on the Police vehicles.

Councilmember Hogan mentioned that Friday night is homecoming, and they are playing South Whidbey.

Councilmember Ashworth gave a status update on the two Food Banks in town (City and The Father's House) and how both are in need of donations. She also mentioned her excitement for trick or treating with the kids, and that the Police Department is giving away free hotdogs and cocoa or cider.

Councilmember FitzGerald asked about passing the information along to the press about the movie being filmed in town (good press).

11. CITY MANAGER

City Manager Kirk mentioned he will be absent from October 28th until November 4th.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending and potential litigation (20 minutes)

7:50 PM

Councilmember Hogan moved to enter into Executive Session for 20 minutes to discuss potential litigation to start at 7:50 pm. Councilmember FitzGerald seconded. Motion carried.

8:10 PM

Council exited Executive Session.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hartman adjourned the meeting.

City Clerk Darla Reese, MMC

Mayor Matthew Hartman