



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 4, 2017
7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. FLAG SALUTE

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

3. ROLL CALL

City Council

Mayor Matt Hartman	Absent
Steven Glenn	Present
Tom FitzGerald	Present
Erin Hogan	Absent
Bruce Straughn	Present

City Staff

City Clerk Darla Reese
City Manager Brent Kirk

Consultants

Thom Graafstra - Weed, Graafstra & Assoc.
Warren Perkins - Gray & Osborne, Inc.

Councilmember Glenn moved to excuse Councilmember Hogan due to training and Councilmember Hartman due to work. Councilmember Straughn seconded. Motion carried.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. AB 135-2017 Approval of September 20, 2017 Minutes**
- B. AB 136-2017 Approval of September 23, 2017 Minutes**
- C. AB 137-2017 Approval of October 4, 2017 Claims Checks #407162 through #407195 and Two EFTs totaling \$145,973.36**
- D. AB 138-2017 Approval of Payroll from September 1, 2017 to September 15, 2017 Checks #27048 through #27050 and Ten EFT's totaling \$30,449.16**

City Clerk Reese mentioned a change on the claims item C – checks should be #407162 through #407200 and Three EFTs totaling \$151,547.36. The additions are the check for the Consultant City Planner and the Officers' checks for Railroad Days.

Councilmember Straughn moved to approve the Consent Agenda with item 4C amended as described. Councilmember Glenn seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem FitzGerald moved to add item 7d to ratify signature on purchase and sale agreements and authorize the City Manager to sign documents and escrow to close. Councilmember Glenn seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Glenn moved to add item 11a Executive Session potential litigation for 10 minutes. Councilmember Straughn seconded. Motion carried.

5. STAFF REPORTS

City Manager Kirk discussed the following:

- Chief Ferreira is out at leadership training this week
- Railroad Days
 - City will have a booth set up next to the Police booth
 - Buying new canopy for booth
 - Sign-up sheet for booth
 - Parade
 - City Manager chosen to be the Grand Marshal
 - 3D drawings to display for Civic Center
- Cascade sidewalk and parking design – including water main replacement
- Conceptual Civic Center drawings

Consultant City Attorney Graafstra gave a DRS update that they will be withdrawing and changing their position on both Sturtz and the City, withdrawing the demand of monies from both.

Councilmember Straughn brought up a retirement problem he is facing until if/when legislation changes are made.

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

No one from the audience had any public comments.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. AB 139-2017 Consideration of Agreement for Lobbying Services through the end of 2017 with SDS Municipal Consulting, LLC

Sarah Davenport Smith received Council input on their focus for this legislative session. Some things mentioned were:

- Capital Budget (Boys & Girls Club and ecology grants)

- “Granite Falls Day” in Olympia where a couple of the Council Members and Sarah could meet with different legislatures on City priorities
- Department of Retirement Systems (DRS) Legislation
- Communications regarding effect of lack of capital budget
- Grants and funding per city population sizes

Councilmember Glenn moved to approve the Agreement for Services Contract between the City of Granite Falls and SDS Municipal Consulting, LLC and authorize the City Manager to sign. Councilmember Straughn seconded. Motion carried.

B. AB 140-2017 Consideration of Approval of Resolution 2017-07 – Addressing routine reoccurring payments in Council Claims.

Councilmember Straughn moved to approve Resolution 2017-07, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Granite Falls authorizing the Payment of Claims prior to approval by the City Council. Councilmember Glenn seconded. Motion carried.

C. AB 141-2017 Consideration of Approval of 2018 Agreement for Inmate Housing with Yakima County Department of Corrections and authorization for City Manager to sign.

Councilmember Glenn moved to approve the 2018 Agreement for Inmate Housing with Yakima County Department of Corrections and authorize the City Manager to sign. Councilmember Straughn seconded. Motion carried.

D. Motion to ratify and authorize purchase and sale agreements for Christ Community Church and Train property on Stanley Street and authorize the City Manager to sign the closing documents for escrow.

Councilmember Straughn moved to ratify the City Manager’s signature on purchase and sale agreements for the Christ Community Church and train properties on Stanley Street and authorize the City Manager to sign all closing documents with regard to the Christ Community Church transaction and the Train property on Stanley Street. Councilmember Glenn seconded. Motion carried.

8. CURRENT BUSINESS

There were no items for Current Business.

9. MAYOR’S COMMENTS

There were no Mayor’s comments as he was excused from tonight’s meeting.

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember FitzGerald comments included sharing information from tonight's School Board meeting, and he is looking forward to Saturday and the parade.

Councilmember Glenn asked about special permits for Railroad Days and is looking forward to Saturday's event.

Councilmember Straughn had no comments.

11. CITY MANAGER

City Manager Kirk had no additional comments.

11A. EXECUTIVE SESSION for the purpose of potential litigation for ten minutes with no action to follow.

Councilmember Glenn moved to enter into Executive Session for ten minutes ending at 8:11 pm. Councilmember Straughn seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Glenn moved to re-enter Executive Session for an additional five minutes to end at 8:16 PM. Councilmember Straughn seconded. Motion carried.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem FitzGerald adjourned the meeting.

City Clerk Darla Reese, MMC

Mayor Matthew Hartman