



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2018
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	Present
Bruce Straughn	Present

City Staff

City Clerk Darla Reese
City Manager Brent Kirk

Consultants

Emily Guildner - Weed, Graafstra & Assoc.
Warren Perkins - Gray & Osborne, Inc.
Christopher Ferreira – S.C.S.O.

Councilmember Glenn moved to excuse Councilmember Hogan due to family athletic event. Councilmember Straughn seconded. Motion carried

Councilmember Straughn moved to excuse Mayor Hartman due to work obligations. Councilmember Glenn seconded. Motion carried.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. AB 021-2018 Approval of January 3, 2018 Minutes**
- B. AB 022-2018 Approval of January 10, 2018 Minutes**
- C. AB 023-2018 Approval of February 7, 2018 Claims, Checks #407468 through #407516 and Four EFT's totaling \$140,661.87**
- D. AB 024-2018 Approval of Payroll from January 1, 2018 to January 15, 2018 Checks #27086 through #27087 and Nine EFT's totaling \$23,914.80**

Councilmember Glenn moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Straughn seconded. Motion carried.

5. STAFF REPORTS

Chief Ferreira introduced Deputies Cameron Elwell and Ian McCulloch to the Council. Each Deputy spoke individually to the Council and introduced themselves.

Councilmember Hogan arrived at the meeting.

Chief Ferreira gave an update on the fatality crash on Quarry Road, a middle school incident from a couple of weeks ago, and short discussion on bullying and investigation involvement.

City Manager Kirk mentioned the following items:

- Attended the Department of Emergency Management meeting today with the School District, Fire Chief and Police Chief
- Met with the City Engineers and had a telephone meeting with the architect this afternoon regarding the Civic Center
- Giving the “State of the City” speech at the Chamber of Commerce next week
- Attended the legislative conference with Mayor Hartman and got Carolyn Eslick to sponsor the house bill regarding the D.R.S. rules
- Received money for both Boys & Girls Club/Social Services
- T.I.B. grant projects

(Staff Reports were halted due to the start of the Public Hearing time)

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. AB 025-2018 Public Hearing – 7:15 PM

For consideration of Ordinance No. 944-2018 regarding deferral of water and sewer facility charges (general and local) until final inspection/occupancy certificate for multifamily construction (duplex and above)

Councilmember FitzGerald moved to open the Public Hearing for consideration of Ordinance No. 944-2018. Councilmember Glenn seconded. Motion carried.

City Clerk Reese submitted the following exhibits into the record:

Exhibit 1 – Public Hearing Notice dated January 26, 2018, 1 page

Exhibit 2 – Verification of Public Hearing Posting dated January 26, 2018, 1 page

Exhibit 3 – Affidavit of Publication for the Public Hearing Notice from the Everett Herald dated January 26, 2018, 2 pages

Exhibit 4 – Ordinance No. 944-2018, 2 pages

City Manager Kirk discussed reducing the general facility charge (GFC) of sewer to be equivalent to water at .778 ERU's for multi-family and sewer is a full ERU. He also mentioned deferring fees and how it normally works in other cities that do this including deferral programs. The ordinance presented only allows for the deferral of the water and sewer fees. The other mitigation fees would still need to be paid upfront along with the building permit fees. A final inspection for Certificate of Occupancy would not be done until all of the mitigation fees have been paid. A \$500.00 administration fee would be included if the developer was to utilize this option. Anyone that builds a duplex on to a higher number apartment building would be eligible for this.

Mayor Pro Tem FitzGerald declared the public testimony portion of the Public Hearing open.

Scott Wammack, Grandview North, P.O. Box 159, Arlington, WA 98223

Mr. Wammack spoke in favor of and in support of the proposal.

Mayor Pro Tem FitzGerald declared the Public testimony portion of the Public Hearing closed.

Councilmember Straughn moved to close the Public Hearing. Councilmember Glenn seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Straughn moved to adopt Ordinance No. 944-2018, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Granite Falls, Washington amended by permitted deferral the collection date for sewer connection charges and water connection charges for multifamily construction of duplexes or more units by amending GFMC 13.02.102(A) Rates and Charges – Connection Charge – Collection – Credit; and GFMC 13.16.254(A) Rates and Charges – Water Connection Charge – Collection – Credit; providing for severability and effective date. Councilmember Hogan seconded. Motion carried.

(Staff Reports continued)

Chief Ferreira revealed the yearly Point in Time homeless count = 100 people is the initial estimate, but believes the number is much higher. This included both the City and the Mountain Loop.

City Clerk Reese stated there will not be a work session next week but there will be a special joint meeting with the Planning Commission on February 28th.

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

Dawson Holm, 18412-78th Street NE, Granite Falls (per sign-in sheet)

Mr. Holm spoke regarding his proposed Eagle Scout project for a Thank You for Visiting Granite Falls sign to be located at the round-about made out of poly metal.

Councilmember Glenn asked what poly metal was.

7. NEW BUSINESS

B. Presentation by Snohomish County Emergency Management Radio Systems Ralph Krusey

Mr. Krusey gave a PowerPoint presentation and updated the Council regarding the Snohomish County Emergency Radio System (SERS) and the importance of it needing to be replaced. This presentation included the following slides:

- What is the Snohomish County Emergency Radio System?
- How does SERS work?
- SERS Carries the Load
- The public depends on SERS in Critical Situations
- SERS Radio System Needs to be Replaced
- Why is New Technology Necessary?
- Why Can't First Responders Use Cell Phones Instead of Radio Systems?
- Compared to Cell Phones, Two Way Radios are Mission Critical and what they Provide
- If your Radio System Doesn't Work and What it Causes
- Benefits of a New System
- Timeline for the New Radio System
- We Need to Act Quickly!

Mr. Krusey asked Council for a Resolution of support from the City Council, discussed the cost alternatives and answered miscellaneous Council questions.

8. CURRENT BUSINESS

There were no Current Business items for the Agenda.

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Hartman was absent from the meeting so there were no Mayor's comments.

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem FitzGerald had the following comments:

- Attended tonight's School Board meeting
 - They have 15 new kids enrolled that live in the new development
 - Discussed the open forum on bullying
- February 22, 2017 will be groundbreaking events for the Stadium and STEAM projects
- Crosswalks at Tom Thumb and La Playa need to be re-done (priority)

- Appreciated the Council understanding his illness and is glad to be back

Councilmember Glenn had the following comments:

- Gave an update on his family & health issues
- Happy to see new development coming in
- Boy Scouts
- Attended the bullying meeting
 - Learned policies he didn't know before
- Optimistic for the future

Mayor Pro Tem FitzGerald added on Wednesday, February 14th the School District is having an official meeting on the bullying issue.

Councilmember Hogan discussed her feelings about the School District bullying meeting.

Councilmember Straughn discussed the following items:

- Really loved Dawson Holm's idea on the sign and thanked him for the presentation
- Wants to see staff bring a proposed resolution on SERS and decide on a funding mechanism
- Attended the Community Transit meeting and was chose to be an alternate member which is a 2-year commitment

11. CITY MANAGER

City Manager Kirk had the following comments:

- Having exit signs throughout town
- Attended the Snohomish County Cities dinner

Mayor Pro Tem FitzGerald asked City Manager Kirk for clarification on the money received from the state for the Boys and Girls Club and the Social Services building and what it can be used for.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem FitzGerald adjourned the meeting.

City Clerk Darla Reese, MMC

Mayor Matthew Hartman