



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 19, 2018
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 |
| Tom FitzGerald | Present |
| Erin Hogan | Present |
| Bruce Straughn | Present |

City Staff

City Clerk Darla Reese
City Manager Brent Kirk

Consultants

Thomas Graafstra - Weed, Graafstra & Assoc.
Jeff Balentine – Belenus Solutions, LLC
Warren Perkins – Gray & Osborne, Inc.

Councilmember Glenn moved to move New Business after Item A to the end of A Prime for discussion of possible purchase of property at 204 Portage Avenue, Item B will stay as is, Item C will be the action item if you want to proceed with the purchase of the property at 204 Portage Avenue. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hogan. Motion carried.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. AB 120-2018 Approval of July 18, 2018 Minutes**
- B. AB 121-2018 Approval of September 19, 2018 Claims Checks #408039 through #408077 and One EFT totaling \$157,357.91**
- C. AB 122-2018 Approval of Payroll from August 16, 2018 to August 31, 2018, checks #27164 through #27169 and Fourteen EFTs totaling \$47,407.14**

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

5. STAFF REPORTS

City Manager Kirk discussed the following items:

- Flooding of city businesses
- Mountain Way Elementary School wall collapse
- Train property
 - Train has been relocated to Scherrer Farm
- Project updates
 - Civic Center
 - Kentucky water main

City Council asked questions regarding a fence & picnic tables on train property and Facebook post page ruling.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. AB 123-2018 Public Hearing – 7:15 PM

For consideration of Ordinance No. 955-2018, for the Vacationing of Gun Club Road right-of-ways commencing approximately 625 feet east of the Mountain Loop Highway and proceeding 278 feet along the right-of-way in a northeasterly direction to its terminus, all in Granite Falls, Washington

Councilmember FitzGerald moved to open the Public Hearing for consideration of Ordinance No. 955-2018. Councilmember Glenn seconded. Motion carried.

City Clerk Reese entered the following Exhibits into the record:

Exhibit 1 – Public Hearing Notice dated September 7, 2018, 1 page

Exhibit 2 – Verification of Public Hearing Posting, dated September 7, 2018, 1 page

Exhibit 3 – Affidavit of Publication for the Public Hearing Notice from the Everett Herald, dated September 7, 2018, 2 pages

Exhibit 4 – Resolution No. 2018-09, dated August 15, 2018, 6 pages

Exhibit 5 – Ordinance No. 955-2018, 5 pages

City Manager Kirk discussed the reasoning for the right-of-way vacationing including the right-of-way being on the Miller Shingle property. This would fix the road by getting it off private property and back into the proper location.

Council questions included ulterior motive, and price.

Mayor Hartman opened the public testimony portion of the Public Hearing.

No one from the audience chose to speak on the subject.

Mayor Hartman closed the public testimony portion of the Public Hearing.

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

Councilmember FitzGerald moved to adopt Ordinance No. 955-2018, of the City of Granite Falls, Washington for the Vacationing of Gun Club Road right-of-ways commencing approximately 625 feet east of the Mountain Loop Highway and proceeding 278 feet along the right-of-way in a northeasterly direction to its terminus, all in Granite Falls, Washington. Councilmember Hogan seconded. Motion carried.

5. STAFF REPORTS (Continued)

Further discussion was had regarding the Facebook page ruling.

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

No one chose to comment during this portion of the meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Prime – Discussion of Potential Purchase of Property at 204 Portage Avenue.

City Manager Kirk and the Council discussed the potential purchase of property at 204 Portage Avenue.

B. AB 124-2018 Budget Amendment for purchase of Property at 204 Portage Avenue.

Councilmember Straughn moved to adopt Ordinance 956-2018, an Ordinance of the City of Granite Falls, Washington relating to the 2018 City Budget; and amending Ordinance 939-2017 adopting the 2018 Budget to adjust revenue estimates and appropriations for funds as included on Exhibit 'A'. Councilmember Hogan seconded. Motion carried.

C. AB 125-2018 Consideration of Purchase of Property at 204 Portage Avenue for Public Works Facility.

Councilmember Hogan moved to approve Purchase and Sale Agreement for the purchase of property and improvements at 204 Portage Ave. in Granite Falls and authorize the City Manager's

signature as outlined in item #2, page 3, of the agreement. Councilmember Straughn seconded. Motion carried.

D. Snohomish County Community Block Development Grant Program

Councilmember Glenn will be primary
Councilmember Straughn will be the alternate

8. CURRENT BUSINESS

Councilmember Hogan asked that Council reconsider the Public Works Board Preconstruction Loan Contract. Councilmember Glenn seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Straughn moved to approve the Public Works Board Pre-Construction Loan Contract #PR18-96103-057 and authorize the City Manager to sign. Councilmember Hogan seconded. Motion carried.

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Hartman discussed the following items:

- Railroad Days
- Absent the meeting of October 3rd
- Last Friday - dedication of the new football stadium at the high school
- Football teams from 1963 and 1990 (both undefeated) and cheerleaders from these years were also present
- New press box
- PSRC dues are increasing by 4% - will write a letter to the agency on how unfair this percentage of increase is

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Glenn thanked the staff for what they have been able to accomplish over this past year.

Mayor Hartman thanked the Council for their roles as well.

Councilmember Hogan had no comments.

Councilmember Straughn asked to have City Attorney Graafstra brief the Council on their roles in negotiations with regards to the process and what can be expected with regards to this process.

Councilmember FitzGerald would like to see the sewer moratorium brought back on the next meeting; he did not attend the School Board meeting tonight; and nominates the Mayor to sing the national anthem at the City Hall groundbreaking.

11. CITY MANAGER

City Manager Kirk had the following comments:

- Railroad Days issues
- Farmers Market booths
- Alley blockage for Buzz Inn beer garden
- First block of Union Ave. has been torn apart
- Working on projects

11A. EXECUTIVE SESSION per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for the purpose of pending litigation

8:29 PM -

Councilmember Glenn moved to recess for five minutes into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation with no action to follow. Councilmember Hogan seconded. Motion carried.

12. ADJOURNMENT

8:34 PM -

Mayor Hartman adjourned the meeting.

City Clerk Darla Reese, MMC

Mayor Matthew Hartman