



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 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

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.
Christopher Ferreira – S.C.S.O.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. AB 188-2018 Approval of December 19, 2018 Claims Checks #408284 through #408325 and Two EFTs totaling \$413,417.02**
- B. AB 188-2018 Approval of Payroll from November 16, 2018 through November 30, 2018, check #27185 through #27189 and Sixteen EFTs totaling \$51,694.39**

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

5. STAFF REPORTS

City Manager Kirk discussed the following items:

- Project updates
 - Civic Center
 - Union sidewalk
 - Kentucky Ave.

Councilmember Straughn thanked Chief Ferreira & Ray Coleman for putting the graphs together for the Police Department report.

Chief Ferreira gave an update on the “Coffee with the Chief” meeting.

Chief Ferreira & City Manager Kirk recognized Carol Bello and thanked her for all of her hard work on the Halloween festival.

Mayor Hartman thanked Carol Bello with an appreciation plaque with the title of 2018 Honorary Mayor of Frightening Falls.

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

No one from the audience signed up for Public Comments.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. AB 190-2018 Consideration of Approval of 2019 Contract for lobbying services with SDS Consulting.

Sarah Davenport reviewed items AWC has been focusing on for their legislative agenda including:

- Push on the homelessness issue
 - New use for REET funding to provide for public housing

Reviewed a couple of the Governor’s budget items:

- Involves a lot of tax increases
- Focus on added environmental protections
 - Special focus on money for Orca protection

City Legislative Asks:

- Galena Street extension
- Frank Mason parking lot
- Northeast Snohomish County Food Bank
- Local infrastructure updates
 - Reach out to Federal Representatives and ask what is available to the City

Council & City Manager additions, questions & concerns:

- Councilmember Straughn asked about the DRS Bill sponsored from last year – any chance it will be sponsored again this year?
 - (Add to DRS letter about counting a Council position as a represented position and how that could impact those like Councilmember Straughn)

- Put discussion on January 2nd Council meeting discussion on Legislative Agenda and give Sarah further direction on where the City wants to go with this
- Brent & Mayor to coordinate with the Food Bank
- Add Galena Street land acquisition? Design work?
- Highway 2 (trestle)
 - Request a more active role in the decision-making
 - Not tolling Highway 2 and the expansion
 - Ask for active representation
- How to prioritize the off-year

Councilmember Hogan moved to approve contract with SDS Consulting for 2019 Lobbying Services and authorize City Manager to sign. Councilmember FitzGerald seconded. Motion carried.

B. AB 191-2018 Consideration of Approval of 2019 City Attorney Retainer Agreement with Weed, Graafstra & Associates, Inc. for Legal Services.

Councilmember Glenn moved to approve the 2019 City Attorney Retainer Agreement between the City of Granite Falls and Weed, Graafstra & Associates, Inc. and authorization for the City Manager to sign. Councilmember Hogan seconded. Motion carried.

8. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. AB 192-2018 Approval of Letter of Understanding to amend Waste Management rates to account for increased recycling costs.

Councilmember Straughn moved to approve the Letter of Understanding with Waste Management and authorize City Manager to sign. Councilmember Glenn seconded. Motion carried.

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Hartman gave an update regarding the outcome of the Chamber Board elections. He stated he is looking forward to next year, thanked everyone for their diligent service to the community this year, and also wished everyone a wonderful Christmas!

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Glenn mentioned this has been a great couple of years seeing things come to fruition by staff and what we have been able to accomplish.

Councilmember Hogan gave an update on the Fire Department Santa Cruise held last weekend and reported the Fire Department helped 392 kids this year with their annual Christmas House.

Councilmember Straughn wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! He also looks forward to the City moving into its new home next year.

Councilmember FitzGerald discussed the following items:

- No School Board meeting tonight for Granite Falls School Dist.
- Councilmembers have been invited to a Granite Falls School Dist. Strategic Planning Luncheon on January 9th from 11:30AM-1:00 PM
- AWC Conference = photo submission for this year's playing card
- Met with Nate Nehring & Russel Weida

11. CITY MANAGER

City Manager Kirk discussed the following items:

- Chaos in the office with absence of Darla on vacation this week
- Becky & Charles are on vacation next week
- Going to volunteer Chief Ferreira to be the guest speaker at the Strategic Planning Leadership Luncheon because of amount of leadership classes he has taken at the County
- Capital budget – putting money into the Police Department building
- Council Retreat in February or March?

Councilmember FitzGerald asked for the following items to be placed on the Council Agenda:

- January 2nd – Council Executive Session
- January 16th Agenda - Action

Mayor Hartman thanked staff, Council & consultants for a great job! He could not ask for a better group of people.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hartman adjourned the meeting.

City Clerk Darla Reese, MMC

Mayor Matthew Hartman