



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 2, 2020
7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER (Via Go-To-Meeting)

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 Matthew Hartman	Present
Steven Glenn	Present
Tom FitzGerald	Present
Erin Hogan	Present
Bruce Straughn	Present

City Staff

City Manager Brent Kirk
Finance Director Jeff Balentine

Consultants

Thomas Graafstra - Weed, Graafstra & Assoc.
Police Chief Tom Dalton - S.C.S.O.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. AB 121-2020 Approval of August 5, 2020 Minutes**
- B. AB 122-2020 Approval of August 19, 2020 Minutes**
- C. AB 123-2020 Approval of September 2, 2020 Claim Checks #410865 through #410893 and One EFT totaling \$523,264.17**
- D. AB 124-2020 Approval of August 1, 2020 through August 15, 2020 Payroll, Check #273334 and Twelve EFT's totaling \$37,596.45**
- E. AB 125-2020 Approval of Four Applications for State Trust Water Rights Program**

Councilmember Straughn requested to move item AB 125-2020 from the Consent Agenda to New Business.

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

5. STAFF REPORTS

Finance Director Balentine gave a brief strategic overview of the General Fund.

City Manager Kirk gave a Public Works update which included the following items:

- Retaining wall, landscaping, alley paving, striping for City Hall/Police Department
 - Cost estimate for railings and hand rails (change order)
- Compression brakes
- Cascade Ave. speeding and noise complaints

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

City Manager Kirk read into the record a letter received by Michael Adams today.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. AB 125-2020 Approval of Four Applications for the State Trust Water Rights Program

Councilmember Straughn moved to approve AB 125-2020 Approval of Four Applications for State Trust Water Rights Program. Councilmember Hogan seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Glenn did not vote on the matter due to technical difficulties.

B. AB 126-2020 Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance 991-2020, Pavement Preservation

Councilmember FitzGerald moved to adopt Ordinance No. 991-2020, An Ordinance of the City of Granite Falls, Washington adopting a New Chapter 10.64 Pavement Preservation to the Granite Falls Municipal Code to Protect City Streets and Reduce the Cutting of Pavement; and Establishing an Effective Date. Councilmember Glenn seconded. Motion carried.

C. Authorization of Settlement from Liberty Mutual for damaged Burn Rd. Sewer Line.

Councilmember Straughn moved to authorize the settlement and authorize the City Manager to sign the release. Councilmember Hogan seconded. Motion carried.

8. CURRENT BUSINESS

There were not Current Business items on the Agenda.

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Hartman had no comments.

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Straughn asked Staff and Legal Counsel to take a look at Chapter 2.48 Civil Rights Policy in the Granite Falls Municipal Code making sure all of the items are listed as prohibited with discrimination are current with state code. Also 2.48.020 – Contracts and Discrimination with Federal Funds needs Council review.

Councilmember FitzGerald had the following comments:

- School started today
- No School Board meeting tonight to report on
- Received an email on the compression braking but had not received anything from Michael Adams until today. He also added his thoughts on public regulations and behaviors in regard to City Council.
- AWC had a racial equity and diversity training

Councilmember Glenn discussed moving forward with sewer treatment and future development with the City and the shutdown of communications because of COVID. Wants to see the City start moving forward with discussions again and coming up with a plan.

Councilmember Hogan had no comments.

11. CITY MANAGER

City Manager Kirk mentioned staff being proactive with diversity training. He stated how we are working with the School Board, City Council and Fire Commissioners for trainings. There will be a total of three diversity workshops (two hours in length); one in September, one in November and one in December. He also discussed the left-over Cares Act funding money and the need for purchasing new staff computers, server and backup.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION under 110(1)(b) acquisition of real estate/price. No action to follow.

Councilmember Glenn motioned to enter into Executive Session for 15 minutes to discuss potential acquisition of real estate where price might be influenced by public discussion under Section 110(1)(b) with no action to follow. Councilmember FitzGerald seconded. Motion carried.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hartman adjourned the meeting.

City Clerk Darla Reese, MMC

Mayor Matthew Hartman