



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 4, 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	Absent
Bruce Straughn	Present

City Staff

City Clerk Darla Reese
City Manager Brent Kirk
Finance Director Jeff Balentine

Consultants

Thomas Graafstra - Weed, Graafstra & Assoc.
Police Chief Tom Dalton - S.C.S.O.
Warren Perkins, PE – Gray & Osborne, Inc.

Councilmember Glenn moved to excuse Councilmember Hogan due to personal reasons. Councilmember Straughn seconded. Motion carried.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. AB 148-2020 Approval of October 21, 2020 Minutes**
- B. AB 149-2020 Approval of November 4, 2020 Claim Checks #411017 through #411052 totaling \$356,479.46**
- C. AB 150-2020 Approval of October 1, 2020 through October 15, 2020 Payroll, Checks #27346 through #27347 and Eleven EFT's totaling \$40,496.46**

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

5. STAFF REPORTS

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

- Update on the Tax Center house
 - Asbestos study has been completed

Consultant Police Chief Dalton mentioned the Police Department made a hire for Law Enforcement Secretary and is projected to start on December 1st. Oral Boards to be next Thursday to interview deputies interested in taking the open Granite Falls position.

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

No one online chose to speak during this portion of the meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. AB 151-2020 Public Hearing – 7:10 PM, or soon thereafter

For consideration of this coming year's budget, including consideration of possible increases in tax revenues for the 2021 budget

Councilmember Glenn moved to open the Public Hearing. Councilmember FitzGerald seconded. Motion carried.

City Clerk Reese submitted the following list of exhibits into the record:

Exhibit 1 – Public Hearing notice dated October 24, 2020, 1 page

Exhibit 2 – Verification of Public Hearing Posting dated October 23, 2020, 1 page

Exhibit 3 – Ordinance No. 997-2020, 2 pages

Exhibit 4 – Resolution 2020-14, 2 pages

Exhibit 5 – 2021 Property Tax Worksheet, 1 page

Finance Director Balentine presented the Council and public with an overview of the revenue sources including possible increases in property taxes. He explained the City requires a regular levy in the amount of \$614,644.55 to discharge the expected expense obligations of the City and is in its best interest. The levy amount includes a 1% increase of \$5,528.93 in property tax revenue from the previous year. The increase in tax levy for collection in 2021 amounts to \$61,752. Any increase resulting from the addition of new construction \$50,264.75 and improvements to property within the City; and refunds \$5,958.28 made is included in the levy amount.

Mayor Hartman moved to open the public testimony portion of the Public Hearing.

No one submitted any documentation or chose to speak during the open comment portion of the Public Hearing.

Mayor Hartman moved to close the public testimony portion of the Public Hearing.

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

Councilmember Straughn moved to direct City staff to prepare an ordinance to bank the authorized one percent increase for 2021. Councilmember Hartman seconded. Motion carried.

**B. AB 152-2020 Public Hearing – 7:20 PM, or soon thereafter
For consideration of the 2021 Budget**

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

City Clerk Reese submitted the following list of exhibits into the record:

Exhibit 1 – Public Hearing notice dated October 24, 2020, 1 page

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Finance Director Balentine provided the Council and public with the proposed budgetary projections and recommendations. The presentation included:

- Estimates of revenues (all funds)
- Necessary departmental expenditures (all funds)
- Interest
- Debt service

Mayor Hartman moved to open the public testimony portion of the Public Hearing.

No one submitted any documentation or chose to speak during the open comment portion of the public hearing.

Mayor Hartman moved to close the public testimony portion of the Public Hearing.

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

C. AB 153-2020 Consideration of Wholesale Water Agreement with Snohomish County PUD #1

Councilmember Straughn moved to approve the 2020 Wholesale Water Agreement between the City of Granite Falls and Snohomish County PUD #1 and authorize the City manager to sign. Councilmember Glenn seconded. Motion carried.

D. AB 154-2020 Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance 996-2020 related to Utility Taxes on Water and Sewer Utility Services

Councilmember FitzGerald moved to adopt Ordinance 996-2020 relating to utility taxes on water and sewer utility services, and authorize Mayor to sign. Councilmember Glenn seconded. Motion carried.

E. AB 155-2020 Consideration of Franchise Agreement with Comcast Cable Communications, LLC

City Manager Kirk discussed this item with the Council. No action was had. It will be brought forth to the Council for consideration at the next meeting.

F. AB 156-2020 Consideration of approving Resolution 2020-15, a Resolution relating to the improvement of Jordan Road and West Galena, and approving the first change order to the original contract with Reece Construction Company as included in Exhibit "A".

Councilmember Straughn moved to approve Resolution 2020-15, a resolution relating to the improvement of Jordan Road and West Galena, and approving the first change order to the original contract with Reece Construction Company as included in Exhibit "A". Councilmember Glenn seconded. Motion carried.

G. AB 157-2020 Consideration of approval of Resolution 2020-16 authorizing an additional \$15,000 for the Small Business Emergency Grant Program with CARES Act Funding for Granite Falls Businesses.

After staff discussion with the Council, this item was removed from the Agenda.

8. CURRENT BUSINESS

There were no Current Business items on the Agenda.

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Hartman discussed the following items:

- Snohomish County Tomorrow – looking for City population estimate
- Meeting next week with North County Economic Recovery Advisory Board
- Election results

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Glenn had no comments.

Councilmember Straughn discussed the Department of Ecology proposed TMDL for the Pilchuck River and his intent to comment on the document. He will share his letter with the rest of the Council once finished and submitted.

Councilmember FitzGerald mentioned at the School Board Meeting tonight, awards were given out for the Success in Education Awards.

11. CITY MANAGER

City Manager Kirk discussed the following items:

- Working on finalizing Boys & Girls Club agreement for use of gymnasium
- Commercial development in town
- REET funding and extra to be received from Snohomish County and used for:
 - Park improvements
 - Basketball court
 - Fencing
 - Picnic tables, other? Will bring back to Council for discussion
- War Memorial – idea brought up by Arlene Stilley

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hartman adjourned the meeting.

City Clerk Darla Reese, MMC

Mayor Matthew Hartman