



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 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 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.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. AB 158-2020 Approval of November 4, 2020 Minutes**
- B. AB 159-2020 Approval of November 18, 2020 Claim Checks #411053 through #411089 and Two EFT's totaling \$271,429.81**
- C. AB 160-2020 Approval of October 16, 2020 through October 31, 2020 Payroll, Checks #27348 through #27352 and Fifteen EFT's totaling \$71,869.72**

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

5. STAFF REPORTS

Consultant Police Chief Dalton thanked Councilmember FitzGerald, City Manager Kirk and Chamber Vice President Moorehead for helping in the selection of new Deputy, Nicole Bolasky. She will be scheduled to start on February 1, 2021. He also added the new Law Enforcement Secretary,

Cynthia Jurado, will be starting on November 30th. He also gave an update on recent crimes and accidents in the community.

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

- Updating stormwater maps
- Gun Club Road project update
- Fire Department property
- Waste Management contract – increase of 2.09%
- Suncrest Farms building permit update
 - Homeowner’s Association transfer
- Tax Center – controlled Burn on December 6th
- Trinity Plat update
 - Final Plat (December approval)
 - Building Permits
- Highland Sunrise Estates Final plat update
- Boys & Girls Club Agreement
- Brick house = fence of lots?

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 161-2020 Consideration of Approval of Contract with Ryan C. Larsen for 2021-2023 Planning Services

Councilmember Hogan moved to approve contract between the City of Granite Falls and Ryan C. Larsen for 2021 through 2023 Planning Services and authorization for the City Manager to sign. Councilmember Glenn seconded. Motion carried.

B. AB 162-2020 Consideration of Ordinance 997-2020 and Resolution 2020-14 of possible increases in property tax revenues for the 2021 budget.

Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to adopt Ordinance No. 997-2020, an Ordinance fixing the amount of taxes to be levied in the sum of \$609,115.62 and levying the same upon all taxable property, both real and personal, in the City of Granite Falls, Washington, for collection in 2021 and with stated fix. Councilmember Straughn seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Straughn moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-14, a Resolution of intent authorizing an increase in property tax revenue for collection in 2021 in terms of both dollars and percentage for the general operating levy in 2021. Councilmember Hogan seconded. Motion carried.

8. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. AB 155-2020 Consideration of Franchise Agreement with Comcast Cable Communications, LLC – Second Reading

Councilmember Glenn moved to adopt Ordinance 998-2020, adopting a Cable Franchise Agreement between Comcast Cable Communications, LLC and the City of Granite Falls and authorize Mayor to sign. Councilmember Hogan seconded. Motion carried.

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Hartman discussed the following items:

- New scanner purchase by Museum
- Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce
 - Decorations at round-about
 - Taking applications for this year's board now
- Seminar by Mike Applebee of Chicago Title
 - Current Real Estate Inventory in Snohomish County
- Snohomish County Tomorrow
- State revenue \$4 billion short fall (no tax is off the table)
- Population growth numbers

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Hogan stated her concerns for small businesses during the Covid shutdown. She went on to mention how the Fire Department would meet the mandates for the upcoming Christmas House. She urged all to order takeout to support our restaurants.

Councilmember Straughn mentioned a story on King 5 news focusing on people leaving Seattle and moving to Granite Falls as one of the popular destinations.

Councilmember Glenn asked Mayor Hartman about holiday banners for the flag poles (Chamber purchase) and if the Chamber website was up to date – use to order from local businesses.

Councilmember FitzGerald mentioned there was no School Board Meeting tonight, so he had nothing to report. He discussed the City Manager's review and evaluation. He also asked about changing code verbiage so the ordinance and the resolution in permits read clear.

11. CITY MANAGER

City Manager Kirk discussed the following items:

- Self-assessment
 - Executive session on the meeting of December 2nd or 16th
- Chamber decorations for holidays
- Boys & Girls Club lot update

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hartman adjourned the meeting.

City Clerk Darla Reese, MMC

Mayor Matthew Hartman