

**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 7, 2021
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

City Staff

City Clerk Darla Reese
City Manager Brent Kirk
Deputy City Manager Jeff Balentine

Consultants

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. AB 043-2021 Approval of March 17, 2021 Minutes
- B. AB 044-2021 Approval of April 7, 2021 Claims Checks #411432 through #411479 and Two EFT's totaling \$153,767.32
- C. AB 045-2021 Approval of March 1, 2021 through March 15, 2021 Payroll Claims Checks #27379 through #27380 and Eleven EFT's totaling \$46,460.36

Deputy City Manager Balentine updated the Council on a vendor claim issue/resolve.

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

5. STAFF REPORTS

City Clerk Reese and Consultant Police Chief Dalton included their Staff Reports in the City Council packet.

City Manager Kirk gave a Public Works update including:

- Civic Center lawn mowing
- Jim Holm basketball area bids & improvements
- Skate Park improvements (next year)
- Frank Mason Park bathrooms
- New hire at the Wastewater Treatment Plant
- DOC returning in April
- Two seasonal employees budgeted for

Deputy City Manager Balentine gave an update on the following items:

- Closed out the month of March already
- Submitted 2020 Annual Report to SAO two months early
- Food Bank update
- Police Department building update
- New city population reporting paperwork has been submitted to OFM

City Manager Kirk further added discussion regarding:

- Population numbers and City Council members
- Working on writing a magazine article for City Vision magazine with Deputy City Manager Balentine
- Gave population growth numbers since 2016 = now 40% growth

Mayor Hartman reminded the Council to file their F1 financial reports = due on April 15, 2021

Consultant Police Chief Dalton had connection issues, so City Manager Kirk mentioned the following items on his behalf:

- City to look at School Resource Officer and start budget discussions with the School District now
- Speed data from speed limit sign
- New Police Department to operate full time hours starting next Monday, April 12th

City Manager Kirk also added discussion on:

- Council position opening update
- No longer have a Mayor Pro Tem – Mayor asked City Clerk Reese to add to the next meeting Agenda

Mayor Hartman halted the Public Comments/Recognition of Visitors-Non-Action Items due to the start of the 7:10 PM Public Hearing.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. AB 046-2021 Public Hearing 7:10 PM, or soon thereafter

For consideration of Ordinance No. 1006-2021, an interim regulation related to concurrency and moratoria concerning applications associated with sewer capacity, the adoption of findings of facts, and its ratification, revision or repeal, all as required by RCW 35A.63.220 and RCW 36.70A.390

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

City Clerk Reese entered the following exhibits into the record:

Exhibit 1 – Public Hearing Notice dated March 26, 2021, 1 page

Exhibit 2 – Verification of Public Hearing Posting dated March 26, 2021, 1 page

Exhibit 3 – Ordinance No. 1006-2021, 13 pages

City Manager Kirk discussed the following items in regards to the sewer moratorium in detail:

- Purpose of hearing
 - Been in a sewer moratorium since April 2018
 - Plats being built now were approved prior to the moratorium taking effect
- City did a \$1.5 million dollar ask with the State Legislature to fund design of the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade
 - Estimates to be \$20 million dollar upgrade total
 - Estimated to be \$1.5 million in design
- Funding
 - Council adamant they do not want to fund by raising sewer rates by a huge amount and put on existing citizens in town
 - Growth pays for growth
- Do not see us walking away from the moratorium soon
 - 1 year to design
 - Couple additional years to build it
 - If we can get ½ of the funding from the Department of Ecology and grants from the state legislature; we may be able to finance the rest over time
- Future increases
 - Expect 3% annually over time = sewer & water rates
- Items the City is looking into now:
 - Reduce inflow/infiltration rates (flows to the plant)
 - Hauling biosolid material off site
 - Short term/long-term issues

- What can still be built:
 - Single family home on existing lot
 - Duplex on existing lot
 - Commercial development

Council comments included:

- Concerns over “waiting” impacts on sewer system
- Concerns over liability
- Concerns over increased numbers at plant with school in session

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

No comments were submitted to the City Clerk prior to the meeting and no one on line chose to voice their opinion.

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

Council voiced their final comments in regards to the Public Hearing.

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

Councilmember FitzGerald moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1006-2021, an Ordinance of the City of Granite Falls, Washington, adopting a renewal and first extension of interim regulations and moratoria within the City as previously established in Ordinance 992-2020 related to concurrency and sewer connections and extending the current work program; providing that the extended interim regulations and moratoria will expire six (6) months from the date of adoption; and providing for severability. Councilmember Hogan seconded. Motion carried.

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

There were no public comments submitted for the record. No one online opted to speak during this portion of the meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

B. AB 047-2021 Consideration to adopt revisions to the Public Works Development Standards

Councilmember Glenn moved to adopt the 2021 revisions to the City of Granite Falls Developer Standards. Councilmember FitzGerald seconded. Motion carried.

C. AB 048-2021 Consideration of approval of Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for Animal Control Transport Services

Councilmember Glenn moved to approve Interlocal Agreement between Snohomish County and the City of Granite Falls to provide Animal Control Transport Services and authorize the City Manager to sign. Councilmember Hartman seconded. Motion carried.

**Vote did not include Councilmember Hogan due to internet/audio issues*

D. AB 049-2021 Discussion of Re-Opening Plan

City Manager Kirk and the City Council members briefly discussed a re-opening plan for the City. Further discussion and action to be placed on the next Council meeting of April 21, 2021.

8. CURRENT BUSINESS

There were no Current Business items for the Agenda.

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Hartman gave an update on the following items:

- Dave Summers' concerns over recent Covid surge
- Meeting with Nate Nehring & Assistant Russell and City Manager Kirk
- Letters of support emails:
 - AWC – support for budget priorities
 - Support for Bridge 102 replacement to Susan DelBene
 - Support for Trestle Replacement to State Transportation Committee and State Representatives
- Chamber of Commerce meeting with Josh VonJentzen
 - Moving forward with Farmer's Market
 - Moving forward with the expectations that both Show N' Shine & Railroad Days will happen this year – final decision by July

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Glenn voiced opinions on liking to see things starting to open up again; people visiting parks and happenings in neighboring cities. He was glad to speak with City employees about the coming park improvements.

Councilmember FitzGerald had the following comments:

- He praised Council for a “great job” compared to other cities
- Wants to have a joint City Council and Planning Commission joint meeting regarding future visioning for the City
- Update on Little League (games start next week)
- Update on high school softball (game tonight)
- No School Board meeting tonight due to spring break

Councilmember Hogan mentioned her concern over technical difficulties she is having tonight.


11. CITY MANAGER

City Manager Kirk gave a brief update of:

- AWC Small City Connector meetings being held virtually (check email for invite)
- Work Session meeting = Strategic Planning
- Deputy City Manager Balentine to tour war memorial in Anacortes with the School District. Will look at doing something similar at the High School

12. ADJOURNMENT

Consultant Engineer Perkins adjourned the meeting.



City Clerk Darla Reese, MMC



Mayor Matthew Hartman