



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 5, 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	Absent

City Staff

City Clerk Darla Reese
City Manager Brent Kirk
Deputy City Manager Jeff Balentine
<u>Consultants</u>
Thomas Graafstra - Weed, Graafstra & Assoc.
Police Chief Tom Dalton - S.C.S.O.

Councilmember Glenn moved to excuse Councilmember Hogan due to a family sporting event. Councilmember Hartman seconded. Motion carried.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. AB 055-2021 Approval of April 21, 2021 minutes
- B. AB 056-2021 Approval of May 5, 2021 claims checks #411513 through #411546 totaling \$343,148.84
- C. AB 057-2021 Approval of April 1, 2021 through April 15, 2021 Payroll Claims Check #27386 and Twelve EFT's totaling \$45,622.20

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

5. STAFF REPORTS

City Clerk Reese included her Staff Report in the City Council packet.

Consultant Police Chief Dalton discussed the following items:

- Police calls last month
- Vacation
- Furniture for police department
- Thanked Council again for building the new police department building

City Manager Kirk gave a Public Works update including:

- Public works working on mowing, weeding, etc.
- New wastewater treatment plant and public works employee
- Dept. of Corrections crew coming soon
- Water irrigation turning them on

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

- Closed out the month of April
- Work session meeting on SWOT Analysis
- Code enforcement update

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

Fred Cruger, 7020-230th Avenue NE

Mr. Cruger mentioned the museum addition construction will be starting tomorrow. He thanked city staff for their help on obtaining the permit.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. AB 058-2021 Consideration of adopting Ordinance No. 1007-2021, an Ordinance adopting amendments to the City of Granite Falls Municipal Code by adopting a new chapter 15.04 “Dangerous Buildings” to provide for dangerous building abatement and to amend GFMC 19.04.350 to expand the authority of the city hearing examiner to serve as the appeals commission.

Councilmember FitzGerald moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1007-2021 an Ordinance adopting amendments to the City of Granite Falls Municipal Code by adopting a new chapter 15.04 “Dangerous Buildings” to provide for dangerous building abatement and to amend GFMC 19.04.350 to expand the authority of the City Hearing Examiner to serve as the appeal commission. Councilmember Glenn seconded. Motion carried.

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:

- Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting
 - Buildable Lands Report (2035 target)
 - 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update
 - 2035-2050 Buildable Lands Report (expect higher growth projections)
- Alliance for Housing Affordability
 - Chris Collier mentioning home ownership is becoming more difficult
- Published guidelines for Railroad Days & Show N' Shine (with Josh VonJentzen)

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Glenn had the following comments:

- Excited to see construction for the new Amazon site
- Boys & Girls Club project
- Likes having “teeth” put in the code
- Wants to have CBD building aesthetics and looks (be presentable)
- Wants to see the old city hall cleaned

Councilmember FitzGerald Gave an update on tonight's school board meeting.

11. CITY MANAGER

City Manager Kirk gave the following updates:

- Liked seeing kids using the park
- Housing permits update
- Code enforcement issues
- Housing costs relating to growth & wages
- Mentioned upgrades to park and skate park

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

7:46 PM –


Councilmember Glenn moved to recess into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss possible litigation. No action to follow. Councilmember FitzGerald seconded. Motion Carried.

8:06 PM –

Executive session ended.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hartman adjourned the meeting.



City Clerk Darla Reese, MMC



Mayor Matthew Hartman