



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 1, 2021
7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER (Via Zoom)

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	Absent
Erin Hogan	Present
Catherine Anderson	Present

City Staff

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

Councilmember Glenn moved to excuse Councilmember FitzGerald due to illness. Councilmember Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. AB 104-2021 Approval of September 1, 2021 claims checks #411819 through #411851 and One EFT totaling \$35,262.89
- B. AB 105-2021 Approval of August 1, 2021 through August 15, 2021 payroll claims checks consisting of thirteen EFT's totaling \$41,655.33

City Clerk Reese mentioned the change in claims; addition of three checks. 1-Ryan Larsen and 2 to utility refunds. This brings the new total to \$39,093.41.

Councilmember Anderson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Councilmember Glenn seconded. Motion carried.

5. STAFF REPORTS

City Clerk Reese included her staff report in the Council packet.

Consultant Police Chief Dalton discussed the following items:

- Security system update
- Update on current investigations; stolen vehicles, dangerous dog
- Conducted training with the Fire Dept. three crews on calls the Police Department can no longer be involved in

City Manager Kirk discussed the following Public Works updates:

- All permits have been issued for the Trinity & Highland Sunrise Estates Plats
- Relocating some utilities in the Smoots project
- Gun Club Rd. master meter leak
- Performed maintenance on pressure reducing valve on Alder Ave.
- Department of Corrections crews have been helping with detention pond maintenance and other tasks
- New parking stripes on S. Granite Ave. (new torch-down)
- Wastewater Treatment Plant – four valve cluster going out to bid on replacement
- Smoke testing on Alder Ave.
- Skate Park update
- Basketball hoops installed today
- County paint shortage (stripe roads) – City cancelled for this year

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

Fred Cruger, 7020-230th Avenue NE, Granite Falls

Mr. Cruger spoke about the opportunity for the City to apply for the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Grant Funding for pole banners.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. AB 106-2021 Consideration of approval of proclamation and order to hold public meetings of the City of Granite Falls online.

Councilmember Anderson moved to support the proclamation and order and authorize Mayor Hartman to sign. Councilmember Hogan seconded. Motion carried.

8. CURRENT BUSINESS

There were no Current Business items for the Agenda.

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Hartman discussed the following items:

- Newspaper showed PSE rates going down
- No Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting in August
 - Next meeting in September (Comp. Plan updates)
- Railroad Days (no discussion yet of cancelling)
 - Reaching out to Josh VonJensen to see if he will speak at the next meeting

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Glenn discussed the following items:

- Meetings virtually & masks
- Wants to change code so we do not have to keep adopting proclamations every time
- Enjoying seeing people out and about

Councilmember Hogan will miss the meeting of September 8th will be out of town. Also spoke of home improvements she is currently doing.

Councilmember Anderson expressed how well City Manager Kirk did on a panel with the Economic Alliance Council for the county called him a "Rock Star!" She also gave Fire Department stats for August and stated she will be out of state traveling on September 8th but will try to join the meeting if connection/times work out.

11. CITY MANAGER

City Manager Kirk discussed the following items:

- Gave an EASC meeting update
- Planning for next stage of growth = study for general facility charges (water/sewer and rates) = will bring a proposal to next meeting
 - There have been interested large developers looking at land in town for development
- Comprehensive Plan update = City will have "big" decisions to make
- Request for proposal from engineering firms for design upgrades at the Wastewater Treatment Plant

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss potential litigation with possible action to follow (20 minutes)

7:54 PM -

Councilmember Hogan moved for the Council to recess into Executive Session for 20 minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss potential litigation with possible action to follow. Councilmember Glenn seconded. Motion carried.

8:14 PM –

Council exited Executive Session.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hartman adjourned the meeting.



City Clerk Darla Reese, MMC



Mayor Matthew Hartman