

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 5, 2022 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		City Staff
Mayor Matthew Hartman	Present	City Clerk Darla Reese
Steven Glenn	Present	City Manager Brent Kirk
Tom FitzGerald	Absent	Deputy City Manager Jeff Balentine
Erin Hogan	Present	Consultants
David Griggs	Present	Thom Graafstra - Weed, Graafstra & Assoc.

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. AB 001-2022 Approval of January 5, 2022 claims checks #412103 through #412140 and One EFT totaling \$156,585.45
- B. AB 002-2022 Approval of December 1, 2021 through December 15, 2021 payroll claims consisting of Thirteen EFT's totaling \$40,334.06

Deputy City Manager Balentine gave a claims update. He mentioned the total amount of \$156,585.45 does not change, however, the distribution between the Current Expense Fund 001 and the Trust Agency Fund 630 does change each by \$786.25. For the Current Expense, it would be \$46,516.90 and the Trust Agency would be \$2,629.05. We received a late invoice from our Consultant Planner, hence the reason for the distribution change for this month.

Councilmember Glenn moved to approve the Consent Agenda with changes from Finance Director Balentine. Councilmember Hogan seconded. Motion carried.

5. STAFF REPORTS

City Clerk Reese included her Staff Report in the Council packet. She also emailed out Chief Dalton's Staff Report.

City Manager Kirk discussed the following Public Works updates:

- Snow removal Public Works arrived early in the morning on December 30th
- Department of Corrections have been working on the parks
- Still waiting on parts to fix pressure reducing station on Alder Avenue
- Clearing catch basins around town
- Working on annual stormwater report due on March 1st
- Conservation District education and outreach services

City Clerk Reese mentioned the Boys & Girls Club put up their new signs on the gymnasium today.

Deputy City Manager Balentine mentioned how much the schools appreciated the Public Works Department by coming in late on Sunday to sand/salt 100th St. NE in front of the schools. He further gave an update on the 2021 year close out.

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

A. AB 003-2022 Administration of Oath of Office to:

Steven Glenn – City of Granite Falls Council Position #1
David Griggs – City of Granite Falls Council Position #2
Tom FitzGerald – City of Granite Falls Council Position #3

City Clerk Reese gave the Oath of Office to both Councilmembers Glenn & Griggs. Councilmember FitzGerald was absent. He will be placed on the January 19, 2022 Agenda for action.

B. AB 004-2022 Selection of Mayor under Council-Manager Form of Government

Councilmember Glenn moved to nominate Councilmember Hartman to continue on as Mayor for the next two years. Councilmember Hogan seconded. Motion carried.

C. AB 005-2022 Selection of Mayor ProTem under Council-Manager form of Government

Councilmember Hogan moved to nominate Councilmember Glenn to continue as Mayor ProTem. Councilmember Hartman seconded. Motion carried.

D. AB 006-2022 Consideration of Engineering proposal for work related to TIB funded Union St. and Alpine St. Improvements

Councilmember Glenn moved approve Contract Scope of Work and Fee Proposal with Gray & Osborne Engineering, Inc. for Union St. and Alpine St. improvements and authorize City Manager to sign. Councilmember Hogan seconded. Motion carried.

E. AB 007-2022 Discussion on potential 2022 City Legislative Objectives

City Manager Kirk and the Councilmembers discussed their priority objectives. The number one item was the Wastewater Treatment Plant. There was also discussion regarding the Consultant City Lobbyist and her proposal.

F. AB 008-2022 Consideration of Selection of One Elected Official from City to Represent Granite Falls at the Community Transit Board Selection Meeting

Councilmember Glenn moved to nominate Councilmember Griggs. Councilmember Hogan seconded. Motion carried.

8. CURRENT BUSINESS

There were no Current Business items for the Agenda.

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Hartman shared the following comments:

- City of Lake Stevens Comprehensive Plan amendments
- Inflation continuing backlog of computer chips
- Wastewater Treatment Plant composting
- Increase in Covid numbers
- Meeting with City Manager Kirk and Josh VonJentzen regarding Chamber of Commerce events

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Glenn publicly thanked the City staff employees for taking care of the roads. Compared our city to other cities' roads and is happy to live here. Reminded everyone of the importance of checking on your neighbors during the inclement weather.

Councilmember Hogan mentioned to Councilmember Glenn she could make a meal or help out in anyway she can for his neighbor(s) if needed.

Councilmember Griggs agreed with Councilmember Glenn that the roads looked great compared to other cities' roads. He also voiced that he is looking forward to working with the City.

11. CITY MANAGER

City Manager Kirk had the following comments:

- Mentioned the City workers came in early to work on the roads for a few days
- Gave a Chamber of Commerce update, and the City may need to take a more active role in the City events.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hartman adjourned the meeting.

City Clerk Darla Reese, MMC

Mayor Matthew Hartman