



**TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, September 13, 2021  
7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Mayor Bill Feather, Mayor Pro Tem John Linker, Alderman Jim Costantino, Alderman Kim Cress, Alderman Doug Shelton

**Staff:** Town Manager Larry Smith, Town Clerk Aubrey Smith, Town Attorney Chip Short, Finance Officer Shelly Shockley, Fire Chief/ Public Works Director Jason Hord, Police Chief Mark Cook, Town Planner Steve Blount

**Call to Order:** Mayor Feather called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Determination of Quorum:** Mayor Feather determined there was a quorum present.

**Moment of Silence:** Mayor Feather led a moment of silence.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Preston Stephens of Troop 379.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of “ACTION” to item 4A. Alderman Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**2. Approval of the Consent Agenda**

**A. Approval of the Minutes**

1) Regular Meeting Minutes August 9, 2021

**B. Departmental Reports**

**C. Financial Reports**

**D. Appointment** of McKenzie Eller to Community Appearance Commission

**E. Appointment** of Charisse Peeler to Parks, Events, and Recreation Committee

**ACTION:** Alderman Costantino made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Alderman Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**3. Citizen Comments**

- **Darrell Worley**, 713 Foil Street – spoke against a “no solicitation” sign in Garland Place.

#### 4. Guests and Presentations

##### A. Presentation

**Teresa Cress**, 717 Weldon Lane - presented a petition from Garland Place requesting a “No Solicitation” sign.

##### B. Board Discussion / Action

Mayor Feather asked Planner Blount to update the Board regarding sign regulations and whether the existing “No Solicitation” sign in Timber Run fit the guidelines. Planner Blount stated that in all likelihood, without seeing it, the sign was in violation. Mayor Feather questioned whether the proposed sign could be regulated. Planner Blount responded that if the sign was on public property, it could.

Attorney Short stated the issue was how the rest of the town would be treated. He commented there were two major decisions to be made: one, did the Board want to go there in the first place and two, how would the Board enforce it? He stated use of “Slow Children at Play” signs had been discouraged before because it was viewed as the Town taking on the liability to enforce the signs. He suggested letting the ordinance be rewritten and then deciding about enforcement.

Alderman Cress stated the desire for the sign began as a security measure. The petition was taken around to homes in the subdivision during the pandemic on a town-maintained road. He stated if it could be done in Timber Run it could be done in any neighborhood. Alderman Shelton stated his issue was putting up a sign gave the illusion that the town would enforce it.

**ACTION:** Alderman Costantino made a motion to send the issue back to staff. Alderman Shelton seconded the motion. The motion failed with Alderman Shelton and Alderman Costantino in favor and Alderman Cress, Mayor Pro Tem Linker, and Mayor Feather opposed.

**ACTION:** Alderman Shelton made a motion to allow the sign in this particular instance and have the Planner amend the sign ordinance to address the issue in the future. Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

#### 5. Town Manager’s Update

Manager Smith invited Chief Hord forward to introduce the newest Fire Lieutenant, Chad Moss. Lieutenant Moss is full-time on the “C” shift.

Manager Smith reviewed highlights from items on his report in the agenda packet including COVID-19 measures, onsite audit completion, and staff time on follow-ups. The Wall Street sink hole was treated as a budgeted item knowing that the Capital Streets Improvement was coming up for bid to create fiscal responsibility and not inflate the budget. The Lake Park wrap-up is going well; the tentative opening date is Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business**

**None**

**New Business**

#### 6. Public Hearing

##### **UDO Text Amendment Subdivision Exceptions**

Planner Blount reviewed his memo on the proposed text amendment that was included in the agenda packet.

**Opened:** Mayor Feather opened the public hearing at 7:52 p.m.

**Comments of those in favor:** None

**Comments of those opposed:** None

**Closed:** Mayor Feather closed the public hearing at 7:53 p.m.

*Statement of Consistency and Reasonableness:*

*In voting to adopt the proposed text amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance, the Granite Quarry Board of Aldermen does find this decision to be in the best interest of the public and to be consistent in general with policies stated in the Town's Comprehensive Plan.*

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-14 to amend the text of the Unified Development Ordinance by adding language for subdivision exceptions and approving the statement of consistency and reasonableness as written. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**7. Public Hearing UDO Text Amendment Historic District Overlay**

Planner Blount reviewed his memo on the proposed text amendment that was included in the agenda packet.

**Opened:** Mayor Feather opened the public hearing at 7:55 p.m.

**Comments of those in favor:** None

**Comments of those opposed:** None

**Closed:** Mayor Feather closed the public hearing at 7:56 p.m.

*Statement of Consistency and Reasonableness:*

*In voting to adopt the proposed text amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance, the Granite Quarry Board of Aldermen does find this decision to be in the best interest of the public and to be consistent in general with policies stated in the Town's Comprehensive Plan.*

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-15 to amend the text of the Unified Development Ordinance by removing historic district overlay language, amending the zoning map, and approving the statement of consistency and reasonableness as written. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**8. Public Hearing Code of Ordinances Text Amendment Burial Sites**

Planner Blount reviewed his memo on the proposed text amendment that was included in the agenda packet.

**Opened:** Mayor Feather opened the public hearing at 7:58 p.m.

**Comments of those in favor:** None

**Comments of those opposed:** None

**Closed:** Mayor Feather closed the public hearing at 7:59 p.m.

*Statement of Consistency and Reasonableness:*

*In voting to adopt the proposed text amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance, the Granite Quarry Board of Aldermen does find this decision to be in the best interest of the public and to be consistent in general with policies stated in the Town's Comprehensive Plan.*

**ACTION:** Alderman Costantino made a motion to approve (*Ordinance 2021-16 to amend the text of the Code of Ordinances by adding language concerning burials and approving the statement of consistency and reasonableness as written*). Mayor Pro Tem Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**9. CPO 2016-0104 Waterline Extension Project Closeout**

During preparation of financials for the FY21 audit it was discovered that the 2016 Capital Project Ordinance for the Village at Granite waterline extension had never been closed. Staff was able to pull all the pieces together to properly account for the record with the auditor.

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to adopt the Capital Project Ordinance 2016-0104 closeout ordinance as presented, closing out the 2016 Village at Granite waterline extension project. Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**10. Discussion / Direction Census**

Staff requested Board discussion/direction about board members, a delegation of board members, or a board representative contacting legislators on the Town's behalf to make them aware of the unique set of circumstances surrounding Granite Quarry's population estimates and requesting their assistance with correcting Granite Quarry's census population count.

The Board discussed who should be in the delegation to contact legislators to lobby on the town's behalf, and that those delegated should follow up sooner rather than later.

**ACTION:** Alderman Costantino made a motion (*that the delegation of Mayor Feather and Alderman Shelton contact legislators to lobby on the town's behalf*). Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**11. Non-Profit Funding Request FD Auxiliary**

The Auxiliary has secured a \$300 grant with Harbor Freight for FD engine tools. It will match that grant with \$300 of its own and asked the Board to match \$300 as well. The Board discussed the nonprofit funding policy and what the appropriate line item would be to fund the request.

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to appropriate \$250 out of the Board contingency line item. Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**12. Budget Amendment FY 21-22 #3 Granite Fest**

PERC acknowledged the Board's desire for the return of Granite Fest and thus recognized sponsorships and vendor registrations to aid in the offset of costs. Budget Amendment #3 will allow for an increase in the Committees – PERC budget by \$3,000 for Granite Fest 2021, and a "not to exceed" amount of \$2,000 for remaining events in FY 21-22 on an as needed basis.

**ACTION:** Alderman Cress made a motion to approve (*Budget Amendment FY21-22 #3 to increase Parks Miscellaneous and Parks – Committees – PERC in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for Granite Fest 2021 and remaining events in FY 21-22*). Mayor Pro Tem Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**13. Proclamations**

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| <b>A. Constitution Week</b>             | <b>September 17-23, 2021</b> |
| <b>B. Fire Prevention Week</b>          | <b>October 3-9, 2021</b>     |
| <b>C. Breast Cancer Awareness Month</b> | <b>October</b>               |

Mayor Feather acknowledged the proclamations for Constitution Week, Fire Prevention Week, and Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

**14. Discussion**

**Committee Membership Appointment Policy**

Mayor Feather stated he asked discussion of the Committee Membership Appointment Policy be added to the agenda because he had received phone calls that a committee did not do their job by not voting someone up or down.

**15. Board Comments** - There were no Board comments.

**16. Mayor's Notes**

**Announcements and Date Reminders**

<b>A.</b>	Thursday	September 16	7:30 a.m.	Rowan Chamber Power in Partnership Zoom
<b>B.</b>	Saturday	September 18	6:00 p.m.	Faith FD Oyster Roast & Fish Fry
<b>C.</b>	Monday	September 20	5:00 p.m.	Parks, Events, and Recreation Committee
<b>D.</b>	Monday	September 20	5:30 p.m.	Zoning Board of Adjustment
<b>E.</b>	Tuesday	September 21	3:30 p.m.	Revitalization Team
<b>F.</b>	Wednesday	September 22	5:30 p.m.	Cabarrus-Rowan County MPO TAC (Virtual)
<b>G.</b>	Tuesday	October 4	6:00 p.m.	Planning Board
<b>H.</b>	Friday	October 8		FD Aux. Port-a-Pit
<b>I.</b>	Saturday	October 9		FD Open House
<b>J.</b>	Saturday	October 9		Civitan Fiddlers' Convention

**17. Closed Session**

**Civitan Agreement**

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to N.C. General Statutes Section 143-318.11(a)(5) to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to return to open session. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Feather stated that in closed session the Board discussed the Civitan Agreement, budgeting and financing.

**ACTION:** Alderman Shelton made a motion to continue the rate of \$1,200 a year for the rest of this fiscal year and then pay out any remaining balance next fiscal year unless a different agreement is reached before July 1, 2022. Mayor Pro Tem Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Feather stated that the Board wanted the Civitan Club to stay in the building and thought this was the fairest way to do that.

**Adjourn**

**ACTION:** Alderman Costantino made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Shelton seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Aubrey Smith*

Town Clerk