



**TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 6, 2022, 12:30 p.m.**

Present: Mayor Brittany Barnhardt, Mayor Pro Tem John Linker, Alderman Jim Costantino, Alderman Doug Shelton

Staff: Town Manager Larry Smith, Town Clerk Aubrey Smith, Finance Officer Shelly Shockley, Public Works Director / Fire Chief Jason Hord

Call to Order: Mayor Barnhardt called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

ACTION: Alderman Shelton made a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

2. RFQ Transformational Projects Interview Stewart, Inc.

Emily Blackwell Hsiao, Jake Petrosky, and Tim Popelka representing Stewart, Inc. introduced themselves and provided an overview of the firm including their qualifications and experience with similar projects. They stated a desire to be involved from plan conception to ribbon-cutting and discussed their experience with obtaining funding from different sources. The Board members were asked about their priorities and offered projects including park updates, park connectivity, and the town square.

3. Discussion Applications for Board Vacancy

Mayor Barnhardt invited applicants who were present to introduce themselves.

A. Laurie Mack shared that she moved back to Granite Quarry in 2018 to care for her aging parents and decided to stay. She taught at the elementary school level for over twenty years and stated that giving back to the community is important to her.

B. Charisse Peeler shared that her background was in finance and accounting at a local, county, and federal level with experience in grant writing. She has been in Granite Quarry for three years.

C. Jeff Cannon shared that he grew up in Kannapolis and served in the Army. He worked with Salisbury code enforcement. He has served as a minister for the past 11 years.

D. Mayor Barnhardt shared that the fourth applicant was Angela Nee. Angela was at work and unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Hinnant of Kannapolis called Mayor Barnhardt to share a personal recommendation for Ms. Nee.

Mayor Barnhardt thanked all the applicants and reminded the group that four Board seats would be up for re-election in November of 2023. She encouraged all the applicants to remain involved in the town even if they were not selected for appointment to the vacant seat.

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to appoint Mr. Cannon (*to the vacant seat*). Mayor Pro Tem Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jeff Cannon will be sworn in at the regular meeting, Monday, October 10, 2022.

4. RFQ Transformational Projects Interview Benesch

Jon Wood and Matt Blackmon from Benesch provided an overview of the company and shared the qualifications of the potential project team. Mr. Wood shared that the team has experience with Granite Quarry and seeking funding at the federal, state, and local level. Board members recognized that prioritization of projects was a necessary first step.

Mayor Barnhardt asked that board members score the two firms and discuss at the regular meeting.

Adjourn

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The meeting ended at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aubrey Smith

Town Clerk