



**TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES**

April 3, 2017

Present: Mayor Bill Feather, Mayor Pro Tem Mike Brinkley, Alderman Jim Costantino, Alderman Jim LaFevers, and Alderman Arin Wilhelm

Staff: Mr. Phil Conrad – Town Manager, Ms. Barbie Blackwell – Town Clerk/HR Officer, Mr. Scott Stewart – Deputy Clerk/Finance/HR Analyst, Mr. Jim Philyaw – Finance Officer, Mr. Dale Brown – Fire Chief, Mr. Mark Cook – Police Chief, Mr. Jason Hord – Maintenance Supervisor, Mr. Brian Peeples – Asst. Fire Chief, Mr. Travis Barnhardt – Deputy Fire Chief

Guests: Mr. Graham Corriher, Mr. Mark Wineka, Zach Huddleston, Norman Ribelin, President of Civitan

Call to Order: Mayor Feather called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Moment of Silence: Mayor Feather opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Zach Huddleston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda:

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Brinkley made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a Proclamation to recognize Civitan International for their 100 year anniversary. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Brinkley made a motion to approve the consent agenda with exception of the Financial Reports. Alderman LaFevers seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Pro Tem Brinkley asked for clarification of the information in the Financial Reports from Mr. Philyaw. The Board then discussed the information in the report. Mr. Philyaw stated he would update the report and distribute that to the members of the Board.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Brinkley made a motion to approve the Financial Reports as presented. Alderman LaFevers seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Board Members Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Brinkley read a statement regarding the rezoning of Granite Place for the record. (Please see attachment).

Citizen Comments:

Mayor Feather opened the floor for citizen comments. There were no comments made.

Guests and Presentations:

There were no guest presentations

Town Manager's Update:

Mr. Conrad introduced Jason Hord as the Town's new Maintenance Supervisor.

Mr. Conrad explained that the Revitalization Team has been working with Miller-Davis on a new logo for the Town logo and shared two color schemes of the potential design.

A preliminary design for updating the Town website is expected to be available soon.

Old Business

1. Consideration of Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) revision for retail sales of Alcoholic Beverages was discussed. Staff had previously recommended that the line item in the permitted use table be removed from the UDO. Mr. Graham Corriher, Town Attorney, provided his comments regarding Alcoholic Beverage sales. Mr. Corriher noted that the North Carolina Alcohol Beverage Control Commission would give consideration to the Town's Zoning; however, they were not bound to follow it. Mr. Corriher stated that a permit being issued by North Carolina ABC Commission to sell alcoholic beverages would be the determining factor.

ACTION: Alderman Wilhelm made a motion to remove the line restricting Alcoholic Beverage sales from the UDO. Alderman LaFevers seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

2. Mr. Ed Shell sent an email expressing concerns regarding the meeting process of the March 20, 2017, Planning Board meeting and requested a response. Mayor Feather read the Town Attorney's response for the record (Please see attachment). The response explained how the Town Board met requirements relating to the State Employees Credit Union (SECU) plan. Mayor Feather also explained that as an additional step, there was a meeting with the SECU requesting them to limit access directly from Highway 52 in a manner that would eliminate turning across traffic into their front driveways. SECU agreed to review and consider this request. SECU also agreed to allow full access around the building for their fire truck.

New Business & Action Items:

- a. The Board discussed Audit services for fiscal year 2016-17 with Eddie Carrick, CPA. Audit Rates have been the same for the past eight (8) years with no rate increases for these services. Board members agreed that overall services have been satisfactory. After reviewing pricing, a decision will be made at April 20, 2017 Public Hearing Board meeting regarding future Audit services.
- b. Mayor Feather read a Proclamation month honoring the Granite Quarry Civitan International for their 100 years of community service and proclaiming April as Civitan Awareness Month.

Mayor's Notes:

- The Town is accepting applications from citizens to join a Street Light Committee to review policies related to lighting in subdivisions.
- Mayor Feather presented the calendar of events and announcements as a reminder.

Mayor's Action:

Mayor Feather stated that the Special Called meeting will be changed to a Public Hearing on April 10, 2017 at 4:00 PM.

Closed Session:

A motion is needed as follows: To go into closed session pursuant to N.C. General Statute Section 143-318.11.A.5.6 personnel and property issues.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Brinkley made a motion to go into closed session at 7:49 pm pursuant to N.C. General Statute Section 143-318.11.A.5.6 for personnel and property issues. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

A motion is needed as follows: To come out of closed session pursuant to N.C. General Statute Section 143-318.11.A.5.6 personnel and property issues. The Board takes the following action (if any).

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Brinkley made a motion to come out of closed session at 8:43 pm pursuant to N.C. General Statute Section 143-318.11.A.5.6 and the Board took no action. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

By Board consensus the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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