



**TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
June 5, 2017**

Present: Mayor Bill Feather, Mayor Pro Tem Mike Brinkley, Alderman Arin Wilhelm

Staff: Mr. Phil Conrad – Town Manager, 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. Travis Barnhardt – Deputy Fire Chief, Mr. John Austin – Sergeant, Mrs. Shelly Shockley – Office Assistant

Guests: Mr. Graham Corriher, Mr. Mark Wineka, Doug Shelton, Ed Shell, Sandra Shell, Robert Anderson, John Linker

Call to Order: Mayor Feather called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Feather led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda:

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Brinkley made a motion to approve the agenda. Alderman Wilhelm 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 request approval to reduce the speed limit on Highway 52. Alderman Wilhelm seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Citizen Comments:

Mayor Feather opened the floor for citizen comments. Ed Shell made the comment:

I was just hoping somebody was going to explain about the speed limit since Mike got it off the agenda. Maybe it's not appropriate but I couldn't follow what it was talking about in the packet and I was hoping somebody would please explain it to me and the rest of us. That's all I had to say.

Guests and Presentations:

There were no guest presentations.

Public Hearing

Mayor Feather opened the Public Hearing on an ordinance to amend the Charter of Town of Granite Quarry to provide for electing the Mayor to a term of four (4) years by all the qualified voters of the Town pursuant to G.S. 160A-101 and 160A-102.

Discussion:

Mayor Feather recused himself in order to speak as a citizen against the Charter amendment. Mayor Feather explained he would like to give the board a few things for thought:

"It would make it unfair for sitting board members that want to run for Mayor. With staggered elections for the Board of Aldermen, a board member not elected the same year as the Mayor could run for Mayor, lose, and remain seated on the board. If a board member is elected the same year as the Mayor, they would need to choose to run for Mayor or Alderman and not retain a seat. The Mayor is responsible to the citizens of Granite Quarry to do a good job. If the Mayor is not being productive, four years may be too long a term. Every Mayor would like to have a longer term to accomplish their goals or agenda, but if the Mayor is doing what the people want then they should have no problem getting re-elected.

Citizen Comments:

Doug Shelton made the following statement:

I have no particular objection specifically to the concept of changing the term, however, my comment is related strictly to the fact we haven't been on this cycle very long and the original agreement to the citizen was for two (2) years and I think we need to go through a few cycles and see how this works out before we change it.

Ed Shell made the following statement:

I wanted to agree with both (Mayor) Bill Feather and Doug Shelton. They make a lot of sense and I think this is premature to make this type of change. I would like to encourage you not to do that and let's let this go through a few more cycles.

Public Hearing Action:

No action was taken due to the absence of Board Members. The Ordinance to amend the Charter of Town of Granite Quarry will be addressed in the next meeting.

Town Manager's Update:

- a. The Revitalization Team introduced the adoption of the new Town logo. Doug Shelton as the Chairman of the Revitalization Team Committee introduced a logo to brand the Town of Granite Quarry. Mayor Feather explained that the adoption of the Town logo is a black and white version.

ACTION: Alderman Wilhem made a motion to approve the town logo. Mayor Pro Tem Brinkley seconded that motion. The motion was passed with all in favor.

- b. Mr. Conrad reported on the Town's IT and Phone Systems upgrade. Memory bank upgraded the Town's operating systems and replaced the phone systems to improve communication opportunities. The Website should be completed within six (6) to eight (8) weeks.

- c. Mr. Conrad announced that Barbie Blackwell no longer works for the Town of Granite Quarry and that they are actively seeking to fill the position of Town Clerk. More will be discussed in closed session.
- d. Mr. Conrad spoke of the NCDOT improvements to intersections in Town relative to improved handicap access.
- e. Trackless Mobile Shelving Quote for the Vault was discussed, however, couldn't be voted on due to a quorum of Board Members.

Old Business:

The Draft Personnel Policy was provided for review and will be revisited at the next Board Meeting.

New Business & Action Items:

- a. The ordinance to establish policies and procedures for Petty Cash and Cash Change Funds was addressed, however, could not be voted on due to a quorum of Board Members and will be further discussed at the next Board Meeting.
- b. 1. The Board discussed the resolution to accept street maintenance of Stonewyck Drive and Rocklyn Lane and Granville Lane and Summerleigh Street.
2. **ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Brinkley made the motion to approve. Alderman Wilhelm seconded that motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
- c. The resolution of Granite Street being renamed Mayor Ponds Street was motioned by Mayor Pro Tem Brinkley and seconded by Alderman Wilhelm. The motion passed with all in favor.
- d. The resolution to amend the current Town ordinance for leaf collection to include grass clippings was discussed and will be an item at a future Board Meeting.

Mayor's Notes:

Mayor Feather presented the calendar of events and announcements as a reminder.

Mayor's Action:

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 7:35 pm pursuant to N.C. General Statute Section 143-318.11.A.5.6 for personnel and property issues. Alderman Wilhelm 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 7:56 pm pursuant to N.C. General Statute Section 143-318.11.A.5.6 and the Board took no action. Alderman Wilhelm seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Alderman Wilhem made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Mayor Pro Tem Brinkley seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

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