



**TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, December 2, 2019**

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

Staff: Interim Town Manager Larry Smith, Town Planner Steve Blount, Town Attorney Chip Short, Deputy Clerk Aubrey Smith, Planning Coordinator Holly-Anne Franco, Police Chief Mark Cook, Police Officer Richard Tester

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Scout Damien Stephens.

Presentation of Plaque: Mayor Feather presented a plaque to Mayor Pro Tem LaFevers in honor of his years of service.

1. Oath of Office for Mayor

The Oath of Office for Mayor William Feather was administered by Jeffrey R. Barger, Rowan County Clerk of Court.

2. Oath of Office for Aldermen

The Oaths of Office for Aldermen Jim Costantino and Doug Shelton were administered by Jeffrey R. Barger, Rowan County Clerk of Court.

3. Approval of the Organizational Agenda

ACTION: Alderman Linker made a motion to approve the organizational agenda. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

4. Election of Mayor Pro-Tempore

Mayor Feather called for nominations for Mayor Pro-Tempore.

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to elect John Linker as Mayor Pro-Tempore. Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

5. Oath of Office for Mayor Pro-Tempore

The Oath of Office for Mayor Pro Tempore John Linker was administered by Jeffrey R. Barger, Rowan County Clerk of Court.

6. Appointment of Interim Town Clerk

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to appoint Aubrey Smith as Interim Town Clerk. Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

7. Appointment of Town Attorney

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to appoint Chip Short as Town Attorney. Mayor Pro Tem Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

8. Oath of Office for Interim Town Clerk/Town Attorney

It was determined that it wasn't necessary for the Town Attorney and Interim Town Clerk to be sworn in.

9. Appointment of Board Members

1. Board Appointments to the Transportation Advisory Committee for Cabarrus- Rowan MPO: Mayor Feather, Alderman Shelton
2. Board Appointments to the Centralina COG Board of Delegates: Mayor Feather, Alderman Shelton
3. Board Appointments to serve as liaisons to the Revitalization Team: Alderman Costantino, Mayor Pro Tem Linker
4. Board Appointments to serve as liaisons to the Parks, Events, and Recreation Committee: Aldermen Cress and Shelton
5. Board Appointments to serve as liaisons to the Community Appearance Committee: Aldermen Cress and Shelton
6. Board Appointments to the Town Hall Remodeling Committee: Mayor Pro Tem Linker and Alderman Costantino

10. Approval of the Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of the Minutes

- 1) Regular Board Meeting Minutes - November 4, 2019
- 2) Called Meeting Minutes – November 22, 2019

B. Departmental Reports (*Reports in Board packet*)

C. Financial Report

D. Marple Property Offer to Purchase

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

11. Town Events

A. Food Drive – continues until December 31st

B. Christmas Trees Go Up Around Granite Lake Park – now in progress until Friday, December 6th

C. Santa at the Park/Tree Lighting – Saturday, December 7th at Granite Lake Park 3:00 p.m.
– 5:00 p.m. Tree lighting at 5:00 p.m.

12. Citizen Comments

Mayor Mary Ponds congratulated the newly elected Board members and encouraged the Board to work together for the good of the town. She also thanked Mr. Jim LaFevers for his service.

13. Guests and Presentations- There were no guest presentations.

14. Town Manager's Updates

- Town Manager Monthly Report
- Quick Glance Update
- GQ Town Square Presentation
- GQ Town Square Design Recommendation

Mr. Smith reviewed the progress of some of the Board's major goals and projects including the Town Hall and Town Square projects. Mr. Smith passed out a proposed budget calendar for the Board's review.

15. Old Business

A. Committee Updates

- 1) **Parks and Recreation** – Alderman Cress had no updates.
- 2) **Revitalization** – Alderman Costantino referred to the updates given by Mr. Smith for the Town Hall and Town Square projects.

16. New Business and Action Items

A. 2020 Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting Schedule

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to approve the 2020 Board of Aldermen Meeting Schedule and 2020 Holiday Schedule as presented. Alderman Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

B. Board of Aldermen Planning/Budget Retreat – Set Date

The Board of Alderman Planning/Budget Retreat date was set for February 21, 2020 by consensus.

C. Board Appointment – Parks, Events, and Recreation Committee (PERC)

The Board received an application from Jim LaFevers.

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to appoint Jim LaFevers to the PERC Committee. Mayor Pro Tem Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

D. RESOLUTION NO. 2019-23 – Resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina, partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau and the State of North Carolina to support the Goals for the 2020 Census and Disseminate the 2020 Census Information.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-23 for support of the 2020 Census. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

E. Amendment to ORDINANCE NO. 2019-08 A Moratorium Prohibiting the Establishment and/or Expansion of Sweepstakes Cafes.

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to extend the ending date for the Moratorium prohibiting the establishment and/or expansion of Sweepstakes Cafes to ninety-six (96) days to end January 7, 2020. Mayor Pro Tem Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

17. Board Comments

- Mayor Pro Tem Linker asked for an update on the leaf and limb site and progress on code enforcement. There was Board discussion regarding the enforcement process.
- Alderman Costantino thanked the citizens of Granite Quarry.

18. Mayor's Notes – Announcements and Date Reminders

- A. Food Drive** – Going on now through the end of the month. A collection box is located in the lobby of Town Hall
- B. Rowan Chamber Business After Hours** – Monday, December 9, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Novant Health (Rowan Medical Center), 612 Mocksville Ave. in the lobby.
- C. Planning Board Meeting** – Tuesday, December 9, 5:30 p.m.
- D. Rowan EDC Winter Party** – Thursday, December 12, Morgan Ridge Railwalk, 421 N. Lee Street 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- E. Parks, Events, and Recreation Committee**– Monday, December 16, 5:00 p.m.
- F. Zoning Board of Adjustment** – Monday, December 16, 5:30 p.m.
- G. Revitalization Team Meeting** – Tuesday, December 17, 3:30 p.m.
- H. Cabarrus-Rowan County MPO Meeting** – **NO MEETING DUE TO CHRISTMAS**
- I. Town Hall Offices Closed** –December 25th & 26th in observance of Christmas
- J. Board of Aldermen Meeting** – Monday, January 6, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aubrey Smith

Interim Town Clerk



2020 Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting Schedule

(Meetings are scheduled on the first Monday at 7:00 P.M. except on a holiday)

January 6	Monday
February 3	Monday
March 2	Monday
April 6	Monday
May 4	Monday
June 1	Monday
July 6	Monday
August 3	Monday
September 8	Tuesday
October 5	Monday
November 2	Monday
December 7	Monday

2020 Holiday Schedule

Holiday	Observance Date	Day of the Week
New Year's Day	January 1	Wednesday
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 20	Monday
Good Friday	April 10	Friday
Memorial Day	May 25	Monday
Independence Day	July 3	Friday
Labor Day	September 7	Monday
Veterans Day Observed	November 11	Wednesday
Thanksgiving	November 26 & 27	Thursday and Friday
Christmas	December 24 & 25	Thursday and Friday

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-23

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF
GRANITE QUARRY, NORTH CAROLINA, PARTNERING WITH THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU
AND THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA TO SUPPORT THE GOALS FOR THE 2020
CENSUS AND DISSEMINATE THE 2020 CENSUS INFORMATION**

WHEREAS the U.S. Census Bureau is required by the U.S. Constitution to conduct a complete count of the population that provides a historic opportunity to help shape the foundation of our society and play an active role in American democracy;

WHEREAS the Town of Granite Quarry is committed to ensuring every resident is counted;

WHEREAS federal and state funding is allocated to communities, and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based, in part, on census data and housing;

WHEREAS census data help determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and are necessary for an accurate and fair redistricting of state legislative seats, county and city councils and voting districts;

WHEREAS information from the 2020 Census and American Community Survey is vital for economic development and increased employment;

WHEREAS the information collected by the census is confidential and protected by law;

WHEREAS a united voice from business, government, community-based and faith-based organizations, educators, media and others will enable the 2020 Census message to reach more of our residents;

WHEREAS the Census count requires extensive work, and the Census Bureau requires partners at the state and local level to insure a complete and accurate count;

WHEREAS the Town of Granite Quarry and its appointed Complete Count Committee will bring together a cross section of community members who will utilize their local knowledge and expertise to reach out to all persons of our community;

Now, therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Granite Quarry is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau and the State of North Carolina and will:

1. Support the goals for the 2020 Census and will disseminate 2020 Census information;
2. Encourage all County residents to participate in events and initiatives that will raise the overall awareness of the 2020 Census and increase participation;
3. Provide CCC members and Census advocates to speak to County and Community Organizations;
4. Support census takers as they help our County complete an accurate count; and,
5. Strive to achieve a complete and accurate count of all persons within our borders.

Adopted at Granite Quarry, North Carolina this 2nd day of December 2019.

ATTEST:


Aubrey Smith, Interim Town Clerk


William D. Feather, Mayor



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF ROWAN

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, Aubrey C. Smith, Clerk of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina, do hereby certify that the attached document consisting of 1 page is a true and correct copy of the Town of Granite Quarry

Ordinance No. 2019-08 (Amended)

adopted by the Granite Quarry Board of Aldermen **December 2, 2019.**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have unto set my hand and have caused the Seal of the Town of Granite Quarry to be affixed this 16th day of December 2019.

(S E A L)




Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-08
(AMENDED)**

**A MORATORIUM PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND/OR EXPANSION OF
INTERNET/ELECTRONIC GAMING OPERATIONS**

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 160A-174 provides municipalities in North Carolina the General Police Power to define, prohibit, regulate or abate conditions detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of its citizens, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Granite Quarry and many other communities are experiencing an overwhelming influx of Internet Cafes/Electronic Gaming Operations, and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes that its current ordinances regulating Internet Cafes/Electronic Gaming Operations are inadequate to properly manage and control the siting of these operations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Granite Quarry, that;

Section 1. *An extension of the ninety (90) day moratorium be extended to (96) days (January 7, 2020)* be imposed within the zoning jurisdiction of the Town of Granite Quarry on new Internet Cafes/Electronic Gaming Operations so that the Town's Uniform Development Ordinance may be reviewed and amended as needed to preserve the spirit with which the Town wishes to grow. That this shall include any derivations of electronic gaming operations within the Town and its extra-territorial planning jurisdiction.

Section 2. A. The Planning and Zoning Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to enforce this moratorium during its effective period.

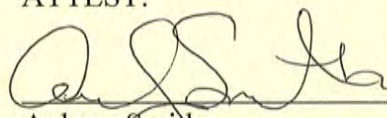
B. The Planning and Zoning Administrator shall hold all hereafter submitted permit applications related to Internet Cafes/ Electronic Gaming Operations until such time as the moratorium is lifted, on a date not to exceed ninety (90) days. The Planning and Zoning Administrator shall enforce by Stop Work Order or other applicable remedies any such violation of this moratorium.

Section 4. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any provision of this moratorium.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this 2nd day of December, 2019

ATTEST:


Aubrey Smith
Town Clerk



William D. Feather, Mayor

Approved as to Form:

Carl M. Short
Town Attorney