



**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 15th.

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

A. Constitution Week

September 17-23, 2021

B. Fire Prevention Week

October 3-9, 2021

C. Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-14

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TEXT OF THE TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY'S
UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF GRANITE
QUARRY:**

Section 1. That the Unified Development Ordinance of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina, is hereby amended by amending Appendix A-Definitions, which such section shall read as follows:

Subdivision

After 4., add the following:

"5. The division of a tract into parcels in accordance with the terms of a probated will or in accordance with intestate succession under chapter 29 of the NCGS"

Section 2. That the Unified Development Ordinance of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina, is hereby amended by amending Section 11.7.1.4- Subdivision Exceptions, which such section shall read as follows:

Section 11.7.1.4- Subdivision Exceptions


After paragraph A.4., add the following:

"5. The division of a tract into parcels in accordance with the terms of a probated will or in accordance with intestate succession under Chapter 29 of the NCGS"

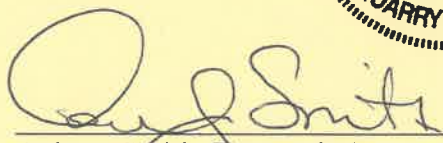
Section 3. All ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of any such conflict.

Section 4. This ordinance is effective on the 13th day of September 2021.

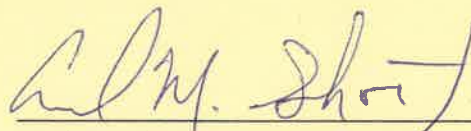



William D. Feather, Mayor

ATTEST:


Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Carl M. Short, Town Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-15

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TEXT OF THE TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY'S
UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF GRANITE
QUARRY:**

Section 1. That the Unified Development Ordinance of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina, is hereby amended by amending Section 3.6.2, which such section shall be deleted as follows:

~~Section 3.6.2 Historic District Overlay (HP-O) District~~

~~The Historic Preservation Overlay District is designed for the preservation of historic structures. Structures in this district may serve as residences, museums, or any similar type uses which may be deemed appropriate by the Salisbury Historic Preservation Commission.~~

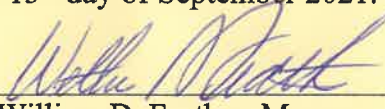
Section 2. That the Zoning Map of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows:

Delete Overlay HP-O from Legend and delete overlay shown on Town's Zoning Map for parcels 609 018 & 609 017 (Old Stone House and adjacent parcel owned by Rowan Museum.)

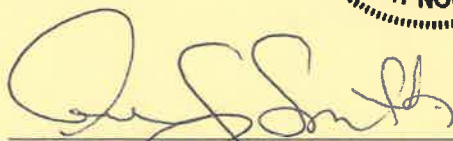
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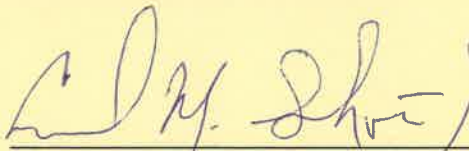



William D. Feather, Mayor

ATTEST:


Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Carl M. Short, Town Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-16

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TEXT OF THE TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY'S
CODE OF ORDINANCES**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF GRANITE
QUARRY:**

Section 1. That the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina, is hereby amended by amending Chapter 16, adding Section 16-6, which such section shall read as follows:

Sec. 16-6. Burials.

No person may bury or cause to be buried the body of any deceased person within the town limits of Granite Quarry in any place other than a church cemetery or a cemetery operated by a governmental entity or a private cemetery licensed or specifically exempted from licensing according to the North Carolina Cemetery Act, Article 9 of G.S. Chapter 65.

Family cemeteries established before adoption of this ordinance may continue to be used for burials if done in accordance with NCGS and Rowan County Health Department regulations. No new family cemeteries shall be established after the adoption date of this ordinance.


Ashes from the cremated remains of bodies may be disposed of per NCGS 90-210.130. Specifically, cremated remains may be scattered on private property with written permission of the property owner.

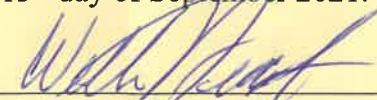
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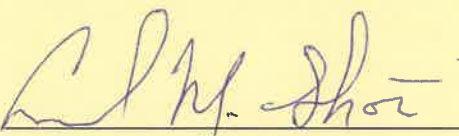


ATTEST:


Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk


William D. Feather, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Carl M. Short, Town Attorney



CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE

2016-0104

TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY NC 2016 WATERLINE EXTENSION PROJECT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina, that pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following Capital Project Ordinance is hereby *completed and closed*:

Section 1: The Project authorized was the 2016 Waterline Extension Project to provide water to the Village at Granite subdivision.

Section 2: The following expenditures were appropriated and realized for this project:

	Appropriated	Final
Construction Costs	\$ 364,084	\$ 356,625.87
Engineer or Architect Fees	48,000	72,259.75
Land and/or Right of Way	5,000	5,000
Special Counsel Fees	5,000	--
Other Legal/Fiscal Costs	29,664	94.00
Administrative Costs	7,088	--
Capitalized Interest	29,957	--
Contingency	27,541	2,396.77
Total Appropriations	\$ 516,334	\$ 436,376.39

Section 3: The following revenues were anticipated and realized for this project:

	Anticipated	Final
Proceeds from Loan	\$	\$ 350,000.00
Grant from City of Salisbury	50,000	--
Appropriated Fund Balance	466,334	86,376.39
Total Appropriations	\$ 516,334	\$ 436,376.39

Section 4: The Finance Officer is hereby directed to maintain sufficient detailed accounting records of the project to satisfy the requirements of all state and federal regulations.

Section 5: A copy of this Capital Project Ordinance closeout shall be entered into the Governing Board's meeting minutes, and within five days after adoption, copies shall be filed with the Finance Officer, Budget Officer, and in the Office of the Town Clerk to complete and close out this project.

Adopted this 13th day of September 2021

(Seal)



William D. Feather, Mayor

Attest:

Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk

**FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022
BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST #3**

September 13, 2021

PURPOSE: To increase Parks Miscellaneous (01-3613-41) and Parks – Committees - PERC (01-6130-62) in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for Granite Fest 2021 and remaining events in FY 21-22.

PERC has 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.

General Fund – Fund 01

Revenues:

GL Acct #	Account Description	Increase (Decrease):
01-3613-41	Parks Miscellaneous	\$ 5,000
Total Increase/Decrease:		\$ 5,000

Expenses:

GL Acct #	Account Description	Increase (Decrease):
01-6130-62	Parks – Committees - PERC	\$ 5,000
Total Increase/Decrease:		\$ 5,000

The above Budget Amendment was approved / denied by the Manager or Board on 9/13/2021.


William Feather, Mayor


Shelly Shockley, Finance Officer

Proclamation

PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2021 AS CONSTITUTION WEEK

WHEREAS, our Founding Fathers, in order to secure the blessings of liberty for themselves and their posterity, did ordain and establish a Constitution for the United States of America and at the culmination of months of deliberation, debate and compromise, on September 17, 1787, the Constitution of the United States of America was signed; and

WHEREAS, it is the privilege and duty of the American people to commemorate the two hundred and thirty-third anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and


WHEREAS, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17th through 23rd as

CONSTITUTION WEEK

and urge all citizens to study the Constitution and reflect on the privilege of being an American with all the rights and responsibilities that privilege involves.

Now, Therefore, I, WILLIAM D. FEATHER, Mayor of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 17 - 23, 2021, as Constitution Week and urge all citizens of the Town of Granite Quarry to reflect during this week on the many benefits of our Federal Constitution and the responsibilities and privileges of American citizenship.

ADOPTED this 13th day of September 2021.


William D. Feather, Mayor

ATTEST:


Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk

Office of The Mayor:

Proclamation

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
2021

WHEREAS, the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Granite Quarry; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, home fires killed more than 2,770 people in the United States in 2019, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 339,500 home fires; and

WHEREAS, smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape safely; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

WHEREAS, Granite Quarry residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond; and

WHEREAS, Granite Quarry residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, Granite Quarry residents will make sure their smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and


WHEREAS, Granite Quarry first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Granite Quarry residents are responsive to public education measures are better able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™,” effectively serves to remind us it is important to learn the different sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

THEREFORE, I William D. Feather, Mayor of the Town of Granite Quarry do hereby proclaim October 3-9, 2021, as Fire Prevention Week throughout Granite Quarry and I urge all the people of Granite Quarry to “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety” for Fire Prevention Week 2021 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Granite Quarry’s fire and emergency services.


William D. Feather, Mayor

Attest

Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk

Office of the Mayor:



Proclamation

WHEREAS, while breast cancer touches the lives of Americans from every background in every community, while considerable progress has been made in the fight against breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, each year it is estimated that more than 220,000 women in the United States will be diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an annual campaign to increase awareness about the disease; and

WHEREAS, during this month, we as a community support breast cancer research and to educate all citizens about detection, risk factors and treatment; and

WHEREAS, we as a community support those courageously fighting breast cancer and honor the lives lost to the disease; and

WHEREAS, this October, we recognize breast cancer survivors, those battling the disease, their families who are a source of love and encouragement; and applaud the efforts of our medical professionals working hard to find a cure.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William D. Feather, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2021 as


“BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

in the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina and encourage citizens to participate in activities that will increase awareness of what Americans can do to prevent breast cancer, and to wear pink ribbons in honor of those who have lost their lives to breast cancer and those who are now bravely fighting this disease.

Proclaimed this the 13th day of September 2021.


William D. Feather, Mayor

ATTEST:


Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk