



**TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 14, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

Present: Mayor Brittany Barnhardt, 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, Police Chief Mark Cook, Fire Chief / Public Works Director Jason Hord, Finance Officer Shelly Shockley, Police Sergeant Richard Tester

Call to Order: Mayor Barnhardt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Moment of Silence: Mayor Barnhardt led a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Barnhardt.

1. Approval of the Agenda

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to approve the agenda. Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

2. Approval of the Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the Minutes

- 1) Regular Meeting February 15, 2022
- 2) Planning Retreat Session 1 February 25, 2022
- 3) Planning Retreat Session 2 March 4, 2022

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

C. Financial Reports (*Reports in Board packet*)

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Alderman Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

3. Citizen Comments – There were no citizen comments.

4. Town Manager's Update (*included as an attachment to the minutes*)

Manager Smith reviewed highlights from his report in the agenda packet and asked for direction from the Board on the agenda items for moratoriums and the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. Manager

Smith also addressed the Heilig Road and Chamandy Drive cleanup. He asked the Board if there was any objection to a March 31st cleanup from 1:00-3:00 p.m. There were no Board objections. Manager Smith asked Board members their thoughts on including the shoulder of Heilig Road from the ditch to the road on the regular maintenance schedule. There were no voiced objections. There was Board discussion regarding the entry sign for the industrial park. Manager Smith will follow-up with the EDC.

Manager Smith asked for Board feedback on signing with Alliance for code enforcement. There were no objections voiced. Manager Smith will move forward with the contract.

5. Presentation

Civitan History, Howard Brown and Lanny Merrill

Mr. Brown shared his presentation on the history of the Granite Quarry Civitan Club that was chartered in 1945. *(Presentation included as an attachment to the minutes)*. He shared accomplishments of the Club and requested support from the Town.

Mr. Merrill addressed the Board and asked that the lease for the Legion Building be continued as it currently exists. He passed out brochures and encouraged anyone interested in joining the Civitan Club to sign up.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to excuse Alderman Shelton from the remainder of the meeting due to a family emergency. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Alderman Shelton stepped out of the meeting at 6:28p.m.

6. Presentation

FD Auxiliary, President Brittany Dunham

Ms. Dunham thanked the Board for their support on behalf of the Auxiliary and passed out ISO 1 shirts to Board members.

Old Business

7. Review for Adoption

Parks and Recreation Master Plan

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to hold over the discussion on the Master Parks Plan for one of the follow-up retreat meetings. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

8. Discussion

Moratoriums

Alderman Cress stated a need to revisit all zoning classifications. Alderman Costantino asked if the Board was allowed to have a moratorium. Attorney Short stated the Town could have a moratorium as long as it didn't affect anyone who had already presented plans to the Town. In addition, he stated that the moratorium couldn't be open-ended and had to have a specific timeframe. Mayor Pro Tem Linker reiterated that Granite Quarry wasn't closed to growth and suggested the Planning Board be given direction to revisit planning codes. Attorney Short encouraged getting the Planning Board started on reviewing zoning classifications and requirements like lot size. The Board will have one or two members attend the next Planning Board meeting to share the information.

New Business

9. Public Hearing

8.4.2C Fences Ordinance Amendment

A. Staff Summary

The proposed amendment was included in the agenda packet.

B. Public Hearing

1) Opened: Mayor Barnhardt opened the public hearing at 6:47 p.m.

There were no public comments.

2) Closed: Mayor Barnhardt closed the public hearing at 6:47 p.m.

C. Board Discussion and Decision

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-01 for amendment of UDO text 8.4.2C regarding residential fences. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Statement of Consistency and Reasonableness – (included as an attachment to the minutes)

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to adopt the Statement of Consistency and Reasonableness as presented. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

10. Annexation 2022-01

Nest / Wallace 817 N. Salisbury Ave.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-01 Directing the Clerk to investigate a petition for annexation. Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

11. Designation of Voting Delegate

NCLM

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to designate Clerk Smith as the voting delegate for the 2022-2023 NCLM Board of Directors elections. Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

12. Budget Amendment #11

Lake Park Gate

To increase Fund Balance Appropriated (01-3991-99) and increase 01-6130-58 Parks - Cap Outlay – Bldg/Infrastructure in an amount not to exceed \$ 7,000 for the installation of a fence and gate at the Granite Lake Park storage facility.

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #11. Mayor Pro Tem Linker seconded the motion. The motion failed 0-3.

Mayor Pro Tem Linker asked Chief Hord to address the Board on the reasons for the gate. Chief Hord shared that since the completion of the Lake Park improvements and the clearing of the creek bed, there had been more foot traffic around the storage area. Mayor Barnhardt stated a concern for placing the gate before approving the Parks Master Plan. Chief Hord shared that the quote would be good until March 31st or April 1st.

13. Proclamation

Child Abuse Prevention Month

Mayor Barnhardt shared that there was a proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month.

14. Board Comments

- Mayor Barnhardt opened the floor for discussion on additional retreat sessions. The Board consensus was for March 24th and 31st from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Alderman Costantino stated the banquet was a great event.

15. Announcements and Date Reminders

A. Monday	March 14	5:00 p.m.	Rowan Chamber Business After Hours
B. Tuesday	March 15	3:30 p.m.	Revitalization Team
C. Thursday	March 17	7:30 a.m.	Rowan Chamber Power in Partnership Breakfast
D. Monday	March 21	5:00 p.m.	Parks, Events, and Recreation Committee
E. Monday	March 21	5:30 p.m.	Zoning Board of Adjustment
F. Wednesday	March 23	5:30 p.m.	Cabarrus-Rowan County MPO TAC

G. Saturday	March 26	8:00 a.m.	Mulch Giveaway, 1040 Mar Rock Dr.
H. Monday	April 4	6:00 p.m.	Planning Board

16. Closed Session

TM Eval / Legion Building Lease

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to N.C. General Statutes Section 143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the performance of the Town Manager and 143-318.11(a)(5)(i) to instruct staff concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the price and other material terms of a proposed contract for the Legion Building lease. Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to return to open session. Mayor Pro Tem Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Linker shared that in closed session the Board agreed to follow the current evaluation process for the Manager based on the Manager's anniversary date.

During closed session the Board gave direction to the Manager on the specifics of developing a lease for the Legion Building.

Mayor Barnhardt asked that Manager Smith keep the Board updated on the development of the agreement and Attorney Short's feedback.

Adjournment

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Cress seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aubrey Smith

Town Clerk

Our Motto is "Builders of Good Citizenship". We try to practice this motto.

My Dad was a Charter Member of the Club. He also served the Town as an Alderman and Mayor. Our Club has done many projects to benefit the Town of Granite Quarry.

We built the Grand Stand and Fence at Granite Quarry High School. We bought the Activity Bus for the Band. We raised the funds and had entrance signs to the Town which I am personally very proud. We paid for the sign that used to be at the Municipal Building. We have provided teddy bears for the Police Department. We understand this will calm a child when the parent has been involved in an accident. We have bought vests for the Police Department. We were involved in developing Granite Civic Park.

Most importantly we provided \$50,000+ and remodeled the American Legion Building after the American Legion gave the building to the Town. As you know we were to have access three times monthly with \$100 month applied to the monies we used.

As you can see we have done a lot for the Town for which we are very proud. We don't seem to get any support from the Town. I have personally invited each of the Town Managers and several of the current and past Alderman to visit and become a member of our Club. There has been no response.

Are we appreciated?

Like most organizations we are struggling for members if we are to continue to exist. We are struggling to get Officers to lead our Club. If we cease to exist the Town of Granite Quarry will miss our contributions.

We were chartered in 1945 and we hope to continue but it is a struggle. There is even the thought of combining with other Area Clubs.

Can we not get some support from the Town?

As a non profit monies we raise are put back into the Community and other non profits.

Please allow us to continue to use the American Legion Building with reasonable fees and some stability in the terms of use.

3/14/2022 - ACS.
Received from Howard Brown

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01

**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. Text related to residential fence standards will be revised as follows:

8.4.2 Residential Fence Standards.

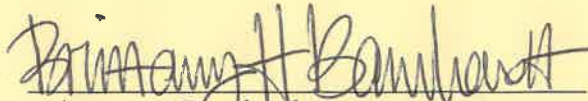
C. Maintenance of Fences.

All fences and walls shall be maintained in good repair and in a safe and attractive condition, including but not limited to replacement of missing, decayed or broken structural and decorative elements. All fences and walls shall receive regular structural maintenance to prevent and address sagging and weathering of surfaces visible from the public right-of-way. Any deteriorated, damaged or decayed fence materials shall be promptly repaired, and any fence or wall post or section that leans more than 20 degrees from vertical shall be promptly repaired to correct that condition. Grass, shrubs, vines, etc. growing along both sides of the fence line must be maintained by the property owner. Fence must be located on the owner's property. If landscaping is located outside of fence, the landscaping must be located on owner's property and the fence set back into owner's property to accommodate landscape maintenance without trespassing onto neighboring property.


Section 2. All ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of any such conflict.

Section 3. This ordinance is effective on the 14th day of March 2022.

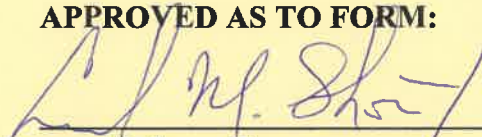



Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor

ATTEST:


Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Carl M. Short, Town Attorney

STATEMENT of CONSISTENCY and REASONABLENESS
for the
ADOPTION of the TOWN of GRANITE QUARRY DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE
AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the Granite Quarry Town Board of Aldermen adopted the 2000 Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update on January 6, 2020 hereafter referred to as the "Plan"; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Aldermen finds it necessary to modify the unified development ordinance to maintain consistency with the Plan; and

WHEREAS, prior to adopting or rejecting any zoning ordinance or amendment thereto, the Town Board of Aldermen must, in accordance with G.S. 160D-605, adopt a statement describing whether its action is consistent with an adopted comprehensive plan and explain why the Town Board of Aldermen considers the action taken to be reasonable and in the public interest.


THEREFORE, the Town Board of Aldermen hereby finds the adoption of the text amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance consistent with the Plan in that standards, specifications and policies set forth in the amended ordinance will support the expansion of the Town of Granite Quarry economy, preserve the character of the Town through practical standards for land use and development, and support the protection of natural resources as required by both Federal and State of North Carolina statutes. The text amendment is deemed reasonable in the way it will facilitate carrying out the goals of the Plan through each of the following:

1. Establish environmentally responsible yet business oriented common-sense principles aimed to protect both the local environment and property rights,
2. Minimize negative impacts on the natural and fiscal resources of Granite Quarry,
3. Welcome those future residents and businesses seeking to contribute to the success of the Town's efforts to establish a resilient sustainable and stable local economy,

Recommended this the 7th day of March 2022


Richard Luhrs, PB Chair per G.S 160D-604(d)

Adopted this the 14th day of March 2022


Brittany Barnhardt, Mayor per G.S. 160D-605

Attest: 
Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk





RESOLUTION 2022-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY, NORTH CAROLINA, DIRECTING THE CLERK TO INVESTIGATE A PETITION RECEIVED UNDER G.S. 160A-31

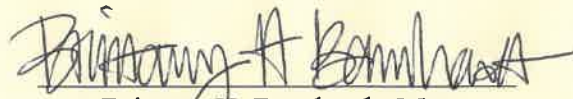
WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of an area described in said petition was received on February 7, 2022 by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina ("Board of Aldermen"); and

WHEREAS, G.S. 160A-31 provides that the sufficiency of the petition shall be investigated by the Town Clerk before further annexation proceedings may take place; and


WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Granite Quarry deems it advisable to proceed in response to this request for annexation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Granite Quarry that:

The Town Clerk is hereby directed to investigate the sufficiency of the above-described petition and to certify as soon as possible to the Board of Aldermen the result of the investigation.


Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor

ATTEST:


Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk

[SEAL]



Office of The Mayor:

Proclamation

Child Abuse Prevention Month 2022

WHEREAS, children are vital to our Town and State's future success, prosperity, and quality of life as well as being our most vulnerable assets; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community; and

WHEREAS, communities that provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development, and concrete resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children ensure all children grow to their full potential; and

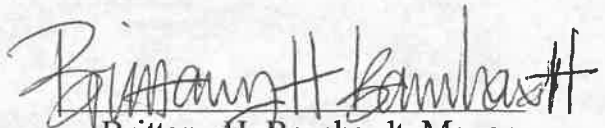
WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor of the Town of Granite Quarry, on behalf of the Board of Aldermen and the citizens of Granite Quarry do hereby proclaim, **April 2022** as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** and call upon all Granite Quarry citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

ADOPTED this 14th day of March 2022.



ATTEST:


Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor


Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk