



**TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, July 11, 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, Finance Officer Shelly Shockley, Fire Chief / Public Works Director Jason Hord, Firefighter Tyler Bennett, Firefighter Allen Bennett

**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:** Mayor Pro Tem Linker 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 June 13, 2022
- 2) Recessed Meeting June 16, 2022
- 3) Strategic Planning Meeting June 27, 2022

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

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

**D. Committee Reappointments** (*as recommended by each committee*)

**E. Centralina Charter Ratification**

**ACTION:** Alderman Costantino made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**3. Citizen Comments**

- Marilyn Michael of 1309 Wrenwood Court asked how much notice Nest had to give before pulling their rezoning from August's agenda. Mayor Barnhardt responded that the applicant could pull the

application at any time but advised that Mrs. Michael could reach out to town staff for the most up-to-date information. Mrs. Michael also stated that the Fire Department responded to a call last week at her house and the firefighters did an excellent job.

#### 4. **Town Manager's Update**

Manager Smith called upon Chief Hord to recognize Firefighter Tyler Bennett who recently graduated with his FF 1 & 2 certifications through RCCC. Tyler was also awarded the Justin Monroe Service Above Self award. Tyler has lived in Granite Quarry his whole life. His father, Firefighter Allen Bennett, has been a firefighter with Granite Quarry for 17 years.

Manager Smith gave kudos to Finance Officer Shockley for her work on the pre-audit and financial statement preparation. Manager Smith ran through the strategic plan's goal statements and strategies. He asked the Board to review the draft and think about what success would look like for each of the objectives and to then relay that information to him.

Manager Smith shared the project goal sheets for administrative tasks and the Board's goals and priority projects. He asked that Board members look at the worksheet and decide what the Board would like to prioritize, ideally 3-5 goals. Mayor Barnhardt asked if the project work plan decisions could be added to the August agenda.

#### **Old Business**

##### 5. **Discussion**

##### **CLUP / UDO Proposal Options**

Mayor Barnhardt stated that the information and summary were included in the packet. She stated that she believed all Board members felt the CLUP and UDO rewrite was important, but would have to wait on the funding.

#### **New Business**

##### 6. **Presentation**

##### **Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Draft**

The draft version of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan was included in the agenda packet. Nat Heyward of Kimley-Horn presented an overview and background information for the plan and asked that the Board review and send in questions and comments. All comments will be sent back to Kimley-Horn who will then pass the draft plan and comments on to the DOT for their review. The plan will be presented to the Board for adoption at the August meeting.

##### 7. **Public Hearing**

##### **Ord 2022-06 UDO Text Amendment/Correction**

###### **A. Staff Presentation**

###### **Clerk Smith**

Clerk Smith shared this was a technical change to remove Electronic Gaming from all zoning classifications but HI, which was the intent of previous ordinances.

###### **B. Public Hearing**

1) **Opened:** Mayor Barnhardt opened the public hearing at 6:45 p.m.

- There were no public comments.

2) **Closed:** Mayor Barnhardt closed the public hearing at 6:45 p.m.

###### **C. Board Discussion and Decision**

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-06 to correct the UDO's Permitted Table of Uses and adopt the Statement of Consistency and Reasonableness as presented. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**8. Discussion** **Site Plan Approval Process**

Manager Smith stated that at its March 25, 2021 meeting the Board of Aldermen discussed whether it should be reviewing the site plans for major subdivisions and making final determinations. The former planner created a memo stating his recommendation, and after the Board met with N Focus on 4/18/2022 and enquired further about best practices regarding these kinds of growth reviews, Planner Bailey wrote a memo summarizing the current process and his recommendation that the reviews indeed come back to the Board of Aldermen instead of the Planning Board as well. Manager Smith asked that, if the Board would like to go with the recommendation, that they give that direction. The change would then be taken before the Planning Board at their August meeting before coming back to the Board of Aldermen. There was Board consensus to give that direction.

**9. Ordinance Amendment** **Peddlers**

Alderman Costantino questioned whether there had been issues with peddlers. Mayor Barnhardt shared that there had been an issue in her neighborhood with multiple people going door-to-door several times a night even with no solicitation signs posted. She stated there had been complaints and concerns voiced by multiple citizens. Alderman Cress stated that the police had increased their presence in the town and were doing an outstanding job with patrol. He felt the increased police presence may be a deterrent to solicitors.

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-07 to amend the Town’s peddler regulations. Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**10. Board Comments**

- Mayor Pro Tem Linker stated he and the mayor agreed social media was an important part of the strategic goal for communication and thought it should be included in the goal. Mayor Barnhardt stated newsletters would be useful as well. Manager Smith pointed out where both those areas were covered in the Community Engagement / Communications slide within the strategic plan.
- Alderman Shelton stated community engagement was important for items like committees and the implementation of plans.
- Mayor Pro Tem Linker asked that a date be set for ARPA funds discussion. By Board consensus, the meeting was set for August 18, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.
- Alderman Costantino stated that the seal in the Board Room looked fantastic.

**11. Announcements and Date Reminders**

<b>A.</b>	Thursday	July 14	6:00 p.m.	Community Appearance Commission
<b>B.</b>	Monday	July 18	5:00 p.m.	Parks, Events and Recreation Committee
<b>C.</b>	Monday	July 18	5:30 p.m.	Zoning Board of Adjustment
<b>D.</b>	Tuesday	July 19	3:30 p.m.	Revitalization Team
<b>E.</b>	Thursday	July 28	6:00 p.m.	Rowan Municipal Association – Trinity Oaks
<b>F.</b>	Monday	August 1	6:00 p.m.	Planning Board

**Adjournment**

**ACTION:** Alderman Costantino made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

The meeting ended at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Aubrey Smith*

Town Clerk