



**TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 12, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

Present: Mayor Brittany Barnhardt, Mayor Pro Tem John Linker, Alderman Jim Costantino, 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, Interim Planner Jay Dale, Police Chief Mark Cook

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 as presented. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

2. Approval of the Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the Minutes

- 1) Regular Meeting August 8, 2022
- 2) Strategic Meeting August 18, 2022

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

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

D. Committee Appointment – Zoning Board of Adjustment

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Alderman Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

3. Citizen Comments – There were no citizen comments.

4. Town Manager's Update

Manager Smith introduced Interim Planner Jay Dale. Planner Dale is a certified planner, certified zoning officer, and certified floodplain manager who retired as Randolph County's Planning Director after 27 years there. The Board welcomed Planner Dale.

Manager Smith shared updates from his report in the agenda packet and showed mock-ups of the vision board designs from Harwood Signs. Board members offered feedback with the majority in favor of the third option.

Manager Smith shared that the patrol vehicle order was canceled by Ford. A reorder was placed tentatively; the reorder can be canceled if the Board is not in favor. The 2023 models will be expedited for those who placed reorders, but without price protection. The estimated cost is roughly \$4,100 over the cost of the 2022 models. Manager Smith asked for and received Board consensus on the reorder.

He added that there was an update on the park cameras project. The original projection for the cost was for FirstNet at \$1,650 for the year, but that network will not support the system. Chief Hord priced out a solution through Spectrum that should be accomplishable within the existing Parks budget this year but would mean budgeting next year at \$6,000. There were no Board objections.

Old Business

None

New Business

5. Recognition

Presentation of Honors

Mayor Barnhardt read aloud a proclamation expressing gratitude for Attorney Short's forty years of service to the Town and presented him with a commemorative paperweight.

Mayor Barnhardt read aloud a proclamation expressing gratitude to former Alderman Kim Cress and recognized his service and commitment to the Town and presented him with a plaque.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion that the Board take a five-minute recess. Alderman Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Board recessed at 6:24 p.m.

Mayor Barnhardt called the meeting back to order at 6:30 p.m.

6. Public Hearing

Rezoning of 354 186 RL to RH

A. Staff Presentation

After deliberation at its September 6, 2022 meeting, the Planning Board continued the discussion on the rezoning request until its October meeting. It was requested that the Board of Aldermen continue the public hearing and decision on the rezoning to its October meeting as well. Mayor Pro Tem Linker asked the reason the Planning Board continued the item. Planner Dale stated that individual Planning Board members discussed whether RH was the appropriate zoning classification and asked for more time to collect information on the zoning classifications and to get clarification on conditional uses under RH.

B. Public Hearing - continued

C. Board Discussion and Decision

ACTION: Alderman Shelton made a motion to continue the public hearing for the rezoning request of parcel 354 186 until the October meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

7. Public Hearing **UDO Amendment – ZBA Duties**

A. Staff Presentation

Clerk Smith shared that the proposed amendments were for clarification purposes and to allow for the Rules of Procedure for the ZBA to be amended without amending the ordinance each time.

B. Public Hearing

- 1) **Opened:** Mayor Barnhardt opened the public hearing at 6:33 p.m.
 - There were no public comments
- 2) **Closed:** Mayor Barnhardt closed the public hearing at 6:33 p.m.

C. Board Discussion and Decision

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-10 amending Sec. 15.5.3 of the UDO and adopt the Statement of Consistency and Reasonableness as presented. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

8. Budget Amendment **CLUP/UDO**

Manager Smith invited Finance Officer Shockley to discuss the three different funding options. Alderman Shelton stated he was in favor of pulling the full \$65,500 amount from the fund balance.

ACTION: Alderman Shelton made a motion to adopt Budget Amendment 1C to fund the CLUP/UDO updates. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

9. Discussion **Filling a Board Vacancy**

Board members discussed the process to fill the vacancy on the Board of Aldermen. The Board reviewed a drafted application and discussed the cutoff date for accepting applications. Mayor Pro Tem Linker proposed September 30, 2022 as the deadline. There was Board consensus on the September 30, 2022 deadline and the proposed application.

10. Presentation **Mural / Art at Granite Lake Park**

Mayor Barnhardt presented mockups for designs of art for the side of the Granite Lake Park shelter and a retaining wall at the park and described the materials that would be used. Individual Board members stated they were in favor of the artwork resembling the logo on the shelter wall and expressed a desire to have a mural somewhere more visible in town as well. The estimated cost for the art at the shelter was \$2,850. There was discussion on ongoing art projects throughout the town. Mayor Barnhardt stated more options could be gathered for the October meeting.

11. Proclamations

Mayor Barnhardt acknowledged the following proclamations for October.

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| A. Breast Cancer Awareness Month | October |
| B. Fire Prevention Week | October 9-15 |

12. Board Comments

- Mayor Pro Tem Linker presented a mockup for acrylic letters to be mounted on the side of the building to add “Clyde L. Adams” above the existing “Police Dept.” lettering. He shared that the cost would be \$425 and could be pulled from the contingency budget. Alderman Costantino and Shelton voiced that they were in favor. Mayor Pro Tem Linker stated a need to make sure the letters could be removed and then put back up during a future remodel.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to approve *(the purchase and installation of letters reading “Clyde L. Adams” on the municipal building)*. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Manager Smith asked for clarification on which line item to use for payment. After discussion, there was Board consensus to fund the project from the line item for special projects.

- Alderman Shelton stated a desire to stay on top of the process for RFQs. He also stated he would like to revisit the idea of mowing the town property on Faith Road. Alderman Costantino stated he was in favor of mowing it. Mayor Pro Tem Linker stated he was against mowing it due to staff resources. Mayor Barnhardt stated that she agreed staff resources would be better spent elsewhere. Manager Smith shared that code enforcement doesn't enforce mowing violations on undeveloped lots. Alderman Shelton responded that one of his concerns was addressed by the Manager's comment. No action will be taken at this time.

13. Announcements and Date Reminders

A.	Wednesday	September 14	5:00 p.m.	Centralina Executive Board Meeting
B.	Thursday	September 15	7:30 a.m.	Power in Partnership Breakfast
C.	Saturday	September 17	10:00 a.m.	German Fest – Old Stone House
D.	Monday	September 19	5:00 p.m.	Parks, Events and Recreation Committee
E.	Tuesday	September 20	3:30 p.m.	Revitalization Team
F.	Wednesday	September 28	5:30 p.m.	CRMPO TAC Meeting
G.	Monday	October 3	6:00 p.m.	Planning Board
H.	Saturday	October 8		Fiddlers Convention
I.	Friday	October 14	11:00 a.m.	FD Aux Port-a-Pit Lake Park
J.	Saturday	October 15	2:00 p.m.	Granite Fest

Adjournment

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The meeting ended at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aubrey Smith

Town Clerk