



**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



Proclamation

Town Attorney Carl M. "Chip" Short, Jr.

September 2022

WHEREAS, CARL M. "CHIP" SHORT, JR. was born in High Point, N.C., and graduated from East Rowan High School. He attended the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill as a Whitaker Scholar and graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Law in 1976; and

WHEREAS, CARL M. "CHIP" SHORT, JR. has areas of expertise that include real estate, wills and estates, corporate law, and municipal law; and

WHEREAS, CARL M. "CHIP" SHORT, JR. has served over forty years as the Town Attorney for the Town of Granite Quarry beginning February 1, 1982; and

WHEREAS, CARL M. "CHIP" SHORT, JR. has made significant contributions to the community by serving on numerous foundations, associations, clubs, councils, and commissions; and


WHEREAS, CARL M. "CHIP" SHORT, JR. has shown outstanding dedication and commitment.

NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Granite Quarry, I, Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor of the Town of Granite Quarry, do hereby urge all employees and citizens to join me in expressing our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to CARL M. "CHIP" SHORT, JR. for achievement of this milestone of 40 years of service in the position of Town Attorney for the Town of Granite Quarry.

Proclaimed this 12th day of September 2022.


Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor

Attest:


Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk





Proclamation

“Alderman William Kim Cress”

September 2022

WHEREAS, the Town of Granite Quarry is always appreciative of those who serve for the betterment of the Town; and

WHEREAS, WILLIAM KIM CRESS served the Town of Granite Quarry as Maintenance Supervisor (September 1998 – August 2016); and

WHEREAS, WILLIAM KIM CRESS served the Town of Granite Quarry as Alderman (December 2016 – August 2022); and

WHEREAS, WILLIAM KIM CRESS rendered during his term of office valuable services to the Town of Granite Quarry and the citizens thereof; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the Town of Granite Quarry shows its appreciation when one has rendered such valuable services.

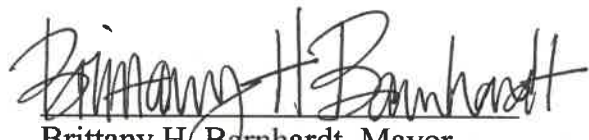
NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Granite Quarry, I, Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor of the Town of Granite Quarry, do hereby proclaim:

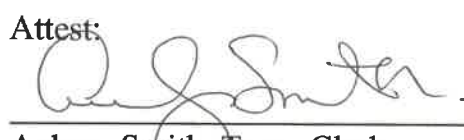
That WILLIAM KIM CRESS is hereby acknowledged as having been a good, loyal, and faithful public servant of the Town of Granite Quarry;

That this proclamation expresses the deep appreciation on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Granite Quarry for the valuable service which he has provided the Town;

That this proclamation is hereby presented to WILLIAM KIM CRESS and a copy of same shall be placed within the records of the Town of Granite Quarry.

Proclaimed this 12th day of September 2022.


Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor

Attest:

Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk



ORDINANCE NO. 2022-10

**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 Chapter 15. – ADMINISTRATION Sec. 15.5. – Board of adjustment is hereby amended to read as follows:

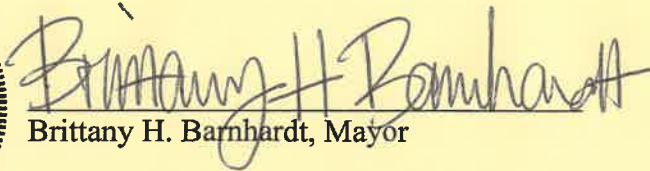
15.5.3 *Proceedings of the Board of Adjustment.*

The Board shall adopt rules and by-laws in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance and of Article 19, Chapter 160A of the General Statutes of North Carolina [G.S. Chapter 160A, Article 19]. The rules of procedure provide guidelines and regulations for the following: general rules, officers and duties, members, rules of conduct for members, meetings, appeals and applications, and amendments.

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

Section 3. This ordinance is effective on the 12th day of September 2022.

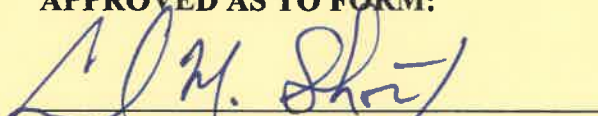



Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor

ATTEST:


Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Carl M. Short, Town Attorney

Town of Granite Quarry

FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023
BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST #1C

September 12, 2022

PURPOSE: To increase Fund Balance Appropriated (01-3991-99) by \$65,500 and increase Governing Body – Professional Services (01-4110-18) by \$65,500 for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Unified Development Ordinance.

General Fund – Fund 01

Revenues:

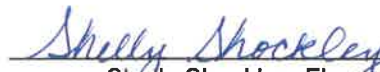
<u>GL Acct #</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease):</u>
01-3991-99	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ 65,500
Total Increase/Decrease:		\$ 65,500

Expenses:

<u>GL Acct #</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease):</u>
01-4110-18	Governing Body – Professional Services	\$ 65,500
Total Increase/Decrease:		\$ 65,500

The above Budget Amendment was approved / denied by the Manager or Board on 9/12/22.


Brittany Barnhardt, Mayor


Shelly Shockley, Finance Officer

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.

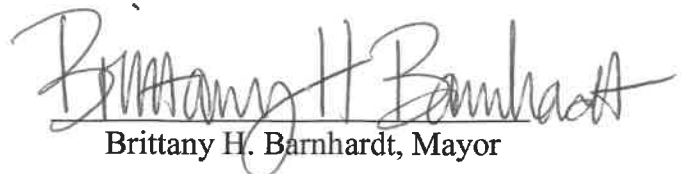
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brittany H. Barnhardt, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2022 as

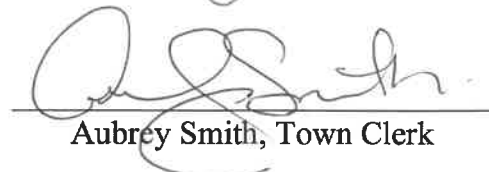
“BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

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 12th day of September 2022.




Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk

Office of The Mayor:

Proclamation

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
2022

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 caused 2,580 civilian deaths in the United States in 2020, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 356,500 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

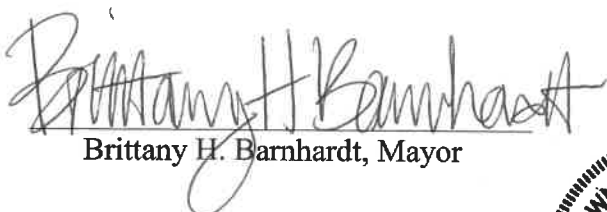
WHEREAS, Granite Quarry residents will make sure their smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

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

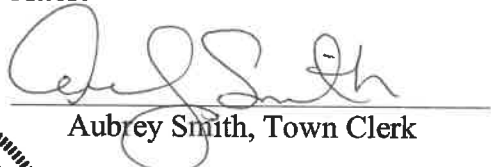
WHEREAS, Granite Quarry residents are responsive to public education measures are better able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, “Fire won’t wait. Plan your escape.™,” effectively serves to remind Granite Quarry residents it is important to have a home fire escape plan.

THEREFORE, I Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor of the Town of Granite Quarry do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2022, as Fire Prevention Week throughout Granite Quarry and I urge all the people of Granite Quarry to practice a home fire escape for Fire Prevention Week 2022 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Granite Quarry’s fire and emergency services.


Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor

Attest


Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk

