



**TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, December 9, 2024 6:00 p.m.**

Present: Mayor Brittany Barnhardt, Mayor Pro Tem Doug Shelton, Council Member John Linker, Council Member Laurie Mack, Council Member Rich Luhrs

Staff: Town Manager/Fire Chief Jason Hord; Town Clerk Aubrey Smith; Town Attorney Zachary Moretz; Planning, Zoning, and Subdivision Administrator Richard Flowe; Police Chief Todd Taylor; Public Works Director Colton Fries; Public Works Assistant Director Josh Whitley; Police Officer Jzanese Weekes

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: Council Member Luhrs made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

2. Approval of the Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the Minutes

- 1) Regular Meeting November 12, 2024
- 2) Closed Session November 12, 2024 (*handout*)

B. Departmental Reports

C. Financial Reports

D. Certification of Fire Roster

ACTION: Council Member Linker made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

3. Public Comments – There were no public comments.

4. Town Manager's Update

Manager Hord shared highlights from the Town Manager's Update in the agenda packet including that there continue to be meetings with potential donors for the Civic Park project. The TAP sidewalk project design preliminary drawings received approval from the NCDOT. Work continues on the Granite Industrial Park sign agreement. The fiber optic cable being installed along Highway 52 will bring underground broadband from Winston Salem to Albemarle. The street paving in town is ongoing. New snowflake decorations have been hung at the Lake Park. The Town is working with Granite Quarry Elementary School to sponsor children and families for Christmas; Manager Hord encouraged anyone who felt moved to help to please take one of the remaining cards. He gave kudos to the Police Department for

quickly closing a robbery case that occurred in town. FEMA stated the Lake Park project is ready for close out; the Town will be receiving the remaining \$36,971.12 that is owed for reimbursement.

Manager Hord recognized Public Works Director Colton Fries and introduced the new Public Works Assistant Director, Josh Whitley. Josh brings a wealth of experience to his role. The Council welcomed him to the Town.

Manager Hord recognized Todd Taylor who was chosen for the Chief of Police position after the conclusion of the application and assessment process. Todd has been with the Town for over 28 years and has served as the Interim Chief of Police since July.

The Town's newest Police Officer, Jzanese Weekes, was recognized and sworn in. Chief Taylor administered the oath of the Untarnished Badge for Officer Weekes.

5. Proclamation

Doug Rice

Mayor Barnhardt read and presented a proclamation for Doug Rice honoring his career and character as a resident of the Town of Granite Quarry.

Recess

ACTION: Council Member Linker made a motion to take a short recess. Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

The Council recessed at 6:22 p.m.

Mayor Barnhardt called the meeting back into session at 6:38 p.m.

6. Public Hearing

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A. Staff Summary

Planning, Zoning, and Subdivision Administrator Richard Flowe introduced the Zoning Map Amendment request for property located at 428 and 0 W Bank Street, parcels 351 022 and 351 126, to change the current designation of "Single-Family Residential-3 (SFR-3)" to a new zoning designation of "Mixed-Use-1 (MU-1)". There was a neighborhood meeting held on November 14, 2024 to answer questions from neighboring property owners. The Planning Board reviewed and recommended approval of the proposed amendment. Clerk Smith attested that notice of the hearing had been given.

B. Public Hearing

- 1) Opened: Mayor Barnhardt opened the public hearing at 6:42 p.m.
 - Joe Mathis, owner of the properties in question, spoke on his desire to have the properties rezoned.
- 2) Closed: Mayor Barnhardt closed the public hearing at 6:45 p.m.

C. Council Discussion and Decision

ACTION: Council Member Linker made a motion to adopt Ordinance ZMA 2024-12-09. Council Member Luhrs seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Old Business

None

New Business

7. Budget Amendment

Street Signs

The Council reviewed the budget amendment for the purchase of Granite Quarry branded street signs and hardware discussed at previous meetings.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Shelton made a motion to approve Budget Amendment FY24-25 #3 as presented to purchase Granite Quarry branded street signs and hardware. Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

8. Council Appointments

A. Centralina Board of Delegates Representative and Alternate

ACTION: Council Member Linker made a motion to appoint Council Member Mack as representative to the Centralina Board of Delegates and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton as the alternate. Council Member Luhrs seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

B. Transportation Advisory Comm. Representative and Alternate

ACTION: Council Member Linker made a motion to appoint Mayor Barnhardt as the CRMPO TAC representative and Council Member Luhrs as the alternate. Mayor Pro Tem Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

9. Discussion and Possible Decision Chamber Gala Sponsorship

The Council discussed the opportunity to purchase a Corporate Sponsorship for the Chamber of Commerce's 99th Annual Gala for \$1,500. There was interest in opening the invitation to staff and their spouses at the Town's expense and purchasing any additional seats as needed.

ACTION: Council Member Linker made a motion to pay \$1,500 for a Corporate level sponsorship and other tickets as needed for staff and their spouses. Council Member Luhrs seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

10. Council Comments

- Council Member Linker asked whether the handouts regarding the Veterans Memorial were for informational purposes only. Mayor Barnhardt confirmed they were and shared that the concept was being shared for discussion and no current action.

11. Announcements and Date Reminders

A.	Thursday	December 12	12:00 p.m.	Council Properties Tour
B.	Friday	December 13	8:00 a.m.	Mayors Roundtable
C.	Wednesday	December 18	5:30 p.m.	Community Appearance Commission
D.	Thursday	December 19	7:30 a.m.	Chamber Power in Partnership Breakfast
E.	Tuesday	December 24		Town Offices Closed for Christmas
F.	Wednesday	December 25		Town Offices Closed for Christmas
G.	Thursday	December 26		Town Offices Closed for Christmas
H.	Wednesday	January 1		Town Offices Closed for New Year's
I.	Monday	January 6	6:00 p.m.	Planning Board
J.	Monday	January 6	6:15 p.m.	Board of Adjustment
K.	Tuesday	January 7	5:30 p.m.	Events Committee
L.	Wednesday	January 8	5:30 p.m.	Community Appearance Commission

Adjournment

ACTION: Council Member Linker made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. The meeting ended at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aubrey Smith
Town Clerk

Town of Granite Quarry
Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas, Doug Rice, a resident of Granite Quarry, North Carolina, has spent his career championing the sport of auto racing, serving both as a prominent commentator and as a dedicated voice in motorsports broadcasting; and

Whereas, for more than three decades, Doug Rice has offered insightful and passionate commentary, connecting with millions of NASCAR fans across the country, earning a beloved place in their homes and hearts; and

Whereas, Doug Rice is widely recognized as the voice of the Performance Racing Network (PRN), where his unique tone and boundless enthusiasm have become emblematic of the excitement and intensity of NASCAR racing, bringing fans closer to the sport than ever before; and

Whereas, Doug's unwavering dedication to excellence in broadcasting has made him a trusted and influential figure in the NASCAR community, with his expert insights, compelling storytelling, and deep knowledge of racing elevating every race he narrates; and


Whereas, Doug Rice's commitment to NASCAR extends far beyond the broadcast booth - he has played a pivotal role in promoting the sport, advocating for the drivers, and representing NASCAR with integrity and grace; and

Whereas, Doug's leadership, dedication, and unwavering passion for telling the stories of motorsports embody the very best qualities of Granite Quarry and its residents; and

Whereas, Doug's remarkable contributions to the sport, his community, and the world of racing at large deserve to be celebrated by all those who have had the privilege of experiencing his voice on race days, at events, and throughout countless memorable moments in motorsports history.

Now, Therefore, I, BRITTANY H. BARNHARDT, in my capacity as Mayor of Granite Quarry, North Carolina, do hereby declare this day as one of honor and recognition for Doug Rice's exceptional contributions to NASCAR and broadcasting. His legacy will continue to inspire future generations of announcers, fans, and racing enthusiasts, and his commitment to the sport will remain a defining chapter in the history of motorsports.

Duly adopted this the 9th day of December 2024.


Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk



**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE
GRANITE QUARRY DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE
OF THE TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY, NORTH CAROLINA**

Ordinance #ZMA-2024-12-09

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina that the Official Zoning Map (OZM) of the Granite Quarry Development Ordinance (GQDO) be amended in accordance with both GQDO Article 5 and Article 6 of G.S. Chapter 160D. The subject property of JFM PROPERTIES OF ROWAN LLC, described as Rowan County Parcel located at 428 W Bank Street (Parcel 351 022, PIN 5668-08-80-5094) and MATHIS, JOE F, described as Rowan County Parcel located at 0 W Bank Street (Parcel 351 126, PIN 5668-08-80-6171) appearing together by recorded plat in Attachment "A" attached hereto. Said parcels when taken together consist of approximately 2.249 net acres, outside of the public right-of-way.

Part 1. Consistency with Adopted Comprehensive Plan.

The Town Council finds that a zoning map amendment applicable to the subject properties, from the current designation of "Single-Family Residential-3 (SFR-3)" to a new zoning designation in accordance with G.S. 160D-604(a) of "Mixed-Use-1 (MU-1)" is consistent with the Town's 2040 Comprehensive Land Use & Master Plan (the Plan) and the Neighborhood designation on the Plan's "Future Land Use Map", as required by G.S. 160D-605(a).

Part 2. Statement of Reasonableness.

This amendment is reasonable because the subject property allows for the creation of new housing opportunities and neighborhoods supporting the local businesses of the Town while improving the housing stock, connectivity and infrastructure to improve the quality of life for Granite Quarry residents by enabling additional housing opportunities developed in accordance with the GQDO.

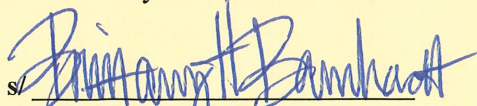
Part 3. Establishment of New Zoning Designation.

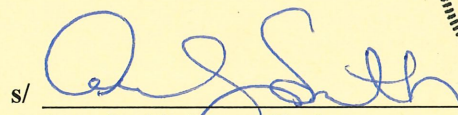
That Rowan County Parcels 351 022, PIN 5668-08-80-5094 and 351 126, PIN 5668-08-80-6171 as shown in Attachment "A" attached hereto shall be designated "Mixed-Use-1 (MU-1)" on the Official Zoning Map.

Part 4. Effective Date.

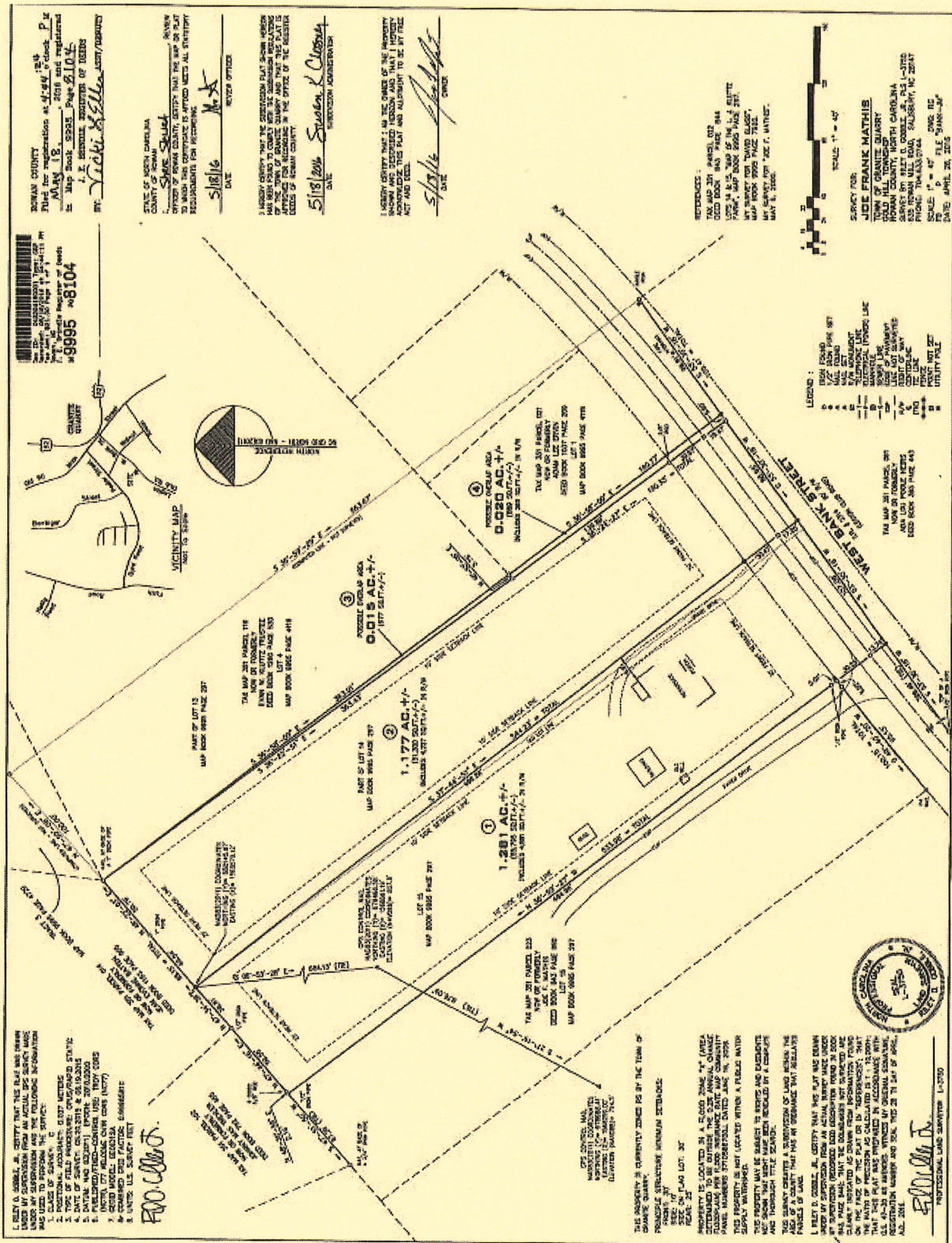
This Ordinance shall be effective at 12:01 AM on the 10th day of December 2024.

Adopted this 9th day of December 2024.


s/ Brittany H. Barnhardt
Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor


s/ Aubrey Smith
Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk





**FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST #3**

Dec 9, 2024

PURPOSE: To increase Public Works – Supplies and Equipment (01-4190-29) by increasing Fund Balance Appropriated (01-3991-99) in the amount of \$11,000 to purchase Granite Quarry branded street signs.

General Fund – Fund 01


Revenues:

<u>GL Acct #</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease):</u>
01-3991-99	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ 11,000
Total Increase/Decrease:		\$ 11,000

Expenses:

<u>GL Acct #</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease):</u>
01-4190-29	Public Works – Supplies and Equipment	\$ 11,000
Total Increase/Decrease:		\$ 11,000

The above Budget Amendment was approved / denied by the Manager or Board on 12/9/24.


Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor


Shelly Shockley, Finance Officer