



**TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 14, 2025 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; Finance Director Shelly Shockley; Police Chief Todd Taylor; Public Works Director Colton Fries; Office Assistant Debbie Loflin-Benge; Planning, Zoning, and Subdivision Administrator Richard Flowe; Assistant Planning, Zoning, and Subdivision Administrator Kevin Kormanek

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. Mayor Pro Tem Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

2. Approval of the Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the Minutes

- 1) Regular Meeting June 9, 2025
- 2) Special Meeting June 30, 2025

B. Departmental Reports

C. Financial Reports

D. Advisory Board and Committee Reappointments

E. Fiddlers Convention Sponsorship Request - \$200

F. Civitan Agreement for Fundraising

ACTION: Council Member Linker made a motion to approve the consent agenda. 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 report in the agenda packet including the successful June Fish for Fun and Smoke Alarm Saturday. He thanked the Council on behalf of all staff for moving forward with the front office updates. The design work continues for the TAP project; there should be another update soon. The employee appreciation event was well attended and much appreciated. Grants continue for Civic Park update project.

Old Business
New Business

None

5. Annexation 2740 & 2620 Faith Road

A. Resolution Directing Clerk to Investigate

Mr. Flowe presented the petition from Brandt and Cherie Ronzello for voluntary annexation of contiguous properties. Mr. Flowe pointed out the location of the properties and stated the owner's reasons for the application. The properties have Granite Quarry zoning designation due to them being in the Town's ETJ.

ACTION: Council Member Linker made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-07-14-1 directing the clerk to investigate a petition for annexation. Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

B. Certificate of Sufficiency

The certificate of sufficiency was entered into the record.

C. Resolution Setting Date for Public Hearing

ACTION: Council Member Mack made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-07-14-2 setting the date for a public hearing regarding an ordinance for annexation. Council Member Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

6. Resolution Opposing Preemption of Local Government Zoning

Manager Hord introduced the resolution opposing preemption of local government planning and zoning in response to SB 205.

ACTION: Council Member Luhrs made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-06 opposing legislative preemption of local government planning and zoning. Mayor Pro Tem Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

7. Ordinance Amendment Transformational Projects Grant Funds CPO

A grant for \$100,000 has been received from the Cannon Foundation for the Civic Park improvements. The Capital Project Ordinance has been amended to reflect the funds.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Shelton made a motion to accept the \$100,000 grant from the Cannon Foundation and amend Capital Project Ordinance 2023-01 to reflect the funds. Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

8. Discussion and Possible Action LWCF Grant

Manager Hord shared information about the LWCF grant including that it is a matching grant up to \$500,000. He stated that Benesch is able to complete the application for \$9,900 and asked the Council how they wished to proceed. There was consensus from the Council to move forward with Benesch preparing the grant application for a fee of \$9,900.

9. Training and Travel Request Fall NC Mayors Association Meeting

Mayor Barnhardt requested to attend the Fall NC Mayors Association meeting in Asheville. The costs associated with the request were presented to the Council for approval.

ACTION: Council Member Linker made a motion to approve the training and travel request for Mayor Barnhardt to attend the NC Mayors Association Fall meeting with costs as presented. Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

10. Council Comments

- Mayor Barnhardt recognized Attorney Zac Moretz for recently taking over the presidential role of the Concord Rotary. She reminded the Council that the Dragon Boat Festival will be held July 26th.
- Council Member Mack congratulated Mayor Barnhardt for being on the front page of the Salisbury Post. The article recognized her recent accomplishments and how she is following in Mayor Karen Alexander's footsteps.

Manager Hord asked if the Council would like to schedule another strategic planning meeting. The Council decided on September 4, 2025 beginning at 9am.

11. Announcements and Date Reminders

A. Friday	July 26		NCBEMO Conference
B. Saturday	July 27		NCBEMO Conference
C. Monday	August 4	6:00 p.m.	Planning Board
D. Monday	August 4	6:15 p.m.	Board of Adjustment
E. Tuesday	August 5	6:00 p.m.	National Night Out

12. Closed Session

Attorney-Client Privilege

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Shelton made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to NC Statute 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged. Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

The Council entered into closed session at 6:32 p.m.

ACTION: Council Member Linker made a motion to come out of closed session. Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Council returned to open session at 6:53 p.m.

Mayor Barnhardt announced that no action was taken during the closed session.

Adjournment

ACTION: Council Member Mack made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. The meeting ended at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aubrey Smith

Town Clerk