



**TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 14, 2023 6:00 p.m.**

Present: Mayor Brittany Barnhardt, Mayor Pro Tem John Linker, Alderman Jim Costantino, Alderman Doug Shelton, Alderman Jeff Cannon

Staff: Town Manager Larry Smith, Town Clerk Aubrey Smith, Town Attorney Zachary Moretz, Finance Officer Shelly Shockley, Fire Chief/Public Works Director Jason Hord, Police Sergeant Richard Tester

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: Alderman Costantino made a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Linker seconded the motion. Mayor Barnhardt suggested moving up the presentation of proclamation to Mrs. Louise Crowther in honor of her 100th birthday since Mrs. Crowther was in attendance. Alderman Costantino amended his motion to include the change and Mayor Pro Tem Linker seconded the amended motion. The motion passed 4-0.

The proclamation will be presented after citizen comments.

2. Approval of the Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the Minutes

1) Regular Meeting July 10, 2023

B. Departmental Reports

C. Financial Reports

D. Community Appearance Commission Appointment

E. Fiddler's Convention Sponsorship Request - \$100; a second \$100 sponsorship

F. Amended CPO 2023-01 Transformational Projects

G. Interlocal Agreements for Building Code Enforcement and Sedimentation & Erosion Control

ACTION: Alderman Shelton made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the modification of item E to include a second Fiddlers Convention sponsorship for \$100 to advertise for Granite Fest. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

3. Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments.

Proclamation

Louise Crowther 100th Birthday

Mayor Barnhardt read aloud the proclamation recognizing resident Louise Crowther and acknowledged and congratulated her on her 100th birthday.

4. Town Manager's Update

Manager Smith reviewed items from his report included in the agenda packet including an update on transformational projects. The survey for the Civic Park was completed; deeds will go to the Town Attorney for review of conflicts. The design for the overflow lot is being reviewed by the planning department under the new development ordinance. Discussions are ongoing for downtown streetscape and utilities. The Duke feasibility study will take four to six months and will cost less than what was budgeted. Utility surveys may run concurrently, funding options are still being reviewed; grants, legislative funding, and partnerships are all being considered.

Manager Smith continues to follow up with the DOT regarding the Byrd Road/Faith Road project. The three-way stop could be implemented in September if not earlier. The roundabout will be on the MPO's project list. Manager Smith gave kudos to Finance Officer Shockley for a smooth field audit. The auditor complimented her organization and preparation and commended the town's internal controls. Manager Smith followed up with Tourism and was told they will contribute \$6,000 toward the Industrial Park sign. The sign will be on the same timeline as the wayfinding signs.

Old Business

5. Discussion

Town Hall Upgrades

Manager Smith gave an abbreviated and updated version of the presentation first shown at the July 2023 meeting that reviewed the history of the project, options, and professional recommendations. Board discussion included the possibility for legislative funding, and which lines the funds for the roof could be pulled from including Contingency. Mayor Barnhardt asked whether the decision could be put off until after a meeting in the next couple of weeks with Representative Warren.

There was Board consensus to move forward with getting bids for the Town Hall roof repair project.

New Business

6. Budget Amendment

Legion Building Roof Repair

There was Board discussion regarding the cost, the appropriate line for funding the project, and the process for the repair.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #1 as presented. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

7. Discussion and Possible Action

Growth/Non-Annexation Agreement

The Board reviewed the maps with the proposed lines and discussed the implications of the agreement.

The Board members provided feedback on their availability to hold a meeting for strategic planning. Mayor Barnhardt suggested that the Board tentatively set a date for a strategic meeting on August 31, 2023, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Staff will follow up with Mr. Flowe to see if he is available at that time. Clerk Smith will work with Mayor Barnhardt to put out the appropriate special meeting notices.

~~**8. Proclamation**~~

~~**Louise Crowther 100th Birthday**~~

9. Board Comments

- Alderman Costantino asked about the status of the mural. At the 6/12/2023 meeting, Manager Smith advised that he researched with School of Government experts and Attorney Short, who all agreed there were no statutory exceptions that would allow for use of public funds to place a mural on the private property as proposed; Mayor Barnhardt suggested holding onto the renderings in case an option became available in the future.
- Alderman Shelton suggested that the CAC and Events Committee members be tasked with serving as the advisory committee for the transformational parks projects and the mural. Alderman Shelton volunteered to approach the committees and ask if they would be interested.
- Mayor Barnhardt stated she will continue to keep the Board and Town Manager updated regarding meetings with Representative Warren. Mayor Barnhardt also stated interest in having the NCDOT present to the Board on the bypass project and maps. She stated a willingness to coordinate that presentation.

10. Announcements and Date Reminders

A. Tuesday	August 15	3:30 p.m.	Revitalization Team
B. Monday	August 21	6:00 p.m.	Zoning Board of Adjustment
C. Wednesday	August 23	5:30 p.m.	CRMPO TAC
D. Thursday	August 24	5:30 p.m.	Events Committee
E. Monday	September 4		Labor Day – Town Hall Closed
F. Tuesday	September 5	6:00 p.m.	Planning Board

11. Closed Session

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to N.C. General Statutes Section 143-318.11(a)(5) to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

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

The Board will hold another closed session at the next regular meeting to revisit the discussion of the closed session item.

Adjourn

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

The meeting ended at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aubrey Smith

Town Clerk