



**TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, August 5, 2019**

**Present:** Mayor Bill Feather, Mayor Pro Tem Jim LaFevers, Alderman Jim Costantino and Alderman John Linker

**Staff:** Interim Town Manager Larry Smith, Town Clerk/HR Director Tanya Word, Town Planner Steve Blount, Fire Chief/Maintenance Supervisor Jason Hord, Finance Officer/Planning Coordinator/Events Administrator Shelly Shockley, Town Attorney Chip Short, Deputy Clerk/Finance/HR Analyst Aubrey Smith

**Guests:** James “Dick” Finger of 129 Kerns Street and Gail Marsh of 602 N. Main Street

**Call to Order:** Mayor Feather called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Moment of Silence:** Mayor Feather opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Feather led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. Approval of the Agenda:**

**ACTION:** Alderman Linker made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**2. Approval of the Consent Agenda:**

**a. Approval of the Minutes**

- Regular Board Minutes – July 8, 2019

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

**c. Financial Reports**

**ACTION:** Alderman Costantino made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Pro Tem LaFevers seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**3. Citizen Comments**

James “Dick” Finger of 129 Kerns Street spoke about his concerns over the type of houses that would be built at the corner of Kerns Street and Yadkin Street.

Gail Marsh of 602 N. Main Street asked questions regarding the houses that will be built at the corner of Kerns Street and Yadkin Street. The Board called on the Town Planner to respond to the questions.

**4. Guests and Presentations-** There were no guest presentations.

**5. Town Events**

- a. **Adult Fish 4 Fun** – Friday, August 23, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Granite Lake Park
- b. **Save the Date – Family Fun Fest** – Saturday, October 19, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Civic Park

**6. Public Hearing to consider an incentive request from “Project Profile Trail”**

Scott Shelton of the Rowan County EDC presented preliminary information regarding an incentive request from “Project Profile Trail”.

The company is an existing employer in Rowan County that will retain current employment levels and create 191 new jobs over the next three (3) years. While these numbers are preliminary, the company estimates that it will invest more than \$2 million dollars in new construction and equipment. The company is considering the new spec building in Granite Industrial Park for this expansion.

“Project Profile Trail” would allow the company to substantially increase its employment levels and expand its operations. This project would give the County the opportunity to actively support an existing employer in our community, as well as expand the Town’s tax base.

Mr. Shelton requested that the Board consider continuing the public hearing to the September 3rd meeting to allow him to present the most accurate investment amount to the citizens of Granite Quarry.

*Mayor Feather opened the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.*

No one spoke for or against the incentive request from “Project Profile Trail”.

*Mayor Feather closed the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.*

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem LaFevers made a motion to continue the public hearing to the September 3, 2019 meeting. Alderman Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**7. Town Manager’s Update**

**a. Town Goals Updates/ Town Developments**

Mr. Smith reviewed the progress of the Board’s major goals and projects.

## 8. Old Business

### a. Committee Updates

- i. **Parks and Recreation** – Mayor Pro Tem LaFevers updated the Board on the upcoming PERC events including the Adult Fish for Fun and Fun Fest.
- ii. **Revitalization** – Alderman Linker gave an overview of current Revitalization projects including Town Hall, street paving, sidewalks, and the Town Square.

### b. ORDINANCE NO. 2019-04

An Ordinance of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina, Amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article IX Parks, Events, and Recreation Committee, Section 2-166 through 2-185

Mayor Pro Tem LaFevers commented that the Parks, Events and Recreation Committee reviewed the document and determined the changes wouldn't affect the way the Committee was operating.

**ACTION:** Alderman Linker made a motion to amend the Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article IX Parks, Events, and Recreation Committee, Section 2-166 through 2-185. Mayor Pro Tem LaFevers seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

### c. ORDINANCE NO. 2019-05

An Ordinance of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina, Amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article X Community Appearance Commission, Sections 2-186 through 2-191

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem LaFevers made a motion to amend the Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article X Community Appearance Commission, Sections 2-186 through 2-191. Alderman Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

### d. ORDINANCE NO. 2019-06

An Ordinance of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina, Amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article XI Revitalization Team, Sections 2-192 through 2-199

**ACTION:** Alderman Linker made a motion to amend the Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article XI Revitalization Team, Sections 2-192 through 2-199. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

### e. ORDINANCE NO. 2019-07

An Ordinance of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina, Amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article II Mayor, Section 2-21

**ACTION:** Alderman Linker made a motion to amend the Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article II Mayor, Section 2-21. Mayor Pro Tem LaFevers seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**f. GQ Athletic Club Lease Agreement**

The Board reviewed the updated GQ Athletic Club Lease Agreement. There was discussion regarding the changes.

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem LaFevers made a motion to adopt the agreement as written and give thirty days to secure the insurance certificate. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

There was discussion regarding legal fees. The Town Attorney provided clarification that he billed for two hours at \$250.

**g. Streets and Sidewalks (Paving and Repair) - Discussion**

There was discussion regarding funding for street and sidewalk repair and what areas would be considered priority. Chief Hord addressed the Board regarding options that had been discussed for completing the project. He requested clear direction on what needed to be done.

Mayor Feather proposed borrowing \$350,000 to complete the Streets and Sidewalks Project to be paid back using \$50,000 from the next seven years of Powell Bill funds. That will leave around \$30,000 each year to make other repairs.

**ACTION:** Alderman Costantino made a motion to borrow \$350,000 to complete the Streets and Sidewalks Project to be paid back using \$50,000 from the next seven years of Powell Bill funds. Aldermen Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**9. New Business & Action Items**

**a. Request to receive a check from FEMA**

A request was made to receive a check from FEMA in the amount of \$5,000 to repair a culvert on Railroad Street. Amount will be deposited into account #01-3493-26 (FEMA Projects).

**ACTION:** Alderman Linker made a motion to receive a check from FEMA in the amount of \$5,000 to be deposited into account #01-3493-26 (FEMA Projects). Mayor Pro Tem LaFevers seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**b. Maintenance Department Surplus**

Two (2) Echo trimmers that no longer work, and one (1) Stihl Backpack Blower that needs work and it would be cheaper to purchase a new one.

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem LaFevers made a motion to dispose of two (2) Echo trimmers and one (1) Stihl Backpack Blower. Alderman Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**c. Fire Department Surplus**

- 20 Scott SCBA pacs that have been replaced by MSA SCBA pacs
- 3 old non- working printers
- 2 Dragger gas monitors – Replaced by MSA monitors
- 4 Old laptops – Cleared and info removed
- 2 Old desktops and monitors – Cleared and info removed
- 2006 Chevy Impala – Formerly used as the Chiefs car – high mileage and unused

**ACTION:** Alderman Linker made a motion to dispose of:

- 20 Scott SCBA pacs that have been replaced by MSA SCBA pacs
- 3 old non- working printers
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Mayor Pro Tem LaFevers seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**d. Board Appointment** – Parks, Events and Recreation Committee (PERC) and ZBA

**ACTION:** Alderman Costantino made a motion to appoint Melinda Hege to the Parks, Events and Recreation Committee (PERC) and to reappoint John Linker, Howell Kesler (ETJ), Doug Shelton, and Kelly Smith (ETJ) to the ZBA. Mayor Pro Tem LaFevers seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**e. Presentation on Potential Merger of Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment**

Mr. Blount presented to the Board the possibility that the combined Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment may be larger than existing boards. Mr. Blount spoke about vacancies being excluded from the quorum calculation. He will present a potential text amendment to the Board of Aldermen in the future.

**f. AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Golf Tournament Sponsorship**

The AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary #845 is requesting sponsorship for their Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 7th at McCanless Golf Club. The sponsorship will help AMVETS to raise money to support many of their projects including but not limited to Child Welfare Projects, Scholarship Fund, Veterans Projects and Community Service Projects such as helping the local food bank in Rockwell.

**ACTION:** Alderman Linker made a motion to table the request until the September 3, 2019 Board of Aldermen meeting. Mayor Pro Tem LaFevers seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**10. Board Comments-** There were no comments from the Board.

## 11. Mayor's Notes – Announcements and Date Reminders

- a. Rowan EDC Annual Meeting – Thursday, August 8, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., City Tavern located at 113 E. Fisher St.
- b. Planning Board Meeting – Monday, August 12, 5:30 p.m.
- c. ZBA Meeting – Monday, August 12, 6:30 p.m.
- d. Rowan Chamber Business After Hours – Monday, August 12, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Trinity Oaks, 728 Klumac Rd. Theme: “2020 Vision Back to the Future with the Chamber!”
- e. CCOG Board of Delegates Meeting – Wednesday, August 14, 6:15 p.m.
- f. Parks, Events and Recreation Committee Meeting – Monday, August 19, 5:00 p.m.
- g. Revitalization Team Meeting – Tuesday, August 20, 3:30 p.m.
- h. Adult Fish 4 Fun – Friday, August 23, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Granite Lake Park
- i. Cabarrus-Rowan County MPO Meeting – Wednesday, August 28, 5:30 p.m.
- j. Town Hall Offices Closed – Monday, September 2 – Labor Day
- k. **SAVE THE DATE: Power in Partnership Breakfast Series** – Thursday, September 19, 7:30 a.m., Trinity Oaks
- l. Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting – Tuesday, September 3, 7:00 p.m.
- m. **SAVE THE DATE – Family Fun Fest** – Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Civic Park

## 12. Adjournment

**ACTION:** Alderman Costantino made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem LaFevers seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Aubrey Smith*

Deputy Clerk/Finance/HR Analyst