



**TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, December 2, 2019**

Present: Mayor Bill Feather, Mayor Pro Tem Jim LaFevers, Alderman Jim Costantino, Alderman Kim Cress, Alderman John Linker, Alderman Doug Shelton

Staff: Interim Town Manager Larry Smith, Town Planner Steve Blount, Town Attorney Chip Short, Deputy Clerk Aubrey Smith, Planning Coordinator Holly-Anne Franco, Police Chief Mark Cook, Police Officer Richard Tester

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: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Scout Damien Stephens.

Presentation of Plaque: Mayor Feather presented a plaque to Mayor Pro Tem LaFevers in honor of his years of service.

1. Oath of Office for Mayor

The Oath of Office for Mayor William Feather was administered by Jeffrey R. Barger, Rowan County Clerk of Court.

2. Oath of Office for Aldermen

The Oaths of Office for Aldermen Jim Costantino and Doug Shelton were administered by Jeffrey R. Barger, Rowan County Clerk of Court.

3. Approval of the Organizational Agenda

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

4. Election of Mayor Pro-Tempore

Mayor Feather called for nominations for Mayor Pro-Tempore.

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to elect John Linker as Mayor Pro-Tempore. Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

5. Oath of Office for Mayor Pro-Tempore

The Oath of Office for Mayor Pro Tempore John Linker was administered by Jeffrey R. Barger, Rowan County Clerk of Court.

6. Appointment of Interim Town Clerk

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to appoint Aubrey Smith as Interim Town Clerk. Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

7. Appointment of Town Attorney

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to appoint Chip Short as Town Attorney. Mayor Pro Tem Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

8. Oath of Office for Interim Town Clerk/Town Attorney

It was determined that it wasn't necessary for the Town Attorney and Interim Town Clerk to be sworn in.

9. Appointment of Board Members

1. Board Appointments to the Transportation Advisory Committee for Cabarrus- Rowan MPO: Mayor Feather, Alderman Shelton
2. Board Appointments to the Centralina COG Board of Delegates: Mayor Feather, Alderman Shelton
3. Board Appointments to serve as liaisons to the Revitalization Team: Alderman Costantino, Mayor Pro Tem Linker
4. Board Appointments to serve as liaisons to the Parks, Events, and Recreation Committee: Aldermen Cress and Shelton
5. Board Appointments to serve as liaisons to the Community Appearance Committee: Aldermen Cress and Shelton
6. Board Appointments to the Town Hall Remodeling Committee: Mayor Pro Tem Linker and Alderman Costantino

10. Approval of the Consent Agenda:

a. Approval of the Minutes

- i. Regular Board Meeting Minutes - November 4, 2019
- ii. Called Meeting Minutes – November 22, 2019

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

c. Financial Report

d. Marple Property Offer to Purchase

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

11. Town Events

- a. **Food Drive** – continues until December 31st
- b. **Christmas Trees Go Up Around Granite Lake Park** – now in progress until Friday, December 6th
- c. **Santa at the Park/Tree Lighting** – Saturday, December 7th at Granite Lake Park 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Tree lighting at 5:00 p.m.

12. Citizen Comments- Mayor Ponds congratulated the newly elected Board members and encouraged the Board to work together for the good of the town. She also thanked Mr. LaFevers for his service.

13. Guests and Presentations- There were no guest presentations.

14. Town Manager's Updates

- Town Manager Monthly Report
- Quick Glance Update
- GQ Town Square Presentation
- GQ Town Square Design Recommendation

Mr. Smith reviewed the progress of some of the Board's major goals and projects including the Town Hall and Town Square projects. Mr. Smith passed out a proposed budget calendar for the Board's review.

15. Old Business

a. Committee Updates

- i. **Parks and Recreation** – Alderman Cress had no updates.
- ii. **Revitalization** – Alderman Costantino referred to the updates given by Mr. Smith for the Town Hall and Town Square projects.

16. New Business and Action Items

a. 2020 Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting Schedule

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to approve the 2020 Board of Aldermen Meeting Schedule and 2020 Holiday Schedule as presented. Alderman Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

b. Board of Aldermen Planning/Budget Retreat – Set Date

The Board of Alderman Planning/Budget Retreat date was set for February 21, 2020 by consensus.

c. Board Appointment – Parks, Events, and Recreation Committee (PERC)

The Board received an application from Jim LaFevers.

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to appoint Jim LaFevers to the PERC Committee. Mayor Pro Tem Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

- d. RESOLUTION NO. 2019-23** – Resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina, partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau and the State of North Carolina to support the Goals for the 2020 Census and Disseminate the 2020 Census Information.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-23 for support of the 2020 Census. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

- e. Amendment to ORDINANCE NO. 2019-08** A Moratorium Prohibiting the Establishment and/or Expansion of Sweepstakes Cafes.

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to extend the ending date for the Moratorium prohibiting the establishment and/or expansion of Sweepstakes Cafes to ninety-six (96) days to end January 7, 2020. Mayor Pro Tem Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

17. Board Comments

- Mayor Pro Tem Linker asked for an update on the leaf and limb site and progress on code enforcement. There was Board discussion regarding the enforcement process.
- Alderman Costantino thanked the citizens of Granite Quarry.

18. Mayor's Notes – Announcements and Date Reminders

- a. Food Drive** – Going on now through the end of the month. A collection box is located in the lobby of Town Hall
- b. Rowan Chamber Business After Hours** – Monday, December 9, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Novant Health (Rowan Medical Center), 612 Mocksville Ave. in the lobby.
- c. Planning Board Meeting** – Tuesday, December 9, 5:30 p.m.
- d. Rowan EDC Winter Party** – Thursday, December 12, Morgan Ridge Railwalk, 421 N. Lee Street 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- e. Parks, Events, and Recreation Committee**– Monday, December 16, 5:00 p.m.
- f. Zoning Board of Adjustment** – Monday, December 16, 5:30 p.m.
- g. Revitalization Team Meeting** – Tuesday, December 17, 3:30 p.m.
- h. Cabarrus-Rowan County MPO Meeting** – **NO MEETING DUE TO CHRISTMAS**
- i. Town Hall Offices Closed** –December 25th & 26th in observance of Christmas
- j. Board of Aldermen Meeting** – Monday, January 6, 7:00 p.m.

19. Adjournment

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aubrey Smith

Interim Town Clerk