



**TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
RECESS MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 9, 2020**

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

Staff: Interim Town Manager Larry Smith, Town Planner Steve Blount, Town Clerk Aubrey Smith, Fire Chief/ Maintenance Supervisor Jason Hord, Finance Officer Shelly Shockley

Guest: Architect Danny Ray Norman, Jr. AIA of Ramsay Burgin Smith Architects, Inc

Call to Order: Mayor Feather called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

1. Motion to Come out of Recess

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to come out of recess. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Linker suggested adding discussion of the Water and Sewer Easements with Faith as item 3A.

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

3. Review of Bids for Town Hall Upgrades Project

The bids for the Town Hall Update project were received on Thursday, March 5, 2020. Architect Danny Ray Norman, Jr. AIA of Ramsay Burgin Smith Architects, Inc verified each of the bids and bidders as “responsive” and “responsible”, respectively.

The Board reviewed the tabulation of bids and the architect’s recommendation. There was discussion regarding the price of the project being higher than anticipated and the possibility of a budget amendment should it become necessary. Mr. Smith answered questions from the Board regarding the HUB reporting requirements necessary if the project exceeded \$300,000.

Mr. Norman answered questions from the Board including what the bid amount covered and the timeframe for completion. It would include the canopy, lighting, signage, and two light poles. It would not include landscaping and the side parking lot. It would be roughly a four-month project after the contracts are complete.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to award the Town Hall Façade Upgrades contract to Vertex Construction Company for the base bid of \$298,120. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

A. Discussion of Water and Sewer Easements with Faith

The Board discussed the water easement, location, history, and what was required of the Town. Mr. Smith and Mr. Short are working to resolve the issue by reaching out to the property owners, the engineer, and SRU. Mr. Smith will know more later in the week and be able to update the Board.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion that the Manager and Attorney be the only people involved in the discussions going forward. Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Board discussed recessing today's meeting until Wednesday, March 11, 2020 to discuss the matter further.

There was Board discussion regarding the sewer line and whether an agreement with Faith was made. There is no formal agreement. Mr. Smith will follow up on the sewer line easement as well.

4. Closed Session

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to enter Closed Session pursuant to N.C. GS Section 143-318.11(a)(5)(ii) to discuss the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to leave Closed Session pursuant to N.C. GS Section 143-318.11(a)(5)(ii) to discuss the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract. Alderman Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Action Taken in Closed Session:

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to approve the employment contract for Larry Smith as Town Manager. Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Recess

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to recess until Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

The meeting was recessed at 4:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aubrey Smith
Town Clerk