



**TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 6, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

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

Not Present: Alderman Jim Costantino

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

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 Mayor Feather.

1. Approval of the Agenda

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

2. Approval of the Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the Minutes

- 1) Regular Meeting Minutes June 1, 2020
- 2) Special Called Meeting Minutes Budget Workshop June 11, 2020
- 3) Recess Meeting Minutes Budget Workshop June 18, 2020
- 4) Special Called Meeting Minutes Budget Public Hearing June 22, 2020

B. Departmental Reports

~~C. Financial Reports~~ *pulled from consent agenda for discussion*

D. Board and Committee Reappointments

Reappointments to Parks, Events, and Recreation Committee; Revitalization Team; and Planning Board for current members with expiring terms who have requested reappointment.

ACTION: Alderman Shelton made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the Financial Reports pulled for review. Mayor Pro Tem Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

3. Discussion **Financial Reports**

Alderman Shelton asked questions regarding the JPA budget. After discussion, there was Board consensus to call another JPA meeting to review the budget once the audit is complete.

4. Citizen Comments - There were no citizen comments.

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

6. Town Manager's Update

Mr. Smith reviewed with the Board items that were included in his report.

A. Policies

1) Powell Bill Policy

The draft Powell Bill policy was added for the Board's consideration.

2) Easement Negotiation Policy

The draft Easement Negotiation Policy was reviewed.

3) Longevity Bonus Policy

Mr. Smith shared the drafted Longevity Bonus Policy.

Mayor Feather recommended adding the policies to the next month's agenda as action items.

B. Boards and Committees

Mr. Smith asked for the Board's direction on whether to decrease the number of members on the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The Board consensus was to lower the number of Zoning Board of Adjustment members to seven and to keep the Planning Board membership numbers the same.

C. Quarterly Goals Review

Mr. Smith asked the Board if there were any questions regarding the goals and projects spreadsheet.

D. Strategic Planning Discussions

The Board will set the date for a strategic planning session to review future goals and projects.

E. Byrd Property Plaque

Mr. Smith shared that the Byrd Road Property Plaque was closed out at \$544.20, which was less than what had been allocated for the project.

F. Fire Department Vehicle

Mr. Smith shared an update on the plans to purchase the Fire Department vehicle. The F150 was no longer available, but an F250 could be purchased for a lower amount than was approved in the adopted budget.

Old Business

7. Committee Updates

A. Parks and Recreation

Alderman Shelton shared that, based on the minutes, PERC was on track.

B. Revitalization

The Revitalization Team did not meet in June.

- 8. Resolution 2020-07 Adoption of Non-Profit Organization Funding Policy**
The policy wording has been amended to reflect the language recommended at the last regular meeting. There was Board discussion regarding whether there should be a cut off date for request submissions.

ACTION: Alderman Cress made a motion to table Resolution 2020-07 until next month. Alderman Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

New Business

- 9. Resolution 2020-08 Adoption of Iredell-Rowan Hazard Mitigation Plan**
A Resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina, to adopt the Iredell-Rowan Hazard Mitigation Plan.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-08 as presented. Alderman Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

- 10. Ordinance 2020-09 Repeal and Reserve Chapter 7 Businesses**
An Ordinance repealing and reserving Ch. 7 Businesses of the Code of Ordinances after discontinuation of the Business Registration program.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-09 as presented. Alderman Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

- 11. Discussion Central Business District Zoning**
The Board discussed undeveloped Light Industrial properties adjacent to the CBD. There was Board consensus to send the issue to the Planning Board for review.

- 12. Discussion Board Policy Discussion on Rights of Way Mowing**
Mayor Feather requested Board direction for the Maintenance Department on what rights of way the Board would like to adopt as town maintenance areas. Board discussion included areas that have been mowed in the past and Chief Hord's description of what areas are being maintained now. There was Board consensus that the Maintenance Department should use discretion on areas outside of the main corridors and be mindful of their safety.

- 13. Set Meeting Date Strategic Planning**
The Board scheduled the strategic planning session for Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

- 14. Board Comments**
- Alderman Shelton gave kudos to staff for having the preliminary July numbers prepared last week.

- 15. Mayor's Notes Announcements and Date Reminders**
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| A. Monday, July 13 | 6:00 p.m. | Planning Board |
| B. Monday, July 20 | 5:00 p.m. | Parks, Events, and Recreation Committee |
| C. Tuesday, July 21 | 3:30 p.m. | Revitalization Team |
| D. Saturday, July 25 | | Dragon Boat Festival |

16. 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 Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

ACTION: Alderman Cress made a motion to return to open session. Mayor Pro Tem Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The following action was taken in closed session:

The Board gave direction for the Town Manager and Town Attorney to start negotiations based on the amount presented.

Adjourn

ACTION: Alderman Cress made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The meeting ended at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aubrey Smith

Town Clerk