



**TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, February 8, 2021  
7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Mayor Bill Feather, Mayor Pro Tem John Linker, Alderman Jim Costantino (*via video conference*), Alderman Kim Cress, Alderman Doug Shelton

**Staff:** Town Manager Larry Smith, Town Clerk Aubrey Smith, Town Attorney Chip Short, Fire Chief/Public Works Supervisor Jason Hord, Police Chief Mark Cook, Finance Officer Shelly Shockley, Town Planner Steve Blount

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

**Determination of Quorum / Announcing Remote Participants:** Mayor Feather determined there was a quorum present. Alderman Costantino connected through the video conferencing platform.

**Moment of Silence:** Mayor Feather led a moment of silence.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Scout Tucker Fisher, Troop 379.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

There was discussion regarding a request to remove the closed session item from the agenda.

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of item 18-Closed Session. Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**2. Approval of the Consent Agenda**

**A. Approval of the Minutes**

- 1) Regular Meeting Minutes January 11, 2021

**B. Departmental Reports**

**C. Financial Reports**

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**3. Citizen Comments**

- Richard Luhrs, 802 N. Main GQ Street – asked the Board to move forward with the Planning Board’s recommendation to appoint Mike Brinkley.

**4. Guests and Presentations**

**Space Needs Assessment Presentation**

**Danny Ray Norman, Jr., AIA**

Architect Danny Ray Norman, Jr. spoke about the space needs assessment. Mr. Norman handed out a color copy of the plans in addition to the black and white version included in the agenda packet. He pointed out that the plans were ADA compliant and were designed to address space needs for at least the next ten years, possibly twenty to thirty years.

Mayor Pro Tem Linker asked about the design of the fire department stairs which Mr. Norman said could be addressed. Alderman Shelton asked about the necessity of the patio. Mr. Norman stated it wouldn't hurt the design plan if it was just a roof instead. Alderman Shelton asked what portions of the upstairs plan would be tied to downstairs if the redesign was split. Mr. Norman stated the elevator, stairwells, and plumbing would be the largest items.

**5. Town Manager's Update**

Manager Smith referenced his report in the agenda packet and asked the Board for direction on postponing the Planning Retreat after feedback was received from individual Board members. By Board consensus, the new Planning Retreat date was set for Friday, March 19, 2021. The Budget Workshop date was set for Thursday, March 25, 2021. A draft agenda will be sent to the Board for review.

Manager Smith referenced an addendum that he emailed to the Board and handed out regarding the Lake Park wall repair. Repairs to the retaining wall near the steps and the steps themselves were estimated at \$2,400. Manager Smith stated that unless the Board had any objections, the plan was to proceed with these repairs.

Repairs to the wall along Highway 52 were estimated between \$8,500 and \$10,000. This repair will require more extensive drainage, footings, and backfill work, so the contractor advised the Town to wait until summer to dry this area out as much as possible first. Staff is therefore planning this repair in the upcoming fiscal year budget to be handled in July. Alderman Shelton was in favor of taking care of the full repairs in the current fiscal year. Mayor Feather stated the repair to the retaining wall along Highway 52 should be revisited at the March meeting.

**Old Business**

**None**

**New Business**

**6. Agreement**

**Southern Software**

Annual Support Agreement for existing software for 2021-2022 (September 14, 2021 – September 13, 2022) in the amount of \$3,011.00

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to approve. Alderman Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**7. LI Rezoning Update**

Planner Blount shared an update on the LI Rezoning process and made the Board aware of items recommended for approval by the Planning Board that will be brought before the Board of Aldermen at the regular meeting in March.

*Alderman Costantino stepped away from his computer at 7:40 p.m. and returned at 7:46 p.m.*

Public Hearings will be scheduled for the March meeting to provide residents an opportunity to comment on each proposed item.

**8. Planning Board Appointment Recommendation**

The Board of Aldermen reviewed the recommendation from the Planning Board that Mike Brinkley be appointed to the vacant Planning Board town resident seat with an expiration of 7/31/2023.

**ACTION:** Alderman Shelton made a motion to accept the Planning Board's recommendation. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-2. Alderman Shelton and Alderman Costantino were in favor. Mayor Pro Tem Linker and Alderman Cress were opposed. Mayor Feather broke the tie and voted in favor.

**9. Community Appearance Commission Appointment Recommendation**

The Board of Aldermen reviewed the recommendation from the Community Appearance Commission that Semone Brisson be appointed to the vacant Community Appearance Commission ETJ seat with an expiration of 7/31/2021.

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to approve Semone Brisson as the appointee to the Community Appearance Commission. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**10. NCDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant**

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to proceed with the NCDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant award. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**11. Clyde Adams Memorial Plaque Options Chief Cook**

The Board discussed the options and materials for the Clyde Adams memorial plaque presented by Chief Cook in the agenda packet. There was Board consensus to move forward with the indoor option for now and revisit the idea of an outdoor plaque after a future remodel.

**12. Additional Street Light Proposal Chief Hord**

Chief Hord presented his recommendations for additional street lighting and answered questions from the Board regarding cost, placement, and design.

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to approve all the street lighting requests, with the exception of the lighting on the streets near the Credit Union that will be looked at further. Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**13. Annexation Municipal-Owned Satellite Properties**

Staff recommended a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-01, stating the intent of the Town to annex Town-owned satellite property and setting the date for public hearing on the matter for April 12, 2021.

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

**14. Annexation Petition for Voluntary Satellite Annexation**

Staff recommended a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-02, directing the Clerk to investigate a petition received under North Carolina General Statutes 160A-58.1.

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to approve the petition for voluntary satellite annexation. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**15. Offer to Purchase Town-Owned Property 352 061**

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to decline the Offer to Purchase parcel 352 061 from an interested party. Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**16. Board Comments**

- Alderman Costantino thanked everyone for thoughts, prayers, calls, and cards during his and Brenda’s illness.
- Alderman Shelton questioned the reasoning behind the decision to remove the closed session item from the agenda. Alderman Costantino stated that he would like to be present for the closed session. Alderman Shelton asked Town Attorney Chip Short if there was anything legal prohibiting a closed session to discuss personnel issues. Attorney Short said there was nothing preventing it. He added that, without knowing who they were talking about, the Board needed to keep in mind that employees were under the Manager and certain decisions were not the Board’s to make.

**17. Mayor’s Notes**

**Announcements and Date Reminders**

<b>A.</b>	Wednesday, February 10	5:00 p.m.	Centralina Board of Delegates (virtual)
<b>B.</b>	Thursday, February 11	6:00 p.m.	Community Appearance Commission
<del><b>C.</b></del>	<del>Friday, February 12</del>		<del>BoA Planning Retreat</del>
<b>D.</b>	Monday, February 15	5:00 p.m.	Parks, Events, and Recreation Committee
<del><b>E.</b></del>	<del>Monday, February 15</del>	<del>5:30 p.m.</del>	<del>Zoning Board of Adjustment</del>
<b>F.</b>	Tuesday, February 16	3:30 p.m.	Revitalization Team
<b>G.</b>	Thursday, February 18	7:30 a.m.	Rowan Chamber Power in Partnership Webinar
<b>H.</b>	Wednesday, February 24	5:30 p.m.	Cabarrus-Rowan County MPO TAC
<b>I.</b>	Monday, March 1	6:00 p.m.	Planning Board
<b>J.</b>	Monday, March 8	5:00 p.m.	Rowan Chamber Business After Hours

**Adjourn**

**ACTION:** Alderman Costantino made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. The meeting ended at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aubrey Smith  
Town Clerk