



**TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 15, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

Present: Mayor Brittany Barnhardt, Alderman Jim Costantino, Alderman Kim Cress, Alderman Doug Shelton

Not Present: Mayor Pro Tem John Linker

Staff: Town Manager Larry Smith, Town Clerk Aubrey Smith, Town Attorney Chip Short, Police Chief Mark Cook, Fire Chief / Public Works Director Jason Hord

Call to Order: Mayor Barnhardt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Moment of Silence: Mayor Barnhardt led a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Scouts Daniel Frick and Levi Frick of Troop 324.

1. Approval of the Agenda

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to approve the agenda. 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 January 10, 2022

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

C. Financial Reports (*Reports in Board packet*)

D. Appointment of Laurie Mack and Angie Nee to the Zoning Board of Adjustment

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Alderman Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

3. Citizen Comments – There were no citizen comments.

4. Town Manager's Update

Manager Smith reviewed highlights from his report in the agenda packet including scheduling of the Rowan Municipal Association meeting in either the second or third quarter of the year. It was the consensus of the Board that the Manager determine an appropriate meeting time based on COVID guidance and availability of the venue.

Old Business

5. Review Local Emergency Paid Sick Leave Policy

The Board reviewed the sample policy included in the packet. Discussion included whether the end date should be extended through the end of the calendar year.

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to approve (as written). Alderman Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

6. Presentation NCLM, Harold Owen

Mr. Owen had a conflict arise and was unable to attend the meeting.

7. Resolution 2021-14 Finance Internal Control Policy

The Board discussed the policy that was originally presented at the July 12, 2021 meeting. Alderman Shelton suggested modification of paragraph three in section 3.2. Manager Smith recommended changing the word "Manager" to "Mayor" if the Board wanted to implement Alderman Shelton's feedback.

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to approve (Resolution 2021-14 adopting the new Town Internal Controls Policy). Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion failed 0-3.

ACTION: Alderman Shelton made a motion to accept the policy with the modification of paragraph three of part 3.2 (to replace the word "Manager" with "Mayor"). Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

8. Resolution 2021-16 Check Signatures

Because of the modification made to the adopted Internal Controls Policy, Resolution 2021-16 was unnecessary.

New Business

9. Presentation Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Jon Wood with Alfred Benesch & Company shared his presentation on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan draft that was included in the agenda packet.

There was discussion regarding available grants. Mr. Wood stated that currently PARTF and LWCF were good funding opportunities. Carolina Thread Trail was cited as a funding source for greenways. Mayor Barnhardt asked whether the response to the survey was adequate. Mr. Wood responded that the responses were from throughout the community. The needs assessment report with statistics will be included as an appendix to the Plan.

Alderman Shelton stated he felt the Board should discuss different parts of the Plan and its implications at the upcoming planning retreat. Mayor Barnhardt stated she would like to invite Mr. Wood back for

that discussion as well. Manager Smith asked for Board direction on having Mr. Wood attend the retreat session since it would alter the scope of services. All Board members expressed interest in having him attend. Mr. Wood stated that he would talk with Manager Smith about the amendment to the scope of services. It was requested that the Board send questions regarding the Plan to the Town Clerk.

10. Presentation **Working Ag Lands Plan**

Amy-Lynn Albertson, the Rowan County Extension Director, shared her presentation on the Working Ag Lands Plan. Director Albertson asked that Granite Quarry help with promoting the associated survey.

11. Budget Amendment #8 **Fuel**

To increase Fund Balance Appropriated (01-3991-99) and increase Police – Fuel (01-4310-20), Fire – Fuel (01-4340-20), and Public Works – Fuel (01-4190-20) in amounts not to exceed \$4,500, \$500, and \$4,500 respectively for inflated and continuously rising fuel costs. Staff will make every effort to use existing department budgets when allowable and practical.

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #8. Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

12. Budget Amendment #9 **Governing Body**

To decrease Governing Body – Board Contingency (01-4110-97) and increase Governing Body - Training (01-4110-31), Governing Body – Dues and Subscriptions (01-4110-40) and Governing Body – Special Projects (01-4110-60) by \$1,338.00 for additional Board member training, Power in Partnership attendance, and Rowan Municipal Association expenses, respectively.

ACTION: Alderman Shelton made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #9. Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

13. Budget Amendment #10 **PW Vehicle Purchase**

To increase Fund Balance Appropriated (01-3991-99) and increase Public Works – Cap Outlay - Vehicles (01-4190-54) in an amount not to exceed \$7,000. If approved, the total Public Works – Cap Outlay – Vehicles budget will not exceed \$44,000.

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #10. Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

14. Discussion **Moratoriums**

ACTION: Alderman Cress made a motion to table the item until the next meeting. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Alderman Shelton asked for Attorney Short’s opinion on what the Board could and could not do regarding moratoriums targeted to particular areas or for particular types of things. Attorney Short stated he would speak with Manager Smith and would provide information by the meeting next month.

15. Board Comments

- Alderman Shelton stated he would like to have additional days scheduled for the Planning Retreat to focus on specific topics including the Parks Plan.
 - Mayor Barnhardt stated she would like to see the agenda from Centralina before scheduling additional dates.
 - Alderman Cress stated he believes multiple short retreat sessions would be beneficial.

16. Announcements and Date Reminders

A.	Thursday	February 17	7:30 a.m.	Rowan Chamber Power in Partnership Breakfast
B.	Monday	February 21	5:00 p.m.	Parks, Events, and Recreation Committee
C.	Monday	February 21	5:00 p.m.	Rowan Chamber Business After Hours
D.	Monday	February 21	5:30 p.m.	Zoning Board of Adjustment
E.	Wednesday	February 23	5:30 p.m.	Cabarrus Rowan County MPO TAC
F.	Friday	February 25	9:00 a.m.	Planning Retreat
G.	Friday	March 4	9:00 a.m.	Planning Retreat
H.	Saturday	March 5	6:30 p.m.	Volunteer & Staff Banquet
I.	Monday	March 7	6:00 p.m.	Planning Board
J.	Wednesday	March 9	5:00 p.m.	Centralina Executive Board Meeting virtual
K.	Thursday	March 10	6:00 p.m.	Community Appearance Commission
L.	Saturday	March 26	8a.m.-12p.m.	Mulch Giveaway, Mar Rock Drive
M.	Saturday	April 9	11:30 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
N.	Thurs-Sat	May 12-14		Dumpsters, Mar Rock Drive

Adjournment

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Cress seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aubrey Smith

Town Clerk