



**TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 13, 2024 6:00 p.m.**

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Doug Shelton, Alderman John Linker, Alderwoman Laurie Mack, Alderman Rich Luhrs

Not Present: Mayor Brittany Barnhardt

Staff: Interim Town Manager/Fire Chief/Public Works Director Jason Hord, Town Clerk Aubrey Smith, Town Attorney Zachary Moretz, Finance Officer Shelly Shockley, Police Chief Mark Cook

Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tem Shelton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Moment of Silence: Mayor Pro Tem Shelton led a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Linker.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Shelton suggested adding an agenda item under New Business to discuss dates for budget workshops.

ACTION: Alderman Luhrs made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition (*of a New Business item to schedule budget workshops*). Alderwoman Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

2. Approval of the Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the Minutes

- 1) Regular Meeting April 8, 2024
- 2) Closed Session April 8, 2024 (*handout*)
- 3) Budget Workshop April 22, 2024

B. Departmental Reports

C. Financial Reports

D. Scope of Services – Centralina Town Manager Search Process

Alderman Luhrs stated he would like to add some things to the minutes (*April 22, 2024*) that were not included. He provided an email with the specific statements which was presented to the Board members as a *handout*.

ACTION: Alderman Luhrs made a motion to approve the Budget Workshop minutes from April 22, 2024 with the additions (*included as an attachment to the minutes in the minute book*). Alderman Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

ACTION: Alderman Luhrs made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Alderwoman Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

3. **Public Comments** – There were no public comments.

4. **Town Manager’s Update**

Interim Town Manager Jason Hord shared highlights from the Town Manager’s Update in the agenda packet. The TAP project RFQs are being reviewed by the DOT; the cost estimate from the engineer will be given to the DOT once it is received. There was a meeting with Salisbury-Rowan Utilities on future projects last week. The PARTF grant application was hand-delivered in Raleigh. A roof leak was discovered at the Civic Park shelter and estimates for the repair have been received; the cost should be covered within the current park budget. Manager Hord shared that the Litter Sweep and Arts in the Park were both successful and that the wayfinding signs have been sent out for bid. Installation of the wayfinding signs is planned for late August or September.

5. **Public Hearing**

Zoning Map Amendment 2024-05-13 Drye

A. **Staff Summary**

Interim Town Manager Jason Hord summarized the Zoning Map Amendment application for parcel 648 185 from Industrial (IND) to Main Street (MS). He provided a handout from the GQDO defining the Main Street and Industrial districts. The Board members discussed the location of the property, the current zoning classification of the property, that there was an adopted list of uses for the classification, and that portions of the property did fall into a floodplain.

B. **Public Hearing**

- 1) Opened: Mayor Pro Tem Shelton opened the public hearing at 6:14 p.m.
 - Mr. Drye, the applicant, spoke in favor of the rezoning and explained the reasoning behind the request. Mr. Drye stated he felt the Main Street zoning classification fit into the town’s plan. Mr. Drye owns two additional lots on the same road frontage (one directly adjacent) that are already zoned MS.
- 2) Closed: Mayor Pro Tem Shelton closed the public hearing at 6:18 p.m.

C. **Board Discussion and Decision**

Board members discussed their individual opinions on the proposed rezoning. Alderman Luhrs stated he didn’t see a downside and felt that MS was appropriate for that area. Alderwoman Mack stated she agreed. Alderman Linker applauded the applicant for working with the town to move forward toward the vision for that area.

ACTION: Alderman Luhrs made a motion to adopt Ordinance ZMA-2024-05-13 as presented (*in the agenda packet with the statement of consistency and reasonableness*). Alderman Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Old Business

None

New Business

6. **Consideration of Regular Meeting Schedule Change**

Manager Hord stated that Mayor Barnhardt asked that a change to the regular meeting schedule be considered to eliminate an issue with conflicts concerning planning-related items. After speaking with each board member and the contracted planner, Manager Hord recommended the second Wednesday of each month. Alderwoman Mack stated she was unavailable Wednesday evenings. Mayor Pro Tem Shelton suggested adding a second meeting each month just for planning-related items. Alderman Luhrs asked about switching the Planning Board and Town Council meetings. There were questions regarding Mr. Flowe’s availability and alternatives including another representative from N-Focus being present

for the meetings. Alderman Luhrs requested that the contract with N-Focus be reviewed for the organization's obligations to the Town.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Shelton made a motion that the item be held over to the next board meeting. Alderman Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

7. Scheduling Budget Workshops

Manager Hord stated that staff was proposing a meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21st for budget discussion and direction and another at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, May 23rd for the budget presentation. After discussion, there was consensus that the meetings would be called for Tuesday, May 21st at 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday, May 22nd at 3:00 p.m. Clerk Smith will work with Mayor Pro Tem Shelton to get the appropriate notices signed, sent out, and posted.

8. Proclamations

Mayor Pro Tem Shelton recognized the proclamations included in the agenda packet.

- A. Mental Health Awareness Month May
- B. National Police Week May 12-18
- C. Peace Officers Memorial Day May 15
- D. Public Works Week May 19-25

9. Board Comments

- Alderman Linker recommended the Planning Board review the permitted uses table in the GQDO. There was Board consensus to give that direction.
 - Alderman Luhrs stated he felt the GQDO was a guiding document that should be reviewed annually.
- Mayor Pro Tem Shelton asked that the schedule of fees and other attachments be sent out with the draft budget.

10. Announcements and Date Reminders

- A. Tuesday May 14 6:00 a.m. 2nd Primary Election
- B. Thursday May 16 7:30 a.m. Chamber Power in Partnership Breakfast
- C. Thursday May 16 9:00 a.m. Dumpsters for Residents at Quarry
- D. Friday May 17 9:00 a.m. Dumpsters for Residents at Quarry
- E. Saturday May 18 8:00 a.m. Dumpsters for Residents at Quarry
- F. Wednesday May 22 5:30 p.m. CRMPO TAC Meeting
- G. Monday May 27 Memorial Day – Town Offices Closed
- H. Monday June 3 6:00 p.m. Planning Board
- I. Monday June 3 6:15 p.m. Board of Adjustment
- J. Saturday June 8 9:00 a.m. Fish for Fun

Adjournment

ACTION: Alderman Linker made a motion to adjourn. Alderwoman Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. The meeting ended at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aubrey Smith

Town Clerk