



**TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY
TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 22, 2024 10:00 a.m.**

Present: Mayor Brittany Barnhardt, Mayor Pro Tem Doug Shelton, Council Member Laurie Mack, Council Member Rich Luhrs

Not Present: Council Member John Linker

Staff: Interim Town Manager/Fire Chief/Public Works Director Jason Hord; Town Clerk Aubrey Smith; Finance Director Shelly Shockley

Call to Order: Mayor Barnhardt called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

ACTION: Council Member Luhrs made a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

2. Closed Session

TM Applicants Discussion

ACTION: Council Member Luhrs made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5)&(6) to discuss material terms of a proposed employment contract and/or to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of a prospective public officer or employee. Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Council entered closed session at 10:01 a.m.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Shelton made a motion to return to open session. Council Member Luhrs seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Council returned to open session at 11:32 a.m.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Shelton made a motion to take a short recess. Council Member Luhrs seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Council recessed at 11:32 a.m.

The Council returned from recess at 11:41 a.m.

ACTION: Council Member Luhrs made a motion to return from recess. Mayor Pro Tem Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

3. Discussion/Possible Action

Fire Truck Purchasing Contract

Town Manager Hord stated the reason for having the Council review the purchasing contract at this special meeting was because there would be a price increase of 2.5% before the next regular meeting. The drafted contract commits the Town to the purchase of the Pierce Fire Truck and states the Town has 30 days to establish financing. Manager Hord was told by Atlantic Emergency Solutions that the Town could actually take 3-6 months to arrange financing. Council members asked for that wording to be included in the purchasing contract. The Council discussed financing options and amounts with Finance Director Shockley and Manager Hord. There was consensus for a financing contract for a 10-year term to be added to the August agenda.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Shelton made a motion to approve *(the Atlantic Emergency Solutions purchasing contract for the Pierce Fire Truck)* with the caveat in writing that the Town is not being held strictly to 30 days to arrange financing. Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Adjournment

ACTION: Council Member Luhrs made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. The meeting ended at 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aubrey Smith

Town Clerk