



**TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY
TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, December 9, 2024 5:00 p.m.**

Present: Mayor Brittany Barnhardt, Mayor Pro Tem Doug Shelton, Council Member John Linker, Council Member Laurie Mack, Council Member Rich Luhrs, Town Manager Jason Hord, Town Clerk Aubrey Smith

Call to Order: Mayor Barnhardt called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

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

2. Discussion

Grant Writing Proposal – Colliers Engineering and Design

Manager Hord stated he found a grant writing management team, Colliers Engineering and Design. He asked if the Council was interested in him working with the team to get a quote on their services for a specific grant. Mayor Barnhardt stated Manager Hord had spent a lot of time researching grants, grant writers, and putting together project information. Manager Hord provided a priority project list for reference. Mayor Barnhardt stated she asked Manager Hord to add the current item to the Council agenda to make sure there was Council support to move forward. Manager Hord shared that most grant writers require an upfront fee and then a percentage of an awarded grant.

Council Member Linker joined the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

The Council asked clarifying questions regarding funding and how the grant writing and application process would work. There was a Council consensus for Manager Hord to bring back a quote for grant writing services. Manager Hord will bring the information to the January meeting.

3. Presentation

Electus Governmental Affairs

Mayor Barnhardt shared how she was introduced to Dodie Renfer of Electus Governmental Affairs and stated that today would be an opportunity to hear about their services and ask questions. The Council heard from Dodie Renfer and Kim Walawender of Electus Governmental Affairs regarding their backgrounds and read their presentation regarding contracting with them for lobbyist services. Council Member Luhrs requested a list of some of the types of results they have gotten from their work so far.

Adjournment

ACTION: Council Member Luhrs made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. The meeting ended at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aubrey Smith

Town Clerk