



**TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY
TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 13, 2025 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 5:01 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

ACTION: Council Member Linker made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Luhrs seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

2. Discussion

Electus Governmental Affairs

Mayor Barnhardt reopened the discussion regarding contracting with Electus Governmental Affairs for lobbyist services. All Council members believed having a lobbyist would be beneficial. Individual members shared their opinions on whether having a lobbyist would be worth the cost and some stated concern over the priority of Granite Quarry's projects.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Shelton made a motion to approve the contract as written to engage this company (*Electus Governmental Affairs*). Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Shelton made a motion to approve Budget Amendment FY24-25 #4 in the amount of \$20,000. Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Council Member Linker stated he felt there was a need for an additional staff member to take on projects associated with strategic planning and grant writing. The Council discussed possibilities and the importance of having a priority list of projects.

Adjournment

ACTION: Council Member Linker made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Luhrs seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. The meeting ended at 5:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aubrey Smith

Town Clerk