

TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Monday, March 10, 2025 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Doug Shelton, Council Member John Linker, Council Member Laurie Mack, Council Member Rich Luhrs

Staff: Town Manager/Fire Chief Jason Hord; Town Attorney Zachary Moretz; Finance Director Shelly Shockley; Police Chief Todd Taylor; Public Works Director Colton Fries; Office Assistant/Event Coordinator Debbie Loflin-Benge; Planning, Zoning, and Subdivision Administrator Richard Flowe

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 Mayor Pro Tem Shelton.

1. Approval of the Agenda

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

2. Approval of the Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the Minutes

- 1) Regular Meeting February 10, 2025
- 2) Closed Session February 10, 2025 (handout)
- 3) Planning Retreat February 26, 2025

B. Departmental Reports

C. Financial Reports

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

3. Public Comments – There were no public comments.

4. Town Manager's Update

Manager Hord shared highlights from the Town Manager's report in the agenda packet including congratulating Public Works Director Colton Fries on his pesticide certification. The GQSOLID Award nomination period has opened and nominations are being received. Manager Hord completed the grant request for the Blanche and Julian Robertson Foundation. April 14, 2025 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. there will be a drop-in reception before the Regular Council meeting to meet the Council members and staff. The Granite Quarry Fire Department Auxiliary has updated its bylaws and changed its name to the Granite Quarry Public Safety Auxiliary. It now supports the fire department and the police department. A list for ADA ramp improvements is being compiled. There are measures in place to try to reduce speed on Crowell

Lane and Brookwood Drive. A draft version of an updated contract with Faith for police services has been created and vetted by Attorney Moretz. The contract will be sent to Faith for review.

Manager Hord stated the newest full-time firefighter is Alex Crowley. Firefighter Crowley was formerly a volunteer with the department.

Manager Hord and Chief Taylor recognized the winners of the annual awards for the departments:

Junior Firefighter of the Year – Braxton Chambers

Rookie Firefighter of the Year – Engineer Chris Paton

Veteran Firefighter of the Year – Engineer Allen Bennett

Fire Officer of the Year – Captain James Garris

David H. Earnhardt, Jr. Officer of the Year – Officer Matthew Osborne

Police Chief's Award - Officer Joshua Atkins

Top Gun Award – Sergeant Gregory McKinney

Old Business

5. Draft Ordinance

Zoning Map Amendment 2025-02-10-3 Troutman

Mr. Flowe reintroduced the request Zoning Map Amendment and provided an updated ordinance and map as a handout. The ordinance is an amendment to the existing Conditional Troutman TNDO. He pointed out the new street alignment. The public hearing on the ZMA was held at last month's meeting. The issue regarding the three-foot reserve strip has been resolved. Mr. Kostadinov of S&M Financial Group, LLC addressed the Council and confirmed that a contract had been signed. The Town has been given a copy for the record. Council discussion included questions on specifics of the project regarding connectivity, sewer placement, and the number of lots.

ACTION: Council Member Linker made a motion to adopt Ordinance ZMA 2025-02-10-3. Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

New Business

6. Budget Amendment

Centennial Park Survey

The Budget Amendment for the Centennial Park survey was presented and discussed. Council consensus was given at the February meeting to move forward with the survey.

ACTION: Council Member Linker made a motion to approve Budget Amendment FY24-25 #7 as presented. Council Member Luhrs seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

7. Council Comments

- Mayor Pro Tem Shelton stated a date needed to be selected for the next budget meeting. He proposed March 27, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. There was Council consensus to hold the meeting at that time.
- Council Member Linker asked whether a survey was needed for the Civic Park. Manager Hord stated that it had been necessary and was completed.

8. Announcements and Date Reminders

Α.	wednesday	March 12	5:00 p.m.	Centralina Executive Board
В.	Wednesday	March 12	5:30 p.m.	Community Appearance Commission
C.	Tuesday	March 18	5:00 p.m.	Chamber 100th Anniversary Celebration

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D	Thursday	March 20	7:30 a.m.	Chamber Power in Partnership Breakfast
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Ε.	Wednesday	March 26	5:30 p.m.	CRMPO TAC
F.	Tuesday	April 1	5:30 p.m.	Events Committee
G.	Saturday	April 5	9:00 a.m.	Resident Mulch Giveaway
Н.	Monday	April 7	6:00 p.m.	Planning Board
I.	Monday	April 7	6:15 p.m.	Board of Adjustment
J.	Wednesday	April 9	5:30 p.m.	Community Appearance Commission
K.	Saturday	April 12	9:00 a.m.	Litter Sweep
L.	Monday	April 14	4:00 p.m.	Meet the Granite Quarry Officials Event

Adjournment

ACTION: Council Member Luhrs made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. The meeting ended at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aubrey Smith
Town Clerk