



**TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 11, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

Present: Mayor Bill Feather, Mayor Pro Tem John Linker, Alderman Kim Cress, Alderman Doug Shelton
(via video conferencing)

Not Present: Alderman Jim Costantino

Staff: Town Manager Larry Smith, Town Clerk Aubrey Smith, Town Attorney Chip Short (via video conferencing), Fire Chief/ Maintenance Supervisor Jason Hord, Police Chief Mark Cook, Finance Officer Shelly Shockley, Town Planner Steve Blount

Call to Order: Mayor Feather called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Determination of Quorum / Announcing Remote Participants: Mayor Feather determined there was a quorum present after Alderman Shelton announced his participation via the video conferencing platform. Mayor Feather updated the Board on Alderman Costantino's health condition. He and his wife are both still in the hospital.

Moment of Silence: Mayor Feather led a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Feather.

1. Approval of the Agenda

There was discussion regarding a request that had been submitted by Alderman Shelton to add NCLM Advocacy Goals as an action item.

ACTION: Alderman Cress made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of NCLM Advocacy Goals as item 12A. Mayor Pro Tem Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

2. Approval of the Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the Minutes

1) Regular Meeting Minutes December 7, 2020

B. Departmental Reports

C. Financial Reports

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

3. Citizen Comments

- Brittany Barnhardt, 306 Meadow Wood Court – spoke in support of the Parks Master Plan.

4. Guests and Presentations

A. ISO Update

Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey

North Carolina Commissioner of Insurance and State Fire Marshal Mike Causey spoke about the improvements and upgrades the town has made over the years. He recognized the Chief, the Fire Marshal, Emergency Management, and the fire department personnel for their contributions. Commissioner Causey presented Chief Hord and the Granite Quarry Fire Department with the ISO Class 1 rating. The ISO 1 is the highest rating a fire department can earn. Granite Quarry joins the ranks of only 16 other fire departments in the state with the ISO 1 rating. Granite Quarry is the smallest town in the state with this class designation. Commissioner Causey spoke about the work and cooperation that went into earning the achievement and stated that it may reduce insurance rates for residential and commercial customers in the area.

Chief Hord thanked his family, the Board, the previous Town Manager Phil Conrad, the current Town Manager Larry Smith, Rowan Emergency Services Chief Allen Cress, Rowan County Fire Marshal Deborah Horne, 911 Chief Lonnie Owens, Mike West and Salisbury Rowan Utilities, all 39 members of his team, and all the chiefs who served before him.

Chief State Fire Marshal Brian Taylor recognized the part the water department, Emergency Management, and Fire Marshal's office had in helping Granite Quarry Fire Department achieve the rating.

5. Town Manager's Update

Manager Smith presented Chief Hord with an award for his enthusiasm and leadership in bringing the department to a level of excellence that led to the new ISO 1 rating.

Manager Smith referenced his report in the agenda packet and asked whether the Board wanted to review the goals spreadsheet and possibly make amendments prior to the planning retreat. The Board consensus was to wait until the retreat to have the discussion. Retreat questionnaires will be sent out to the Board this week and will need to be returned to the clerk by 1/25/2021.

Old Business

6. Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan

The Board again discussed the necessity, timing, and amount of funding required for a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Manager Smith reiterated that the plan would be an investment that would allow the Town to be competitive for grants. Once in place, the plan would need to be updated every five to ten years.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to proceed with commissioning a Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the Town if it can be accomplished within an amount not to exceed \$30,000. Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

It was requested that the Board members give Clerk Smith their top ten goals by Wednesday, January 13th.

13. Mayor's Notes

Announcements and Date Reminders

A. Wednesday, January 13	5:00 p.m.	Centralina Executive Board (virtual)
B. Thursday, January 14	6:00 p.m.	Community Appearance Commission
C. Monday, January 18		Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Office Closed
D. Tuesday, January 19	3:30 p.m.	Revitalization Team
E. Tuesday, January 19	5:00 p.m.	Parks, Events, and Recreation Committee
F. Tuesday, January 19	5:30 p.m.	Zoning Board of Adjustment
G. Thursday, January 21	7:30 a.m.	Rowan Chamber Power in Partnership Webinar
H. Wednesday, January 27	5:30 p.m.	Cabarrus-Rowan County MPO TAC
I. Monday, February 1	6:00 p.m.	Planning Board
J. Monday, February 8	5:00 p.m.	Rowan Chamber Business After Hours

The Mayor made the Board aware that his schedule would be quite hectic over the next month.

Adjourn

ACTION: Alderman Cress made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The meeting ended at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aubrey Smith

Town Clerk