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TOWN OF GRANITE FALLS

AGENDA

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019

4 SOUTH MAIN STREET

6:00 PM

- I. WELCOME - CALL TO ORDER** **MAYOR BARRY HAYES**
- II. INVOCATION** **REVEREND DAN GREENE**
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHAPEL
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** **MAYOR BARRY HAYES**
- IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**
- V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS/RECOGNITIONS**
PRESENTATIONS BY CALDWELL COUNTY SCHOOLS PRINCIPALS
Chris Greene, Principal - Granite Falls Elementary School
Gwyn Roop, Principal - Dudley Shoals Elementary School
Melissa Costin, Principal - Granite Falls Middle School
Chad Smith, Principal - South Caldwell High School
- VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
DECEMBER 6, 2018.**
- VIII. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT** **BRUCE CANNON**
- IX. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**
- X. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT #6-2018

The Council shall hold a public hearing on Zoning Text Amendment #6-2018. The Council called for the public hearing at the December 6, 2018 Council meeting following the presentation of the text amendment by Town Planner Greg Wilson. At the public hearing, all Town residents and other interested parties must be allowed to speak.

Zoning Text Amendment #6-2018, submitted by Pao Moua, would add “Community Cultural Centers with educational, social, and cultural activities” as a Conditional Use in the R20-A, Residential Medium Density District. The proposed text amendment includes language that would allow the Board of Adjustment to require additional measures to ensure compatibility with adjacent land uses. The Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend that the Town Council approve Zoning Text Amendment #6-2018 as submitted. Per the request of the Town Council, Town Planner Greg Wilson has modified the Zoning Text Amendment by expanding the definition of Community Cultural Centers and expanding the conditions for approval. (See attachment #1.)

Notice of the public hearing was duly provided in the *News Topic* as required by law.

XI. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

1. ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT #6-2018

Council shall consider Zoning Text Amendment #6-2018. The Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend that the Town Council approve Zoning Text Amendment #6-2018 as submitted. (See attachment #1.)

Motion to Approve (required per NC G.S. 160A-383)

Motion to approve Zoning Text Amendment #6-2018, which the Granite Falls Town Council does hereby find and determine that the adoption thereof is consistent with the adopted Granite Falls Horizons: Land Development Plan which encourages development standards which ensure fair, effective, and efficient development.

It is determined that Zoning Text Amendment #6-2018 is both reasonable and in the public interest.

Motion to Deny (required per NC G.S. 160A-383)

Motion to deny Zoning Text Amendment #6-2018, while acknowledging that the request is not inconsistent with the Granite Falls Horizons: Land Development Plan and further acknowledging that significant changes in the Town's corporate limits and growth patterns have affected the original scope of the Land Development Plan. It is determined that this request is not reasonable and in the public interest and that the Land Development Plan should be amended to reflect this denial.

Town Staff is hereby directed to develop a draft amendment to the Granite Falls Horizons: Land Development Plan and present that to the Town Council at its next regular meeting.

2. ORDINANCE #345

Council shall consider Ordinance #345 amending the Town of Granite Falls Zoning Ordinance, contingent upon the approval of Zoning Text Amendment #6-2018 at tonight's Council meeting. Zoning Text Amendment #6-2018 would add “Community Cultural Centers with educational, social, and cultural activities” as a Conditional Use in the R20-A, Residential Medium Density District. The proposed text amendment includes language that would allow the Board of Adjustment to require additional measures to ensure compatibility with adjacent land uses.

Ordinances for Zoning Text Amendments are not required under NC General Statutes; however the passing of the formal ordinance gives the Town an additional mechanism to track zoning activity and serves as the formal document that repeals former zoning ordinances or resolves conflict when there are zoning disputes. (See attachment #2 for Ordinance #345.)

Action Requested: If Zoning Text Amendment #6-2018 is approved, approve Ordinance #345 as presented.

3. 2018 PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Granite Falls Parks and Recreation Director Chad Raby will present the 2018 Parks and Recreation Department Annual Report. (See attachment #3.)

4. MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

The Revenue and Expenditure Report for the period ended December 31, 2018 is enclosed for your review and comment. This report represents 50% of the current 2018–2019 fiscal year budget. Also enclosed for Council review are the financial dashboard and an analysis of current year sales tax revenue and property tax revenue versus prior year and budgeted revenues. (See attachment #4.)

5. PROGRESSIVE ENGINEERING CONTRACT

Council is requested to approve the Engineering Services Contract with Progressive Engineering Consultants, Inc. for calendar 2019 and to authorize the Town Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the Town. The contract establishes compensation, obligations and insurance requirements, etc. The 2019 rates reflect no increase from the previous year's rates which brings the average rate increase for the past 10 years to 1.94%. (See attachment #5.)

6. STREET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON PINEWOOD ROAD SIDEWALKS

The NC DOT is in the design phase for project U-6034 covering Pinewood Road improvements from US 321 to Bert Huffman Road. As part of the project, the Town may request additional improvements including additional sidewalks. The additional sidewalks would be installed as part of the project with the DOT paying for 80% of the cost of the additional sidewalks and the Town paying for the remaining 20% of the costs and assuming the ongoing maintenance of the sidewalks.

The Street Committee met earlier today and will make recommendations for additions to the Pinewood Road project for consideration by the Town Council. (See attachment #6.) **NOTE: Attachment #6 will be handed out at the Council meeting)**

7. APPROVE STREET COMMITTEE AWARDING BIDS FOR STREET PAVING AND STREET MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

The Council previously approved spending \$769,300 for street paving and street maintenance projects in fiscal 2019. The Council also previously approved street paving and street maintenance priorities for fiscal 2019. Town Staff is in the process of obtaining the required informal bids for the projects the Council previously approved. The process of obtaining quotes has taken longer than expected due to the snowstorm, heavy rainfall, and holidays. Town Staff is requesting that the Council authorize the Street Committee to award contracts for the fiscal 2019 street paving and maintenance projects previously approved by the Council if the total cost of the projects awarded does not exceed \$769,300.

8. TOWN HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Town of Granite Falls Administrative Office, the Recreation Center, and the Public Works and Electric Departments will be closed Monday, January 21st in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday. The Police and Fire Departments and the Water and Wastewater Facilities will be on duty as scheduled and those employees scheduled to work this holiday receive alternate time off with pay. Republic Services will pick up garbage and recycling on their regular schedule.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS NOT LISTED

XIII. MANAGER UPDATE

Town Manager Jerry Church shall update the Council on the following:

1. Enclosed with your Agenda package is a calendar of events through the end of February 2020. Revisions since the last calendar are highlighted in yellow. Upcoming events include the Caldwell County EDC Celebration Luncheon at noon on Tuesday, January 15th at the JEB Civic Center and the NCLM Town & State dinner on Wednesday, February 20th from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in Raleigh. Please note that reservations are required for both events.

Note: Members of the Town Council may attend events that are, or are not, sponsored by the Town but there will be no Council business conducted at any of these events in instances where a quorum of the Council may be present.

2. Also enclosed with your agenda package is a proposed budget timeline for Fiscal 2020. We will start making changes to the Town Council meeting schedule at our February Council meetings.

XIV. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. WPCOG Policy Board
2. Caldwell County Railroad Policy Board
3. Sales Tax Reinvestment Committee
4. Catawba River Study Committee
5. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Technical Coordinating
6. Caldwell County Economic Development Commission (EDC)
7. Corporate Circle – sponsored by Caldwell Chamber of Commerce
8. NC Municipal Power Agency # 1 Board of Commissioners
9. Caldwell County Manager’s bi-monthly meeting
10. ElectriCities Grassroots Committee
11. Caldwell County’s Green Commission

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. The Granite Falls Board of Adjustment will not meet in January. The next Board of Adjustment meeting will be Wednesday, February 13th at 5:00 p.m.
2. The Granite Falls Planning Board will meet Tuesday, January 22nd at 5:00 p.m.
3. The Granite Falls Recreation Advisory Board will meet Monday, January 14th at 6:30 p.m. at the Hickory Station in Hickory, NC.
4. The Granite Falls History Committee will meet Tuesday, January 15nd at 1:00 p.m. at the Baird House.
5. The Granite Falls Merchant's Association (GFMA) will not meet in January.
6. The WPCOG MPO/RPO will meet Wednesday, January 23rd at 2:00 p.m. at the WPCOG.
7. The Granite Falls ABC Board will meet Monday, January 21st at 5:30 p.m. at the ABC store.

In accordance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, neither the Town of Granite Falls, nor the Granite Falls ABC Board, discriminates on the basis of disability in conducting its meetings. Individuals with disabilities who require auxiliary aids or services or other accommodations for effective communication and participating in a meeting may contact the Town Clerk at (828) 396-3131. Requests should be made at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Reminder: The next Town Council Meeting is a Regular Town Council Meeting on Monday February 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.