



TOWN OF
GRANITE FALLS
North Carolina

Barry Hayes Mayor • Dr. Caryl B. Burns Mayor Pro Tem • Jerry T. Church Town Manager
Council Members Larry Knight • Jim Mackie • Mike Mackie • Martin D. Townsend • Tracy Townsend

AGENDA
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021
4 SOUTH MAIN STREET
6:00 PM

Please note that due to COVID-19 (coronavirus), this meeting of the Granite Falls Town Council is being broadcast electronically to allow for remote participation by Town staff, members of the media, citizens and members of the general public, and all other interested parties. To provide adequate social distancing, only the Mayor, Town Council, Town Clerk, Town Manager, Town Finance Officer, ZOOM Meeting Administrator, Town Attorney, Department Heads or other Town representatives that are on the agenda, and a maximum of two members of the media and/or citizens and members of the general public at a time will be permitted to enter the Town Council Chambers. The meeting can be accessed by any other interested parties as follows:

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| I. | WELCOME - CALL TO ORDER | MAYOR BARRY HAYES |
| II. | INVOCATION | COUNCIL MEMBER MARTIN TOWNSEND |
| III. | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | MAYOR BARRY HAYES |
| IV. | RECOGNITION OF VISITORS | |
| V. | SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS/RECOGNITIONS-NONE SCHEDULED | |

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 29, 2021.

VIII. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

BRUCE CANNON

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Public Comments may be submitted up until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 19, 2021, by US Mail to Public Comments, c/o The Town of Granite Falls, P.O. Drawer 10, Granite Falls, NC 28630, hand delivered to the drive-through window at the Town Administrative Office at 30 Park Square, Granite Falls, NC, or delivered by email to admin@granitefallsnc.com.

The Public Comments submitted in advance of the Council meeting will be read into the minutes by the Town Manager during the Council Meeting and must follow the Public Comment Guidelines established by the Town Council. The Public Comment Period Guidelines are available upon request at the drive-through window at the Town Administrative Office located at 30 Park Square, Granite Falls, NC, or on-line at www.granitefallsnc.com/councildocuments.

X. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. PUBLIC HEARING ON REZONING PETITION #1-2021 – 62 DUKE STREET

The Council shall hold a public hearing on Rezoning Petition #1-2021, submitted by James & Gerri Edwards for seven parcels totaling 1.53 acres of property located at 62 Duke Street. A 1.22 parcel is currently vacant and the other 6 parcels totaling .31 acres are within an existing town home development. The properties are currently zoned R-15, Single Family Residential and the request is to rezone the properties to R-8, Medium-High Density District which allows for multi-family development as a Permitted Use. The Council called for the public hearing at the March 29, 2021 Council meeting following the presentation of the petition by Town Planner Greg Wilson. At the public hearing, all property owners in the area proposed for rezoning, as well as other residents of the Town, must be allowed to speak.

The Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend that the Town Council approve the Petition for Rezoning #1-2021 as submitted. (See attachment #1.)

Notice of the public hearing was duly provided through direct mailed notice to adjacent property owners, posting of the property, and published in the *News Topic* as required by law.

XI. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

1. REZONING PETITION #1-2021 – 62 DUKE STREET

Council shall consider Rezoning Petition #1-2021 for approximately 1.53 acres of property located at 62 Duke Street. The property is currently zoned R-15, Single Family Residential and the request is to rezone it to R-8 Medium-High Density District. (See attachment #1.)

A Council Member may consider the following sample motion script to simplify the State requirements:

“I make a motion to (Approve or Deny) Rezoning Petition #1-2021, Rezoning Ordinance #358, and to approve the corresponding Statement of Consistency & Reasonableness contained in the agenda packet.”

Any additions or deletions to either of the following statements should be noted within the motion

2. PRESENTATION BY THE WESTERN PIEDMONT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (WPCOG) OF THE TOWN OF GRANITE FALLS’ AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) TRANSITION PLAN

On April 15, 2019, Council approved contracting with the WPCOG to update the Town of Granite Falls’ ADA Assessment and Transition Plan (Plan). The Plan was written in 1992 and the Town contracted with the WPCOG to update the Plan for all Town inventory (facilities, sidewalks, curbs, parking lots, signage, greenways, walking paths, etc.). Averil C. Ritchie, WPCOG Transportation Planner, will give a presentation about the revised Plan to the Council. After the presentation tonight, the draft of the Plan has to undergo a required 30 (thirty) day public comment period before the Council can approve the final revised Plan. The draft of the Plan must be advertised for public comments on the Town website and on the WPCOG website. (See attachment #2.)

Action requested: Review the Town of Granite Falls’ ADA Transition Plan and approve the draft of the Plan being posted for public comments.

3. MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

Town of Granite Falls Finance Director Jana Williams will present the Financial Report for March 2021. The Revenue and Expenditure Report for the period ended March 31, 2021 is enclosed for your review and comment. This report represents 75% of the current 2020-2021 fiscal year budget. Also enclosed for Council review are the financial dashboard and analyses of current year sales tax revenue and property tax revenue versus prior year and budgeted revenues. (See attachment #3.)

4. APPROVE AWARDING OF BID FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE AERIAL SEWER LINE TO HIGHLAND #2

On July 20, 2021, Council approved the solicitation of informal bids for the replacement of an aerial sewer line damaged by a tree that fell on the line late in fiscal year 2020. The Town hired a contractor to temporarily repair the line to prevent spills as a short-term solution. TGS Engineers (TGS) from Shelby, NC was contracted by the Town to do the engineering work, construction drawings, bid preparation and construction observation and administration by the Town. The project was advertised for bids and the bid opening was held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Town Office. TGS recommends the bid be awarded in the amount of one hundred eighteen thousand, eight hundred, fifty-nine dollars and no cents, (\$118,859.00) to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder which is Buckeye Bridge, LLC (Buckeye) from Canton, NC contingent upon Buckeye providing the Town with satisfactory proof of liability, auto liability, and workers’ compensation coverage. (See attachment #4.)

Action requested: Approve awarding of the bid for the replacement of the aerial sewer line to Highland #2 to Buckeye Bridge, LLC, Canton NC, in the amount of \$118,859.00 contingent upon Buckeye providing the Town with satisfactory proof of liability, auto liability, and workers' compensation coverage. Council is also requested to authorize Town Manager Jerry Church to sign all documents related to this project.

5. BOARD APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Council is requested to review and approve individuals whose terms will expire on the Town's various boards and committees on June 30, 2021. These individuals, whose names are highlighted in yellow on the attachment, need to be appointed or reappointed to three-year terms or another individual must be appointed as a replacement. All individuals with expiring terms have been contacted and are willing to continue serving on the board if the Council appoints or reappoints them. There are no ETJ appointments or reappointments for next fiscal year. All ETJ appointments must be approved by the Council and the Town Manager is responsible for seeking County Commissioner approval for ETJ members approved by the Council. The Town Board of Adjustment has one vacancy for an alternate member which we hope to fill in the near future. (See attachment #5.)

Action requested: Approve appointments to Council Appointed Committees as presented.

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 May, 2022. Revisions since the last calendar are highlighted in yellow. 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.

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 Recreation Advisory Board, the Granite Falls Merchants' Association, and the Granite Falls History Committee meetings are cancelled until further notice due to COVID-19.
2. The Granite Falls Planning Board will have a virtual meeting on Tuesday, April 27th at 5:00 p.m.
3. The Granite Falls Land Use Plan Steering Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 28th at 5:00 p.m. in the Recreation Center Social Hall.
4. The WPCOG MPO/RPO will meet virtually on Wednesday, April 28th at 1:00 p.m.
5. The Granite Falls ABC Board will meet Monday, May 10th 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 meeting on Monday, May 3, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Participation for this meeting will be done electronically due to COVID-19.