



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, JULY 19, 2021
4 SOUTH MAIN STREET
6:00 PM

Per Center for Disease Control guidance, attendees at the Council meeting who have not been fully vaccinated should continue to wear face coverings and social distance from others in attendance.

- I. WELCOME - CALL TO ORDER MAYOR BARRY HAYES
- II. INVOCATION PASTOR JAY WORSLEY, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE MAYOR BARRY HAYES
- IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS
- V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS/RECOGNITIONS-NONE
- VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD JUNE 21, 2021.
- VIII. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT BRUCE CANNON
- IX. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
- X. PUBLIC HEARINGS NONE SCHEDULED
- XI. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS
 - 1. **ACCEPT REPORT ON UNPAID TAXES AND SETTLEMENT FOR 2020-2021 TAXES**
After July 1 and before being charged with 2020-2021 taxes, the Tax Collector must make a sworn report to the governing board showing a list of unpaid taxes constituting liens on real property, a list of unpaid taxes on personal property not constituting liens on real property and make settlement for 2020-2021 taxes per North Carolina General Statute 105-373(a). Council is requested to accept the report as submitted by Deputy Finance Officer Ashley Presnell. (See attachment #1.)

2. MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT – FINANCE OFFICER JANA WILLIAMS

The preliminary Revenue and Expenditure Report for the period ended June 30, 2021 is enclosed for Council review and comments. This report represents 100% of the 2020–2021 fiscal year budget. Also enclosed for Council review are the financial dashboard and an analysis of 2020–2021 sales tax revenue and property tax revenue versus prior year and budgeted revenues. (See attachment #2.)

3. BUDGET AMENDMENT #1 – 2021-2022 – FINANCE OFFICER JANA WILLIAMS

Town Staff was not able to complete certain projects before the end of the fiscal year. Since these projects were not completed, the money designated for the projects went straight into fund balance at the end of June 2021. Council is requested to approve this budget amendment to authorize expenditures to complete these projects in Fiscal Year 2021-2022. (See attachment #3.)

4. CONSIDER LAND SWAP OF TOWN PROPERTY AT 4 LAUREL STREET FOR PROPERTY AT 29 LAKESIDE AVENUE

When Town resident Louise Hamilton (Hamilton), 29 Lakeside Avenue, was preparing her residence for sale, the surveyor determined that a portion of the Hamilton driveway had been constructed on Town of Granite Falls (Town) property located at 4 Laurel Street. The surveyor further determined that a portion of a storage shed on Town property located at 4 Laurel Street had been constructed on the Hamilton property. Town Attorney Bruce Cannon researched these properties and determined that the easiest way to correct this situation is for Hamilton and the Town to swap approximately .05 acres of property. Town Attorney Cannon has prepared the documents required to complete the property swap. (See attachment #4.)

Action requested: Approve land swap as presented.

5. CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO TOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLE XI: BUSINESS REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 111. MASSAGE PARLORS

Council is requested to consider a request from Town Manager Jerry Church to amend the Town Code of Ordinances TITLE XI: BUSINESS REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 111. MASSAGE PARLORS. This Ordinance was written several years ago to address issues related to massage parlors. Through the years, massage therapy has become a common practice and is heavily regulated by the North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS). The NCGS require that massagists be licensed and regulated by state agencies. The Town Code of Ordinances currently requires that applicants that want to perform massages in Granite Falls undergo background checks and be fingerprinted which is already required by the NCGS. The Town Code of Ordinances has been modified to remove the redundancies and to allow the Town Manager to issue the Town privilege licenses for Massage Businesses and Massagists without Council approval if the business owner and the massagist meet the state requirements under the NCGS. The references in the Ordinance have been changed to Massage Businesses from Massage Parlors. (See attachment #5.)

Action Requested: Review and call for a public hearing on the amendment to the Town Code of Ordinances at the Town Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, August 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

6. TOWN HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Town of Granite Falls Administrative Office, the Recreation Center, and the Public Works and Electric Departments will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

Labor Day	Monday, September 6 th
Veterans Day	Thursday, November 11 th
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 25 th & Friday, November 26 th
Christmas	Thursday, Friday, & Monday December 23 rd , 24 th , & 27 th
New Year's Day	Friday, December 31 st

The Police and Fire Departments and the Water and Wastewater Facilities will be on duty as scheduled and those employees scheduled to work these holidays receive alternate time off with pay. Republic Services will pick up garbage and recycling on their regular schedule except for Christmas Day.

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 August, 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.

2. Other Items of Interest

XIV. CLOSED SESSION

Under N.C. General Statute 143-318.11 (3) the Council shall hold a closed session to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged.

XV. 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 will meet Tuesday, August 10th at 6:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center.
2. The Granite Falls Merchants' Association will meet Monday, July 26th at noon in the Town Office Conference Room.
3. The Granite Falls History Committee will meet Tuesday, August 17th at 2:00 p.m. at the History and Transportation Museum.
4. The Granite Falls Planning Board will meet Tuesday, July 27th at 5:00 p.m. using ZOOM.
5. The Granite Falls Board of Adjustment will meet Wednesday, August 11th at 5:00 p.m.
6. The Granite Falls Land Use Plan Steering Committee will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Recreation Center Social Hall.
7. The WPCOG MPO/RPO will meet Wednesday, July 28th at 1:00 p.m. at the WPCOG.
8. The Granite Falls ABC Board will meet Monday, July 19th 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, August 2, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.