



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, AUGUST 2, 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 DR. DON PHIPPS, SUPERINTENDENT  
CALDWELL COUNTY SCHOOLS
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE MAYOR BARRY HAYES
- IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS
- V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS/RECOGNITIONS
  - A) Dr. Don Phipps, Superintendent, Caldwell County Schools
  - B) Dr. Mark Poarch, President, Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute
- VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 19, 2021.
- VIII. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT BRUCE CANNON
- IX. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
- X. PUBLIC HEARINGS  
**PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT TO TOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLE XI: BUSINESS REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 111. MASSAGE PARLORS**  
The Council shall hold a public hearing on an amendment to the Town Code of Ordinances TITLE XI: BUSINESS REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 111. MASSAGE PARLORS. The amendment would remove redundancies contained in the North Carolina General Statutes and in the Town Code of Ordinances and would allow the Town Manager, or his/her designee 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.

At the public hearing, all residents of the Town and other interested parties must be allowed to speak. The amended Town Ordinance would become effective immediately. (See attachment #1.)

## **XI. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. AMENDMENT TO TOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLE XI: BUSINESS REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 111. MASSAGE PARLORS**

Council shall consider the amendment to the Town of Granite Falls Code of Ordinances Title XI: Business Regulations, Chapter 111. Massage Parlors. (See attachment #1.)

### **2. REZONING PETITION #2-2021 – 50 JORDAN LANE**

Town Planner Greg Wilson shall review with the Council the Granite Falls Planning Board meeting held Tuesday, July 27, 2021 where they reviewed Rezoning Petition #2-2021. Cody Edwards submitted a Rezoning Petition for a 4.99-acre parcel located at 50 Jordan Lane. The property is in the Town ETJ and is currently owned by Little Samaritan Mission. The property is currently zoned R-20A, Medium Density Residential. There is an existing unoccupied non-residential structure on the property that previously housed a church/philanthropic organization which is a permitted use in the R-20A District. The request is to rezone the property to H-B, Highway Business District which allows for commercial uses. The current Land Use Map calls for the property to be commercial. (See attachment #2.)

**The Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend that the Town Council approve the Petition for Rezoning #2-2021 as submitted with the following Consistency Statement:**

- 1. The Zoning Map Amendment would be consistent with the Future Land Use Map in the adopted Granite Falls Land Use Plan, which calls for commercial use on the property.**
- 2. The Zoning Map Amendment would be reasonable and in the public interest due to the existing non-residential structure, the difficulty in finding a suitable user for that space under the current development regulations, the size of the property, the proximity to Hwy 321A and compatibility with the Land Use Plan.**
- 3. The Zoning Map Amendment would require that any commercial user of the property install a suitable vegetative buffer along the boundary with any residential properties.**
- 4. Any additional development would be subject to all current development standards which include but are not limited to: required landscaping, sidewalks, Watershed density limitations, building setbacks, height limitations and Stormwater standards.**

Action Requested: Review and call for a public (legislative) hearing at the Regular Town Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, September 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The hearing notice will be posted on the property, published in the News Topic and direct-mailed to adjacent property owners per the requirements set forth in G.S. §160D-602.

### **3. CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN OF GRANITE FALLS FEE SCHEDULE**

Town Planner Greg Wilson has requested changes to the Town Fee Schedule that could not be made until after the Town had completed the updates to the Town Zoning Ordinance as required by the legislative updates to NCGS 160-D. The changes would be effective immediately. (See attachment #3.)

**4. APPROVE 4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER ABC DISTRIBUTION**

Town Finance Officer Jana Williams requests the Council authorize the distribution of ABC funds for \$4,602.61 to the local schools as follows:

Granite Falls Elementary School	36%	\$1,656.94
Granite Falls Middle School	36%	\$1,656.94
Dudley Shoals Elementary School	<u>28%</u>	<u>\$1,228.73</u>
Total Distribution	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$4,602.61</u>

These funds represent the portion of the ABC Store profit distribution to schools for the fourth quarter ended 06/30/2020. (See attachment #4.)

**5. ADOPT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING PATRIOT DAY, THE NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE AND THE NATIONAL MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001**

Council is requested to consider a resolution recognizing Patriot Day, the National Day of Service and Remembrance and the National Moment of Remembrance on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of September 11, 2001. To honor the victims and the heroic efforts of the first responders on September 11, 2001, Congress established a National Moment of Remembrance calling for a nationwide moment of silence to begin at 8:46 a.m. EDT on September 11, 2021 – the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attacks – and last for one minute. (See attachment #5.)

Council Action Requested: Approve Resolution as presented.

**6. AUTHORIZE TOWN RE-APPLICATION FOR A NORTH CAROLINA (NC) DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (DEQ) ASSET INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT (AIA) GRANT**

Council is requested to approve the Town application for a NC DEQ AIA Grant of up to \$150,000 for water distribution projects. The project scored well but did not get funded in the last grant cycle. The grant requires a 5%, 10%, or 15% (\$7,500, \$15,000, or \$25,000) Town match that can be absorbed in the existing 2022 Water & Sewer Department budget.

Town staff recommends the application include as much of these three important projects as possible:

- 1) Water distribution system flow modeling for fire protection, to determine how the new proposed lines for the upcoming NC DOT projects (321, 321A, Pinewood Road) will affect our water distribution system, and evaluation of a new interconnection of the Town's water distribution system with the County water distribution system near Granada Farms.
- 2) Investigation and mapping of the underground infrastructure at the Town's Water Treatment Facility.
- 3) Locate old buried water valves along North and South Main Streets and U.S. Highway 321. Check conditions of valve boxes and possibly develop procedures for proper exercising of valves. Verify the actual lines these valves isolate in the water distribution system and update this information on our water distribution system maps.

The Council would be required to approve a resolution authorizing the application and stating that arrangements have been made to provide matching funds. The resolution and application are due September 30, 2021.

Action requested: Council is requested to authorize Town staff applying for a NC DEQ AIA water system grant of \$150,000.

**7. 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 <sup>th</sup>
Veterans Day	Thursday, November 11 <sup>th</sup>
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 25 <sup>th</sup> & Friday, November 26 <sup>th</sup>
Christmas	Thursday, Friday, & Monday December 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> , & 27 <sup>th</sup>
New Year’s Day	Friday, December 31 <sup>st</sup>

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.

**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 will meet Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center.
2. The Granite Falls Merchants' Association will meet Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon in the Town Office Conference Room.
3. The Granite Falls History Committee will meet Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the History and Transportation Museum.
4. The Granite Falls Planning Board will meet Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. using ZOOM.
5. The Granite Falls Board of Adjustment will meet Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Room.
6. The Granite Falls Land Use Plan Steering Committee will meet Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Recreation Center Social Hall.
7. The WPCOG MPO/RPO will meet Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the WPCOG.
8. The Granite Falls ABC Board will meet Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup> and Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 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, September 20, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.**