REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018  
4 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
6:00 PM

I. WELCOME - CALL TO ORDER  
   MAYOR BARRY HAYES

II. INVOCATION  
   PASTOR HEIDI PUNT  
   CHRIST UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
   MAYOR BARRY HAYES

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS/RECOGNITIONS
   A) New Employee Introductions:
      1) Granite Falls Fire Chief Brian Bennett will introduce Fire Engineer David Adkins.
      2) Town Finance Officer Marsha Harbison will introduce Senior Customer Service Representative April Deal.
      3) Town Finance Officer Marsha Harbison will introduce Senior Customer Service Representative Shawnasi Holland.
   B) Caldwell County Schools Superintendent Dr. Don Phipps will give an update on the school system.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 13, 2018.

VIII. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT  
   BRUCE CANNON

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

X. PUBLIC HEARINGS  
   NONE SCHEDULED

XI. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

1. CONSIDER CHANGE TO COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE
   The Council is requested to cancel the regular council meeting scheduled for Monday, October 1, 2018.

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2. **REZONING PETITION #4-2018 – 499 NORTH MAIN STREET**  
   Town Planner Greg Wilson shall review with the Council the Granite Falls Planning Board meeting held Tuesday, August 28, 2018 where they reviewed Rezoning Petition #4-2018. Jeff Cook submitted a Rezoning Petition for property located at 499 North Main Street. The property is approximately .44 acres in size and is currently occupied by a single-family home but is zoned H-B, Highway Business. The request is to rezone this property to R-15, Single Family Residential. The H-B District allows for commercial uses while the R-15 District does not. (See attachment #1.)

   The Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend that the Town Council approve the Petition for Rezoning #4-2018 as submitted.

   **Action Requested:** Review and call for a public hearing at the Regular Town Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, October 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

3. **ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT #5-2018**  
   Town Planner Greg Wilson shall review with the Council the Granite Falls Planning Board meeting held Tuesday, August 28, 2018. The Board considered Zoning Text Amendment #5-2018, submitted by James Beaver, which would add “Metal Recycling Facilities” as a Conditional Use in the M-1, General Manufacturing District. The proposed language would include specific requirements for their location, screening, hours of operation, and landscaping. Those standards would apply to new facilities or to existing facilities that are expanding. (See attachment #2.)

   The Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend that the Town Council approve Zoning Text Amendment #5-2018 as submitted.

   **Action Requested:** Review and call for a public hearing on Zoning Text Amendment #5-2018 at the Regular Town Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, October 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

4. **POPULATION ESTIMATE**  
   The NC Department of State Budget and Management has estimated the Town of Granite Falls’ population at 4,643 as of July 1, 2017, which is a decrease of 9 from the July 1, 2016 estimate of 4,652. (See attachment #3.)

5. **CHARGE TAX LEVY 2018**  
   Council is requested to charge Tax Collector Kim Anderson with collecting the 2018 ad valorem taxes in the amount of $1,738,836.93 under NC General Statute §159-13. The 2018 levy represents an increase of $23,781.74 or 1.39% from the 2017 tax levy. 2018 assessed property tax values increased by $5,302,507 from 2017. The breakdown of the tax assessments are shown below. (See attachment #4.)

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<td><strong>Total Assessed Valuation</strong></td>
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6. **FINANCIAL REPORT**  
   The financial dashboard and an analysis of current year sales tax revenue versus prior year and budgeted revenues, for the two months ended August 31, 2018, is enclosed for the Council’s review. This report represents 17% of the current 2019 fiscal year budget. (See attachment #5.)
7. **APPROVE TOWN OF GRANITE FALLS WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE PLAN**

   NCDEQ, Division of Water Resources Staff has completed a review of the Town of Granite Falls Water Shortage Response Plan (WSRP) and has determined that the WSRP meets the minimum criteria for such plans as outlined in NCGS 143 355.2 (a) and 15A NCAC 02E. 0607. The Council is asked to approve the WSRP and the resolution stating that the plan has been approved. (See Attachment #6.)

8. **REPORT ON ELECTRICITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE AUGUST 20-22, 2018**


9. **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:

   - **Veterans Day**  
     Monday, November 12th
   - **Thanksgiving**  
     Thursday, November 22nd & Friday, November 23rd
   - **Christmas**  
     Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, December 24th - 26th

   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 October 2019. Revisions since the last calendar are highlighted in yellow. Upcoming events include the NCLM Connect CityVision Annual Conference in Hickory, NC, September 19-21, 2018 (Reservations Required, See Paula), the NC DOT Public Meetings on the Pinewood Road Project in the Council Room on Thursday, October 4, 2018 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. (Town Employees and Town Elected Officials only) and from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (all other interested parties), the Granite Falls Merchants Association Festival on Main on Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Public Power Week October 7 through 13, 2018 (Customer appreciation day is Tuesday October 9th. Please see Paula to sign up to serve refreshments to customers.)

      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. Town Manager Jerry Church gave a presentation to the Granite Falls Rotary Club on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 and gave a presentation to the Caldwell Early College 10th Graders on Friday, August 31, 2018.
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 Board of Adjustment will meet Wednesday, October 10th at 5:00 p.m.
2. The Granite Falls Planning Board will meet Tuesday, September 25th at 5:00 p.m.
3. The Granite Falls Recreation Advisory Board will meet Monday, October 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center.
4. The Granite Falls History Committee will meet Tuesday, September 18th at 2:00 p.m. at the Baird House.
5. The Granite Falls Merchant’s Association (GFMA) will meet Monday, October 1st at noon in the Council Room.
6. The WPCOG MPO/RPO will meet Wednesday, September 26th at 2:00 p.m. at the WPCOG.
7. The Granite Falls ABC Board will meet Monday, September 17th at 5:30 p.m. at the ABC store.

Reminder: The next Town Council Meeting is a Regular Town Council Meeting on Monday, October 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.