



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
SPECIAL ORGANIZATIONAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019
4 SOUTH MAIN STREET
5:30 PM

- I. **WELCOME - CALL TO ORDER** **MAYOR BARRY HAYES**
- II. **INVOCATION** **COUNCIL MEMBER LARRY KNIGHT**
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** **MAYOR BARRY HAYES**
- IV. **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**
- V. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**
Town Manager Jerry Church will introduce Finance Director Jana Williams.
- VI. **OATH OF OFFICE**
Mayor Barry Hayes shall administer the oath of office to the following individuals who were elected during the municipal election held Tuesday, November 5, 2019.

Town Councilman Jim Mackie
Town Councilman Mike Mackie
Town Councilman Tracy Townsend
- VII. **SELECTION OF MAYOR TEMPORE**
Under NC General Statute 160A-70 at the organizational meeting, the council shall elect from among its members a Mayor Tempore to serve at the council's pleasure. A council member who serves as Mayor Tempore shall be entitled to vote on all matters and shall be considered a council member for all purposes, including the determination of whether a quorum is present. In the mayor's absence the council may confer on the Mayor Tempore any of the Mayor's powers and duties.
- VIII. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- IX. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 4, 2019.**
- X. **TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT** **MR. BRUCE CANNON**
- XI. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC HEARING ON ASSESSMENT AGAINST REAL PROPERTY OF OWNERS FAILING TO PAY INVOICES TO THE TOWN OF GRANITE FALLS

The Council shall hold a public hearing on the preliminary assessment roll against real property owners failing to pay invoices to the Town of Granite Falls for services and fines rendered by the Town to abate public nuisances on said real property.

These abatement services consisted of mowing grass and/or removing refuse or solid waste and/or demolition of declared nuisance structures, and/or the issuance of fines for failure to abate nuisances, in accordance with Town Ordinances. At the public hearing, all real property owners of said property as well as other residents of the Town must be allowed to speak.

Following the public hearing, the Council will be asked to approve assessments and/or discounts from the preliminary assessment roll. (See attachment #1.)

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

XIII. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:

1. APPROVE ASSESSMENTS AND/OR DISCOUNTS FROM THE PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL

Council is requested to approve the preliminary assessment roll, after determining whether or not to allow any discounts from the assessment roll, against real property of owners failing to pay invoices to the Town of Granite Falls for services rendered by the Town to abate public nuisances, or fines to abate nuisances, on said real property. These abatement services consisted of mowing grass and/or removing refuse or solid waste and/or demolition of declared nuisance structures, and/or the issuance of fines for failure to abate nuisances, in accordance with Town Ordinances. (See attachment #1.)

2. REZONING PETITION #4-2019 – 572 SOUTH MAIN STREET

Town Planner Greg Wilson shall review with the Council the Granite Falls Planning Board meeting held Tuesday, November 26, 2019 where they reviewed Rezoning Petition #4-2019. Garry Sparks, Sparks Brothers, LLC submitted a Rezoning Petition for approximately 3.8 acres of vacant property located at 572 South Main Street. The property is currently zoned G-B, General Business by Caldwell County and the request is to rezone the property, contingent upon annexation into the Town of Granite Falls, to H-B, Highway Business. (See attachment #2.)

The Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend that the Town Council approve the Petition for Rezoning #4-2019 as submitted.

Action Requested: Review and call for a public hearing at the Regular Town Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

3. CLERK'S CERTIFICATION – 572 SOUTH MAIN STREET

Town Clerk Paula Kirby submits the Certificate of Sufficiency for the proposed annexation petition submitted by Garry Sparks that requested the Town of Granite Falls voluntarily annex 3.8 acres of contiguous property at 572 South Main Street under NCGS §160A-31. (See attachment #3.)

4. ADOPT RESOLUTION FIXING DATE – PUBLIC HEARING ON ANNEXATION OF 572 SOUTH MAIN STREET

In accordance with NCGS 160A-31, upon receipt of the clerk’s certification, the Town Council shall fix the date for a public hearing on the annexation of the 3.603879 acres of contiguous property owned by Sparks Brothers, LLC at 572 South Main Street. Notice of the public hearing shall be published once in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town at least 10 days before the public hearing. (See attachment #4.)

Action Requested – Review and call for a public hearing on the annexation petition at the Regular Council meeting scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Barry Hayes has made the Council committee appointments for 2019-2021. (See attachment #5.)

6. OFFICIAL RESULTS OF ELECTION

The Caldwell County Board of Elections has submitted the official results of the Granite Falls’ election held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. (See attachment #6.)

7. SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR INSTALLATION OF UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC SERVICE FOR GRACE VILLAGE ASSISTED LIVING CENTER

Progressive Engineering Consultants, Inc., who serves as the Town’s electric engineers, is in the process of soliciting informal bids for the installation of underground electric service for the Grace Village Assisted Living Facility. Informal bids will be used since the estimated cost of construction is less than \$500,000. The informal bids will be tabulated and presented to the Council at a future Council meeting. The Council will be requested to award the project to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

8. 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:

Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 28 th & Friday, November 29 th
Christmas	Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday, December 24 th - 26 th
New Year’s Day	Wednesday, January 1 st
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 20 th

The Recreation Center will also be closed on Saturday, November 30th and Sunday, December 1st while the gym floor is being refinished. 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 that recycling scheduled for pick up on Thursday, December 26th will be picked up on Friday, December 27th.

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS NOT LISTED

XV. MANAGER UPDATE

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

Enclosed with your Agenda package is a calendar of events through the end of January, 2021. Revisions since the last calendar are highlighted in gray. The Granite Falls Rotary Club Christmas Parade will be Saturday, December 7th starting at noon.

XVI. 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.

XVII. 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 Tuesday, December 11th at 5:00 p.m.
2. The Granite Falls Planning Board has canceled the December 24th regular meeting.
3. The Granite Falls Land Use Plan Steering Committee will also hold a public meeting on Thursday, December 12th at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Room.
4. The Granite Falls Recreation Advisory Board will not meet in December.
5. The Granite Falls History Committee will not meet in December.
6. The Granite Falls Merchant's Association (GFMA) will not meet in December.
7. The WPCOG MPO/RPO meeting will not meet in December.
8. The Granite Falls ABC Board will meet Tuesday, December 16th at 5:30 p.m. at the ABC store.

*****The Council shall hold its annual Christmas dinner immediately following the Council Meeting at Lake Hickory Country Club in Hickory*****

Reminder: The next Town Council Meeting is a regular meeting on Monday, January 6, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.