



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**February 4, 2026  
7:00 PM  
Civic Center**

City Council Mayor/Councilmember Matthew Hartman, Mayor Pro Tem/Councilmember David Griggs, Councilmember Steven Glenn, Councilmember Tom FitzGerald, Councilmember Bruce Straughn

City Staff City Clerk Darla Wilkins, City Manager Jeff Balentine, Public Works Director Charles White, Planning Director Amy Hess

Consultants Consultant Police Chief Tom Dalton, Consultant City Attorney Emily Guildner

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Mayor Matthew Hartman** called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

**Mayor Matthew Hartman** led the Council, Staff and Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**3. ROLL CALL**

**City Clerk Darla Wilkins** verbally called out the Council's names and took note of the meeting attendance.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion to approve the consent agenda.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Steven Glenn

<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Bruce Straughn
<b>AYES:</b>	Mayor/Councilmember Matthew Hartman, Mayor Pro Tem/Councilmember David Griggs, Councilmember Steven Glenn, Councilmember Bruce Straughn, Councilmember Tom FitzGerald
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>

- 4.a. **AB 026-2026 Approval of January 7, 2026 Minutes**
- 4.b. **AB 027-2026 Approval of February 4, 2026 claims checks #415936 through 415979 and One EFT totaling \$1,070,249.46**
- 4.c. **AB 028-2026 Approval of January 1, 2026 through January 15, 2026 payroll claims consisting of Twenty-Three EFT's totaling \$97,140.81**

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

**5.a. Passports**

**City Manager Jeff Balentine** commented on the following:

- Passport Office update
- City Financial update

**5.b. Planning Staff Report**

**Planning Director Amy Hess** commented on the following items:

- Highlighted Joey Harmon passing his B1 Inspectors Exam
- Sewer Moratorium lifted over the weekend
- Received 2 new land use applications
  - Moonbird Farms (37-lot subdivision)
  - Pilchuck Crossing (34-unit air condo development)

**5.c. Public Works**

**Public Works Director Charles White** commented on the following:

- Gray & Osborne Survey - E. Union & S. Kentucky TIB project
- GF School Dist. - BLA - Burn Rd Lift Station
- Civic Plus Mass Notification
- Met with Vic - Sky Valley Motorcycle Club - Motorcycle Show - May 17th 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Alder PRV Valves Serviced

- Burning American Legion Building on February 18th at 9 a.m.

**5.d. City Clerk Report**

**City Clerk Darla Wilkins** had nothing additional to add.

**5.e. Consultant Police Chief Report**

**Consultant Police Chief Tom Dalton** commented on the following:

- Response times
- AED Theft Investigation
- Introduced Sean Graver (New Night Deputy)

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS-NON-ACTION ITEMS**

(The public is encouraged to submit written comments prior to the meeting by emailing them directly to the city clerk at: darla.wilkins@ci.granite-falls.wa.us; and should be submitted no later than 5PM. Public comment speakers can sign up prior to the meeting, or wait for the public comment section of the meeting to be open by the presiding officer. Individual comments shall be limited to three minutes. Group comments shall be limited to five minutes).

**Moriah Deech**, Granite Falls, provided comments.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**7.a. AB 029-2026 Consideration to approve Resolution 2026-02, adopting the City's Administrative Landscape Guidelines**

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion to approve Resolution 2026-02, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Granite Falls, Washington, adopting the Administrative Landscape Guidelines, and authorize the Mayor to sign.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Steven Glenn
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Bruce Straughn
<b>AYES:</b>	Mayor/Councilmember Matthew Hartman, Mayor Pro Tem/Councilmember David Griggs, Councilmember Steven Glenn, Councilmember Bruce Straughn, Councilmember Tom FitzGerald
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>

**7.b. AB 030-2026 FLOCK ALPR Update**

**City Manager Jeff Balentine, Consultant City Attorney Emily Guildner and Consultant Police Chief Tom Dalton** gave an update on state-wide PRR risks and

legislative updates as it relates to the City's deployment of the FLOCK Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) technology.

Discussion points included the following slides:

1. What is Flock?
2. How Do the ALPR Cameras & Software work?
3. How Do Users Search the Data Base?
4. Networks & Audits
5. Flock Data PRRs (Requests Received)
6. Flock Data PRRs (Issues with Requests)
7. Declaratory Judgment Action (Argument Overview)
8. Current Status
9. Legislative Fix (Other States' Exemptions)
10. Options
11. Summary

#### **Public Comments -**

**Marshall Cruise**, Lake Stevens, provided comments.

**Cathie Tower**, Granite Falls, provided comments.

**Mariah Page**, Granite Falls, provided comments.

#### **8. CURRENT BUSINESS**

None.

#### **9. MAYOR'S COMMENT (5 MINUTES)**

**Mayor Matthew Hartman** commented on the following:

- Mayor's Meeting - Congresswoman Shrier
- The city has officially taken possession of the old Fire Department
- New Teen Center opening at the Boys & Girls Club (Feb 16th @ 1:30 p.m.-ribbon cutting)

#### **10. COUNCIL COMMENTS (15 MINUTES)**

**Mayor Pro Tem David Griggs** commented on the following:

- Legion Park Plan - excited for the project
- Remember to vote

**Councilmember Tom FitzGerald** commented on the following:

- Friday night - Boys Basketball Games (Senior Night)

**Councilmember Steven Glenn** commented on the following:

- Scout Members attending Council Meeting (understanding was hard)
- Patriotic themes for upcoming themes for 2026

**Councilmember Bruce Straughn** commented on the following:

- Expressed his love for the city hall building
- Exciting for big changes forthcoming for city properties

## **11. CITY MANAGER (5 MINUTES)**

**City Manager Jeff Balentine** commented on the following:

- Own old Fire Station (coordinate/cleanout/paint) for Legion to be moved over and used
  - Soft Opening - Bay 1 & 2 (Boys & Girls Club Use)
  - Phased approach for long term use
- WWTP Substantial Completion & finishing work - Ribbon cutting, pothole fixes, landscape screening
- Code enforcement - REET Money
- Sales Tax for Children and Family Services
- ILA - Public Works Requirements - possible reductions
- Beaver Dam & Culvert Replacement Outcome

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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City Clerk Darla Wilkins, MMC

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Mayor Matthew Hartman