



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**June 17, 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 Deputy City Clerk Carole Williams
Consultants	Consultant City Attorney Emily Guildner

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Matthew Hartman called the 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.

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

Absent:

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION:	Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
MOVER:	City Councilmember Steven Glenn
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem/City Councilmember David Griggs
AYES:	Mayor/City Councilmember Matthew Hartman, City Councilmember Tom FitzGerald, City Councilmember Steven Glenn, Mayor Pro Tem/City Councilmember David Griggs, City Councilmember Bruce Straughn
NAYS:	None
RESULT:	Passed

4.a. AB 094-2026 Approval of May 20, 2026 Minutes

4.b. AB 095-2026 Approval of June 3, 2026 Minutes

4.c. AB 096-2026 Approval of June 10, 2026 Minutes

4.d. AB 097-2026 Approval of June 4, 2026 through June 17, 2026 Claims Checks #416315 through 416352 and One EFT totaling \$121,222.89

4.e. AB 098-2026 Approval of May 16, 2026 through May 31, 2026 Payroll Claims Checks #416311 through 416313 and Twenty-Seven EFT's totaling \$162,576.82

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.a. City Manager Report

City Manager Jeff Balentine mentioned the new e-bike rules are now in effect.

5.b. Passports

City Manager Jeff Balentine gave a financial update on the passport office.

5.c. City Clerk Report

City Clerk Darla Reese had nothing further to add.

5.d. Public Works

Public Works Director Charles White commented on the following:

Stormwater -

- LID project reimbursement

Streets -

- Preparing for the 5K Run

Sewer -

- Annual maintenance at sewer lift station

Water -

- Identified a leaking fire hydrant (corner of S. Kentucky/Grand Ave.)

Project Updates -

- Indiana & Kentucky Ave. LID
- RRFB's
- Crack Seal Project
- Union & Kentucky Overlay Project
- Legion Park RFQ Architect & Engineering Services

5.e. Planning

Planning Director Amy Hess was absent.

5.f. Police Department

Consultant Police Chief Tom Dalton was absent.

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

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

**7.a. AB 099-2026 Public Hearing - 7:10 PM, or soon thereafter,
For consideration to Approve Resolution 2026-09 (CIP/TIP)**

MOTION:	Motion to open the public hearing.
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MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem/City Councilmember David Griggs
SECONDER:	City Councilmember Steven Glenn
AYES:	Mayor/City Councilmember Matthew Hartman, City Councilmember Tom FitzGerald, City Councilmember Steven Glenn, Mayor Pro Tem/City Councilmember David Griggs, City Councilmember Bruce Straughn
NAYS:	None
RESULT:	Passed

City Clerk Darla Wilkins submitted the following list of hearing exhibits into the record:

- Exhibit 1 - Public Hearing Notice dated June 5, 2026, 1 page
- Exhibit 2 - Verification of Public Hearing Posting dated June 5, 2026, 1 page
- Exhibit 3 - Affidavit of Publication from the Everett Daily Herald dated June 5, 2026, 2 pages
- Exhibit 4 - Resolution No. 2026-09 - TIP/CIP Program, 2 pages
- Exhibit 5 - Exhibit A to Resolution No. 2026-09, 3 pages

Public Works Director Charles White mentioned the following items:

- 6-Year Transportation Improvement Project (TIP) list
- An error was found in the prior Exhibit A - new list was distributed to Council
- New to the Resolution this year - addition of the City's Capital Improvement Plan

Mayor Matthew Hartman opened the public testimony portion of the public hearing.

No one signed up or elected to comment.

Mayor Matthew Hartman closed the public testimony portion of the public hearing.

MOTION:	Motion to close the public hearing with action to follow.
MOVER:	City Councilmember Steven Glenn
SECONDER:	City Councilmember Bruce Straughn

AYES:	Mayor/City Councilmember Matthew Hartman, City Councilmember Tom FitzGerald, City Councilmember Steven Glenn, Mayor Pro Tem/City Councilmember David Griggs, City Councilmember Bruce Straughn
NAYS:	None
RESULT:	Passed

MOTION:	Motion to approve Resolution 2026-09, adopting the City of Granite Falls Capital Improvement Plan and Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem/City Councilmember David Griggs
SECONDER:	City Councilmember Tom FitzGerald
AYES:	Mayor/City Councilmember Matthew Hartman, City Councilmember Tom FitzGerald, City Councilmember Steven Glenn, Mayor Pro Tem/City Councilmember David Griggs, City Councilmember Bruce Straughn
NAYS:	None
RESULT:	Passed

7.b. AB 100-2026 Planning Commission Seat Nomination

Mayor Matthew Hartman stated: I move to recommend the appointment of Stacie Marable to the Planning Commission, filling the vacated seat 2, for a term that ends on January 2, 2030.

MOTION:	Motion to confirm the appointment of Stacie Marable, as nominated by the Mayor, to the Granite Falls Planning Commission, with a term expiration date of January 2, 2030.
MOVER:	City Councilmember Steven Glenn
SECONDER:	City Councilmember Bruce Straughn
AYES:	Mayor/City Councilmember Matthew Hartman, City Councilmember Tom FitzGerald, City Councilmember Steven Glenn, Mayor Pro Tem/City Councilmember David Griggs, City Councilmember Bruce Straughn
NAYS:	None
RESULT:	Passed

7.c. AB 101-2026 Transportation Benefit District Funding Options

MOTION:	Move to direct staff to prepare an ordinance amending GFMC 10.85 and adopting a 0.1% TBD sales/use tax under RCW 82.14.0455 while maintaining the current \$20 vehicle license fee, subject to City Attorney review and DOR timing.
MOVER:	City Councilmember Steven Glenn
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem/City Councilmember David Griggs
AYES:	Mayor/City Councilmember Matthew Hartman, City Councilmember Steven Glenn, Mayor Pro Tem/City Councilmember David Griggs, City Councilmember Bruce Straughn
NAYS:	City Councilmember Tom FitzGerald
RESULT:	Passed

8. CURRENT BUSINESS

None.

9. MAYOR'S COMMENT (5 MINUTES)

Mayor Matthew Hartman received a letter from Thompson Guildner Associates announcing that Tom Graafstra is officially retiring.

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS (15 MINUTES)

Mayor Pro Tem David Griggs commented on the following:

- Happily modeling his Hawaiian shirt
- Show N Shine (requesting help with advertising and volunteering)
- Purple Heart City Ceremony (requested a meeting with City Manager Jeff Balentine)

Councilmember Tom FitzGerald commented on the following:

- Completed the survey for the Prevention Coalition
- Attended the DEM Meeting (May via Zoom)
- Will attend the Texas Tech Training (July 21st)
- Met last week on the Athletic Turf Fields Committee
- Shared information on proposed trail from Lake Gardner to town

Councilmember Steve Glenn commented on the following:

- Scouts holding Flag Retirement Ceremony (Saturday, 10AM-2 - at future

Legion Park)

Councilmember Bruce Straughn commented on the following:

- Attended the last Flag Retirement Ceremony and enjoyed it
- Will be attending the AWC Conference next week

Mayor Matthew Hartman added that County Councilmember Nate Nearing is bringing a motion to the County Council to impose a moratorium on data centers for six months.

11. CITY MANAGER (5 MINUTES)

City Manager Jeff Balentine commented on the following:

- Looking into WA State Law Ordinance that allows conversions of existing commercial/mixed-use residential buildings to residential use by June 30th
- Public Works (purchasing threshold)
- Jail Fee Increases (research worksheet information provided)
- Snohomish County PUD
 - Currently mitigating for wildfire in and around city
 - Smart meter
- July 21st - Mayor Hartman and City Manager Balentine meeting with Snohomish County Executive Chief of Staff Julie More
- Performance Evaluation Review email — sent out for the City Manager

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

City Clerk Darla Wilkins, MMC

Mayor Matthew Hartman