



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 5, 2026

7:00 PM

Civic Center

City Council	Mayor/Council Member Matthew Hartman Mayor Pro Tem/Council Member David Griggs Council Member Steven Glenn Council Member Tom FitzGerald Council Member Bruce Straughn
City Staff	City Clerk Darla Wilkins City Manager Jeff Balentine Deputy City Manager Brent Kirk Public Works Director Charles White
Consultants	Consultant Police Chief Tom Dalton 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 Member's names and took note of the meeting attendance.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Fred Cruger & Mohannah Goravanchi unveiled the new City of Granite Falls sign

located in the Civic Center that they worked on together.

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

4.a. AB 115-2026 Approval of July 15, 2026 Minutes

4.b. AB 116-2026 Approval of August 5, 2026 Claims Checks #415428 through 416478 totaling \$941,923.10

4.c. AB 117-2026 Approval of July 1, 2026, through July 15, 2026, Payroll Claims Checks Consisting of Twenty-Two EFT's totaling \$102,653.83

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.a. Passports

City Manager Jeff Balentine gave an update on the passport office, including revenues and audit inspection.

5.b. City Manager through July 27, 2026

City Manager Jeff Balentine commented on the following:

- July 2026 Financial Reports
- Purchasing
- Flock Presentation (on meeting of August 19th)

5.c. Jan 1 - Jul 15 2026 Purchasing / Claims Report (per Resolution 2026-03)

City Manager Jeff Balentine included this in his items above.

5.d. City Clerk

City Clerk Darla Wilkins had nothing additional to add to her report.

5.e. Consultant Police Chief

Consultant Police Chief Tom Dalton commented on the following:

- Reviewed awards for Deputy Nunemaker and Paramedic Hall
- Show N' Shine Event
- National Night Out Event

5.f. Public Works

Public Works Director Charles White commented on the following:

- Light pole damaged
- Waste Management contract options
- Industrial Stormwater permit
- Snohomish County meeting today (lidar)
- Water testing requirement updates
- N. Indiana had a water quality issue
- Tractor Supply store project review
- Indiana/Kentucky LID project
- RFB's
- Union/Kentucky project
- Drinking water rehab
- Tree lighting

5.g. Planning

Community Development Director Amy Hess was absent from the meeting.

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

Sondra Novak, Granite Falls, provided comments.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.a. AB 118-2026 Consideration to approve the Professional Services Proposal with RWD for Architectural and Engineering Services related**

to Legion Park development.

MOTION:	Motion that the vacant property North of the police station be included in the Scope of Work Evaluation and include that the City Manager can negotiate reasonable cost changes to this change.
MOVER:	Council Member Bruce Straughn
SECONDER:	Council Member Steven Glenn
AYES:	Mayor/Council Member Matthew Hartman, Council Member Tom FitzGerald, Council Member Steven Glenn, Mayor Pro Tem/Council Member David Griggs, Council Member Bruce Straughn
NAYS:	None
RESULT:	Passed

7.b. AB 119-2026 Presentation - H1 2026 Financial Report / City of Granite Falls Strategic Plan 2027–2036

City Manager Jeff Balentine gave a financial update on the first half of 2026. His presentation included the following slides:

Part 1 - H1 2026 Financial Report

- Citywide Position
- General Fund - Revenue
- General Fund - Revenue Trends
- General Fund - Expenditures
- General Fund - Monthly Activity
- General Fund - 2026 Outlook
- Utility Funds
- Capital & Special Revenue Funds

Part 2 - Strategic Plan & Goals 2027-2036

- Approach
- Strategic Plan 2027-2036
- Financial Foundation
- Capital Strategy
- Goal 2 - Reliable Utilities
- Goals 3 & 4 - Downtown, Economy & Parks

- Goal 5 - Safe & Connected Transportation
- Goal 6 - Implementation
- Accountability
- Council Action

7.c. AB 120-2026 Consideration to Approve the Services Agreement with Idemia Identity & Security USA, LLC (WA Universal Enrollment Services)

MOTION:	Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute the Services Agreement with Idemia Identity & Security USA, LLC, substantially in the form presented.
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem/Council Member David Griggs
SECONDER:	Council Member Steven Glenn
AYES:	Mayor/Council Member Matthew Hartman, Council Member Tom FitzGerald, Council Member Steven Glenn, Mayor Pro Tem/Council Member David Griggs, Council Member Bruce Straughn
NAYS:	None
RESULT:	Passed

7.d. AB 121-2026 Consideration to Approve the Letter of Support for Councilmember Nate Nehring's Amendment to the Snohomish County Public Safety Enhancement Sales Tax (PSEST) Ordinance

MOTION:	Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign and transmit, on behalf of the City Council, the letter to Snohomish County Council supporting Council Member Nate Nehring's amendment to the proposed Public Safety Enhancement Sales Tax (PSEST) ordinance.
MOVER:	Council Member Steven Glenn
SECONDER:	Council Member Bruce Straughn
AYES:	Mayor/Council Member Matthew Hartman, Council Member Tom FitzGerald, Council Member Steven Glenn, Mayor Pro Tem/Council Member David Griggs, Council Member Bruce Straughn
NAYS:	None
RESULT:	Passed

7.e. AB 122-2026 Consideration to Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for Municipal Road and Street Services - Term Extension

MOTION:	Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Interlocal Agreement between Snohomish County and the City of Granite Falls for Municipal Road and Street Services, extending the term of the Agreement through December 31, 2029.
MOVER:	Council Member Bruce Straughn
SECONDER:	Council Member Steven Glenn
AYES:	Mayor/Council Member Matthew Hartman, Council Member Tom FitzGerald, Council Member Steven Glenn, Mayor Pro Tem/Council Member David Griggs, Council Member Bruce Straughn
NAYS:	None
RESULT:	Passed

7.f. AB 123-2026 Consideration to Approve the Boys & Girls Club Galena Street Property Lease for Parking Lot Site Improvements

MOTION:	Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute the Lease Agreement with the Boys & Girls Club of Snohomish County for the City-owned parcel at the northeast corner of Galena Street, for construction and operation of a public parking lot and children's play area.
MOVER:	Council Member Tom FitzGerald
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem/Council Member David Griggs
AYES:	Mayor/Council Member Matthew Hartman, Council Member Tom FitzGerald, Council Member Steven Glenn, Mayor Pro Tem/Council Member David Griggs, Council Member Bruce Straughn
NAYS:	None
RESULT:	Passed

8. CURRENT BUSINESS

There were no Current Business items.

9. MAYOR'S COMMENT (5 MINUTES)

Mayor Matthew Hartman gave an update on some of the election results in our area.

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS (15 MINUTES)

Mayor Pro Tem / Council Member David Griggs commented on the following:

- Met Darwin Smith (says hi to everyone)
- Show 'N Shine event
- Purple Heart Ceremony (shout out to staff)

Council Member Tom FitzGerald commented on the following:

- National Night Out event
- Library Levee passing
- Show 'N Shine event
- Will be gone September 2nd (please excuse him)

Council Member Steven Glenn commented on the following:

- National Night Out event
- Frightening Falls event (rumors)
- Tax increases (police)
- Event funding

Council Member Bruce Straughn commented on the air quality due to the forest fires.

11. CITY MANAGER (5 MINUTES)

City Manager Jeff Balentine commented on the following:

- Thanked Thom Graafstra (retiring)
- Sheriff Contract
- Chapter 2.08 updates
- Passport audit
- Twic updates
- Joey Harmon (icc certification-Residential)

- Grants bulletin
- Show 'N Shine event
- National Night Out event
- Purple Heart Ceremony (Friday at noon)
- Statewide emergency & burn ban
- Smoke & heat conditions/warnings
- Election updates
- Snohomish County TBD (public hearing)
- Transportation road updates

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

City Clerk Darla Wilkins, MMC

Mayor Matthew Hartman