



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**August 12, 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
Consultants		Consultant City Attorney Emily Guildner

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem David Griggs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Pro Tem David Griggs 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. NEW BUSINESS

4.a. Council Interference RCW Presentation Consultant City Attorney Emily Guildner

Consultant City Attorney Emily Guildner gave a presentation on City Council Roles and Responsibilities.

4.b. Discussion - GFMC Chapter 2.08 (City Council) review of draft amendments and Council direction

City Manager Jeff Balentine reviewed the proposed changes to Section 2.08 of the Granite Falls Municipal Code and asked for clarification on the following items prior to the scheduled public hearing on August 19, 2026.

- Review the redline draft of Chapter 2.08 GFMC prepared by staff and the city attorney in response to Council direction given on July 1, 2026;
- Resolve, or give direction on, the four policy choices that remain open: the regular meeting start time, the written-testimony deadline, the treatment of remote participation on quasi-judicial matters, and whether any change to the committees subsection is desired;
- Provide any further direction to staff on the draft; and
- Confirm whether the draft should be advanced to a public hearing on August 19, 2026, with consideration of adopting Ordinance No. 1082-2026 to follow.

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

There were no Current Business items to discuss.

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

City Clerk Darla Wilkins, MMC

Mayor Matthew Hartman