



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**August 19, 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 Planning Director Amy Hess
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 called out the Council Member's names and took note of the meeting attendance.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION:	Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
MOVER:	Council Member Steven Glenn
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

4.a. AB 124-2026 Approval of August 6, 2026, Claims Checks #416480 through 416513 and One EFT totaling \$138,783.15

4.b. AB 125-2026 Approval of July 16, 2026, through July 31, 2026, Payroll Claims Checks #416425 through 416427 and Twenty-seven EFT's totaling \$167,620.41

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.a. Planning

Community Development Director Amy Hess commented on the following:

- Custom Stones project
- Park impact fee discussed has been pushed to the October 14th Work Session

5.b. Public Works

City Manager Jeff Balentine commented on the Public Works Report due to Public Works Director Charles White's absence. He highlighted the following:

- Ben Fidler was promoted to the Public Works Lead Position
- The fee schedule review has been moved to October 7th

5.c. City Manager Staff Report

City Manager Jeff Balentine commented on the following:

- Snohomish County Council passed the Justice Fund Sales Tax
- Purple Heart City (asked to help guide Sedro Woolley through the process)

5.d. City Clerk

City Clerk Darla Wilkins had no further comments to add to her report.

5.e. Consultant Police Chief

Consultant Police Chief Tom Dalton commented on the following:

- Current burglaries
- Current investigations
- Shift help coverage (due to military leave)
- Critical Incident Management 360 training (ended today)
- Introduced the following officers present for tonight's meeting: Bureau Chief Mike Martin, Lieutenant Todd Swenson, Watch Commander Matt Houghtaling

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

Joah Wright, Granite Falls, provided comments.

City Clerk Darla Wilkins read a submission from Sondra Novak into the record.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.a. AB 126-2026 Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) / Flock Safety Camera Program: Overview, SB 6002 (RCW) Compliance, Transparency, and Public Safety Benefits

City Manager Jeff Balentine, Bureau Chief Mike Martin, Lieutenant Todd Swenson and Consultant Police Chief Tom Dalton discussed the following Snohomish County Sheriff's Office ALPR/Flock Safety Camera Program, which included discussion on the following slide deck:

- SB 6002 (ALPR Law)
- State Registration
- Registration Requirements
- Policy Certification and Training
- Flock Training
- Geographic Restrictions
- Usage & Investigation Limits
- Data Retention & Privacy

- County ALPR Accountability Policy
- Audits
- Reporting
- What the Camera Captures
- The Same Image, Fully Enhanced
- Front Views: No Facial Recognition
- Organization Audit: May 1-August 14, 2026
- Network Audits Conducted Regularly
- Camera Placement: In and Out of Town Only
- When Data Becomes Evidence
- Proven, Life Saving

Mayor Matthew Hartman welcomed public comment during the discussion of this agenda item.

**7.b. AB 127-2026 Public Hearing 7:10 p.m., or soon thereafter,
Regarding proposed amendments to Chapter 2.08 GFMC, and
consideration of adoption of Ordinance No. 1082-2026**

MOTION:	Motion to open the Public Hearing.
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

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

Exhibit 1 - Public Hearing Notice dated August 7, 2026, 1 page

Exhibit 2 - Verification of Public Hearing Posting dated August 7, 2026, 1 page

Exhibit 3 - Affidavit of Publication from the Everett Daily Herald, dated August 7, 2026, 2 pages

Exhibit 4 - Ordinance No. 1082-2026 - Chapter 2.08 Redlines August 19, 2026 Public Hearing, 9 pages

Exhibit 5 - Ordinance No. 1082-2026 - Chapter 2.08 Amendments August 19, 2026 Updated, 14 pages

Exhibit 6 - GFMC 2.08-PH Presentation, 17 pages

City Manager Jeff Balentine briefly reviewed the proposed changes to Chapter 2.08 including the following items:

Change #1 - Public comment on New and Current Business items

Change #2 - Public Comment at work session meetings

Change #3 - Council-manager roles, order of business, special meetings

Change #4 - Vacancies, attendance, and mayor pro tempore

Change #5 - Meeting logistics: start time, location, accessibility

Change #6 - Appeals of the chair and comment time limit

Change #7 - Voting and how votes are recorded

Change #8 - Remote attendance replaces telephonic attendance

Change #9 - Expenses, compensation, eligibility, forms of address

Change #10 - To be decided tonight - Regular meeting start time

Mayor Hartman opened the Public Testimony portion of the Public Hearing.

Fred Cruger, Granite Falls, provided comments.

Mayor Hartman closed the Public Testimony portion of the Public Hearing.

MOTION:	Motion to close the Public Hearing.
MOVER:	Council Member Bruce Straughn
SECONDER:	Council Member Tom FitzGerald
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

MOTION:	Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1082-2026, amending Chapter 2.08 GFMC as set forth in Exhibit A, with the regular meeting and regular work session start time set at 7:00 p.m., following the public hearing held this evening.
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem/Council Member David Griggs
SECONDER:	Council Member Tom FitzGerald
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.c. **AB 128-2026 Consideration to Approve an Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for Surface Water Management Billing Services for the term January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2036**

MOTION:	Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute the Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for Surface Water Management Billing Services for the term January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2036.
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.d. **AB 129-2026 Consideration to Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County concerning Building/Construction/Fire Plan Review and Code Inspection Services, extending the term through December 31, 2028 and adopting a new fee schedule for 2027 and 2028**

MOTION:	Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for building, construction and fire plan review and code inspection services, extending the term through December 31, 2028.
MOVER:	Council Member Steven Glenn
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
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8. CURRENT BUSINESS

8.a. AB 052-2026 Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2026-11 Adoption of the City of Granite Falls Hazard Mitigation Plan Annex

MOTION:	Move to approve Resolution No. 2026-11, adopting the City of Granite Falls Hazard Mitigation Plan Annex.
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

9. MAYOR'S COMMENT (5 MINUTES)

Mayor Matthew Hartman commented on the following:

- Purple Heart Ceremony
- Attorney Tom Graafstra's retirement
- Election results

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS (15 MINUTES)

Mayor Pro Tem David Griggs commented on the following:

- Purple Heart Ceremony (thanked city council and staff)

Council Member Tom FitzGerald commented on the following:

- Community Coalition Backpack Drive (held yesterday)
- Purple Heart Ceremony
- State of the City (City Manager Jeff Balentine presenting)

Council Member Steve Glenn commented on the following:

- School
- Cemetery (memorial emblem ceremony for James Stearns) 11 a.m. this Saturday

Council Member Bruce Straughn commented on the following:

- Glad we do not have any budget issues like other cities
- Sorry he missed the Purple Heart Ceremony
- Press releases

11. CITY MANAGER (5 MINUTES)

City Manager Jeff Balentine commented on the following:

- Press Release templates
- Everett Herald (story on Purple Heart City) coming soon
- Cybersecurity for Wastewater Treatment Plant protection
- Legion Park presentation (tomorrow at 2 p.m.)
- ILA for Issaquah Jail Services
- Brycer (Fire/Life Workflow (attorney review)
- RCO Grant Trails Program
- Safety - Shooting target ban in effect
- Community Transit / Everett Transit looking to consolidate
- MRSC Insight (Metropolitan Parks District article)
- Buzz Inn Presentation (State of the City)

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

City Clerk Darla Wilkins, MMC

Mayor Matthew Hartman