

**City of Grantville  
Council Meeting Minutes  
August 26, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.  
Glanton Municipal Complex  
123 Lagrange Street, Grantville, GA**

**Call to Order: 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Doug Jewell**

**Present: Mayor Doug Jewell, Council Members Alan Wacaser, Mark King, Ruby Hines, and Jim Sells; City Manager Al Grieshaber Jr., City Clerk Roberta Higgins and Assistant City Clerk BettyAnn Rooks**

**Invocation: Mr. Mowery**

**Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Doug Jewell**

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion to amend the agenda to allow the Newnan Coweta Chamber of Commerce representatives Joy Barnes and Bob Coggin to speak first on the agenda: Sells/Hines 4-0**

**Motion to approve amended agenda: Sells/Hines 4-0**

**Approval of Minutes:**

<b>July 22, 2019</b>	<b>Regular City Council Meeting Minutes</b>
<b>August 5, 2019</b>	<b>Special Called City Council Meeting Minutes</b>
<b>August 7, 2019</b>	<b>Special Called City Council Meeting Minutes</b>
<b>August 12, 2019</b>	<b>City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes</b>
<b>August 19, 2019</b>	<b>Special Called City Council Meeting Minutes</b>

**Motion to approve the minutes; Sells/Wacaser: 4-0 Hines asked for a few corrections to the minutes dated July 22, 2019**

**Public Hearing: Fiscal Year 2020 Budget**

**Public Hearing Opened at: 6:36 p.m.**

**Public Hearing Closed at: 6:40 p.m.**

**Public Hearing: Application for Retail Alcohol Beverage License for malt beverage and/or wine for consumption off premises: from BAF Enterprise Inc Marc Frazier DBA Frazier's at 5320 Hwy 29, Grantville GA 30220**

**Public Hearing Opened at: 6:41 p.m.**

**Public Hearing Closed at: 6:42 p.m.**

**Discussion/Approval: Retail Alcohol Beverage License for malt beverage and/or wine for consumption off premises: from BAF Enterprise Inc Marc Frazier DBA Frazier's at 5320 Hwy 29, Grantville GA 30220. Approved Sells/Wacaser: 4-0**

**Presentation: Report of Independent Investigation to Grantville City Council concerning the Construction of the Grantville Cemetery Wall. City Manager introduced attorneys Jonathan Gaul and Les Schneider who brought recommendations for the Mayor and City Council.**

**Mayor Jewell recessed meeting for a 5 minute break at 7:55 p.m. Meeting Reconvened at 8:01 p.m.**

**Motion to send report on Independent Investigation to the Administrative Committee Wacaser/King: 3-1 Hines opposed.**

**First Reading: Ordinance Number 2019-08; An Ordinance to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget for the City of Grantville – no action required.**

**First Reading: Ordinance Number 2019-09; An Ordinance Granting a Franchise to Coweta-Fayette EMC – no action required.**

**First Reading: Ordinance Number 2019-10; An Ordinance Providing an Updated Distributed Generation Rider – no action required.**

**First Reading: Ordinance Number 2019-11; Ordinance Requiring Mandatory Connection to City of Grantville Utilities- no action required.**

**Discussion/Approval: Purchasing a 2019 Jeep Cherokee Latitude 4x4 vehicle for the Senior Center (price \$23,940.00) Approved Hines/King: 3-1; Sells opposed.**

**Discussion/Approval: Consultant Agreement with Ron Owens Approved Sells/King: 3-1; Hines opposed. For the record Mayor Jewell opposed.**

**Discussion/Approval: Engagement Letter with Gerald Pentecost to provide Audit Services for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2019 and Authorizing the Mayor to sign**

**Approved Hines/King: 3-1: Sells opposed.**

**Discussion/Approval: Relocation and Training Agreement with Russell C. Chambers and Authorizing the Mayor to sign. Approved Sells/King: 3-1; Hines opposed.**

**Discussion/Approval: Training Agreement with Roberta Higgins and Authorizing the Mayor to sign. Approved King/Wacaser: 4-0**

**Discussion/Approval: Resolution Number 2019-22 to Amend the Travel Policy**

**Approved King/Hines: 2-2; Mayor voted in favor. Approved 3-2**

**Discussion/Approval: MEAG Year 2020 Annual Subscription under the Supplemental Power Supply Policy and Authorizing the Mayor to sign (backup attached)**

**Approved Wacaser/King: 4-0**

**Discussion/Determination of the Ethics Complaint filed by Marion Cieslik against Selma Coty**

**City Manager stated that the Ethics Board membership terms have expired (5 members with 2 year terms). Recommended to table complaint. Approved Wacaser/Sells: 4-0**

**Citizens Comments: Marion Cieslik**

**City Council Comments**

**Councilmember Alan Wacaser: none**

**Councilmember Mark King: Thank you to those that have stayed here tonight. I found the opinions of the attorneys to be very informative. I think we are coming close to the conclusion of the situation with that wall. Maybe now, as painful as it's going to be, we can put our heads together and the darn thing fixed. That's all thank you all for staying and for being here tonight.**

**Councilmember Ruby Hines: Blessing to all for coming and staying. Thank you**

**Councilmember Jim Sells: Thank you for your participation. I want you to know I am concerned about the budget. The budget calls for pulling \$485,000 thereabouts, from our utility fund to balance the budget. The Utility Fund only made about \$330,000.00 in 2018.**

**So every year we are pulling into our reserves, taking all that money, and not holding anything back for infrastructure repairs. The utilities should not be a bonanza for profit for the City to spend money. We should be working the utilities as close to cost as possible and not taking another almost \$500,000.00 profit out of it. That's money from the citizens and again, half our community lives paycheck to paycheck. I think with having a budget well over \$2 million dollars I think we are doing a disservice. I think the budget is too high.**

**Mayor Doug Jewell: I want to thank everybody for coming out and staying out. You've heard a lot of things about what I did or didn't do in this wall situation. You've heard demands that I resign. I don't intend to resign. Like I said the citizens put me in and they'll have to take me out if they so will then that will be that. Like I forestated, in the United States of America, we are assumed innocent until proven guilty. All this report has is a lot of accusations and just hearsay information and everything. Like I stated earlier, I will address them at the proper time and in the proper manner. Mr. Wacaser stated that I never have admitted my involvement in this. I invite anybody, everybody to go look at the meeting. I believe it was in September, where I stated my involvement in this thing. You are welcome to listen to it for yourself. That's all I have. Again, thank you for coming out.**

**City Manager Al Grieshaber Jr.: none**

**City Attorney Mark Mitchell: not present**

**Adjournment: 9:00 p.m. Hines/King: 4-0**