



**NOTICE OF AGENDA
GRANITE SHOALS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR CALLED MEETING**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

City of Granite Shoals City Hall, 2221 N. Phillips Rd., Granite Shoals, TX 78654
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MINUTES

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call/ Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Pro Tem Hougen.

Moved by Catherine Bell; seconded by Brian Edwards to excuse the absence of Ron Munos and Mike Pfister.

Motion Passed: 5 - 0

Voting For: Brian Edwards, Judy Salvaggio, Steve Hougen, Michael Berg, Catherine Bell

Invocation

Given by Dawn Wright.

Pledge of Allegiance, Pledge to Texas Flag

2. Citizen Comments

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, City Council is prohibited from acting or discussing (other than factual responses to specific questions) any items not on the agenda.

No citizen comments.

3. Items of Community Interest

In response to the recent severe weather, staff, including Humberto Mejia and Joseph Lambert, worked extended hours sanding and clearing roads.

The City managed to keep roads passable, allowing EMS to respond to all 911 calls without delay. Multiple line breaks were handled promptly by Josh Hisey and his team, ensuring uninterrupted water service. Police and fire departments closely monitored road conditions and maintained active communication with the community. City Manager Sara Novo praised the departments for their exemplary response.

- 2026-2027 BCAD Board of Directors
- Feb 13th — Last day to submit an application to run for City Council
- Feb. 16th - Closed for President's Day

Update from Wildlife Advisory Committee

Wildlife Committee Chair, Mark Henshaw presented the year-end totals for the 2025-2026 harvest program.

- 564 harvest opportunities among 50 harvesters since the program started.
- 238 deer removed to date: 203 does, 35 bucks.
- 23 harvest days remain this season.
- 170 deer donated (over 4,500 lbs / 2+ tons of venison).
- 21 deer unrecovered (8.8% archery loss rate, considered low, seeking further reduction via site improvements).
- Only six complaints were received, indicating high community acceptance.
- 38 of 50 harvesters have harvested deer; the rest have not.
- Two new harvest locations were established:
 - One at the airport (coordinated with the Airport Advisory Committee).
 - One near Tropical Hideaway.
- The program is expected to reach its goal of 270 deer by season's end.

4. Reports

4.a. Department Reports

Parks

Installation of new bumpers at docks noted.

Police

Department is fully staffed.

Resolved a CAD system glitch that lost over 1,000 service calls; all records reviewed and racial profiling data compiled and submitted to the State of Texas by March deadline.

Additional items to be included on next Council agenda.

Fire Department

Assistant Chief Joshua Nugent completed a 7-day course at the National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, Maryland (operations and incident control).

Training attended by ~3,000 firefighters from across the globe each year.

Streets

Department seeking to hire a new machine operator.

Staff continue training on new equipment, including recently arrived 42-inch miller (previous work done using 24-inch miller).

Larger equipment expected to increase efficiency on pothole and street repairs.

“Year of the Roads” pledge reiterated; final piece of equipment delivered “this week.”

New skid steers cited as crucial in recent street-clearing operations.

5. Consent Agenda

Moved by Judy Salvaggio; seconded by Catherine Bell to approve the consent agenda items.

Motion Passed: 4 - 0

Voting For: Judy Salvaggio, Steve Hougen, Michael Berg, Catherine Bell

Brian Edwards - Abstained

- 5.a. Discuss and consider approval of meeting minutes from January 13, 2026.
- 5.b. Discuss and consider the appointment of Peter Hutnick to the Parks Advisory Committee.

6. Action Items

- 6.a. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding adoption of Ordinance 576-A- to amend code of ordinances; Chapter 2, Article I, Section 2-2.

Discussion included concerns about potentially longer meetings and staff preparation time.

Members noted:

- Change from holding regular council meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays to just the 4th Tuesday of each month.
- Special meetings can still be called as needed with proper notice (minimum 5 business days).
- Flexibility to revert to previous schedule if desired.
- The change aligns ordinance wording more closely to the City Charter, which mandates “at least one meeting per month.”

Moved by Judy Salvaggio; seconded by Catherine Bell to adopt Ordinance 576-A Amending the Code of Ordinances: Chapter 2, Article I, Section 2-2.

Motion Passed: 4 - 1

Voting For: Judy Salvaggio, Steve Hougen, Michael Berg, Catherine Bell

Voting Against: Brian Edwards

- 6.b. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding Ordinance 887 — Order of Election May 2, 2026.

Moved by Michael Berg; seconded by Brian Edwards to adopt Ordinance 887 - Order of Election May 2, 2026.

Motion Passed: 5 - 0

Voting For: Brian Edwards, Judy Salvaggio, Steve Hougen, Michael Berg, Catherine Bell

7. Executive Session (Closed to the Public)

The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matters listed on the agenda, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney), 551.072 (deliberations about real property), 551.073 (deliberations about gifts and donations), 551.074 (personnel

matters), 551.076 (deliberations about security devices), 551.087 (economic development), and/or 418.183 (homeland security).

No Executive Session.

8. Future Agenda Items

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 24, 2026, 6:00PM.

9. Adjournment

With no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31PM.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above minutes are true and correct from the City Council meeting of January 27, 2026.

Mayor Ron Munos _____

Attest:

Dawn Wright - City Secretary _____