



Empire Municipal Advisory Council

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MINUTES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 @ 6 PM

Empire Community Library, Community Room

98 I Street

Empire, CA 95319

Present (identified by a checked box):

Christopher Nunes

Cheyenne Sanders

Dorothy Roberts

1. Call Meeting to Order – Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Chair Nunes.
2. Pledge of Allegiance - Pledge of allegiance was recited by all in attendance.
3. Introduction and Roll Call – Chair Nunes welcomed the public and the members introduced themselves. Community Relations Manager, Erica Inacio, offered interpretation for non-English speakers.
4. Approve Meeting Minutes from April 26, 2023. – A motion was made to approve the minutes. Moved Roberts, Seconded Nunes. Unanimously approved.
5. Public Comment
 - Tera Chumley, Director of Parks and Recreation gave a presentation on a summer rec van program that will be available to Empire residents on a rotating Friday schedule that will start on June 9th.
 - Allison from Stanislaus County PAL shared the Empire pool opens May 30th for recreational swim. There will be two sessions one from 12:00pm to 2:00pm, and from 2:30pm to 4:00pm. They will also have lessons and party rentals available.
6. Community Reports
 - a. Public Safety
 - i. Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office – Deputy Josh Craig
 - Reported 1 domestic call between family members, 1 robbery, and a couple of traffic stops conducted along Church St. Speed concerns were brought to attention on Church St and he is getting units to come out and monitor that area.
 - He reminded the public to use the Stan Connect app to report anything in Empire and left his contact information jcraig@stansherriff.com and phone number (209)275-7786



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- Mr. and Mrs. Frautz with the STARS informed the public about a house check program that states they will do a house check 1 to 2 times a week while you are on vacation.

They also introduced another program called Owner Applied Numbers that can be given to farm equipment that will make the equipment easy to identify if stolen.

ii. California Highway Patrol - Officer Moore reported.

- Reported 4 non injury accidents, 2 hit and run accidents, 2 DUI arrests, 6 reckless driving calls, and 2 stolen vehicles.

iii. Stanislaus Consolidated Fire

- Battalion Chief Cliff Reid introduced himself. He stated the house received 62 calls with 4 of them being fire calls.

He reminded the public that it is fire season and to report any tall weeds and possible fire hazards to the Stan Connect app so they can be addressed.

iv. Public Works

- Brian England shared the results of the traffic study conducted on Church Street stating that the average speed going northbound was 33mph and 32mph going southbound. The max speed that was recorded was 73mph and the lowest speed was 23mph. They did come to the solution of putting 10 electronic speed signs within the Empire limits with a majority being placed on Church Street.

b. Local Government

i. Board of Supervisors – Channce Condit

- Russel Fowler reporting for Channce Condit shared that Love Empire was a huge success and they appreciated the community for participating in the event.

ii. Chief Executive Office

- Erica Inacio, Community Relations Manager, shared stats from Love Stanislaus stating there were over 3,500 volunteers and 75 projects that were completed in unincorporated areas of Modesto.

She stated that Stanislaus County got approved for a \$28.7 Million opioid settlement against pharmaceuticals. The money will be given to the county in installments and will be used toward education and outreach programs.



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- c. Assemblyman Juan Alanis, District 22 - Michelle Finch was present and provided legislative updates, including fighting for fentanyl laws, and how 3 of his bills that have been brought to attention has been taken out. She also shared that a prop 47, that gave stricter penalties for store thefts, was also shot down. The office is going to be doing a mobile clinic that will be at Lulas Grill on June 8th at 2pm.
 - d. Congressman John Duarte, 13th District, Gavin Cline was not present.
 - e. Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil, Jacob Faulder was not present.
 - f. School District
 - Claudia Camarena shared they will be doing food distribution the first and third Friday of June only and they will not do it in July, but they will be having a food truck that will come in and give free lunch to children 18 and younger. She then thanked Britney Nunes for the new Empire Elementary school mural. She shared that Empire health and wellness night on May 11th went great and reminded the community the last day of school was May 25 and the children got released at 1:30pm. She stated that many Empire residents chipped in, and they were able to replace both tricycles that were stolen and were able to purchase 5 more. Lastly she let the public know that the migrant camp summer school was now open.
 - g. Library
 - Diane Ramirez, Library Assistant, informed the public that they are still doing the summer reading program.
7. Informational Items
 - a. None.
 8. Action Items:
 - a. The MAC accepted the new bylaws for revision from elected to appointed MAC.

Motion was made by Nunes to accept the red line copy, Seconded by Roberts. Unanimously approved.
 9. Council Comments & Recommendations for Future Agenda Items. – None.
 10. Adjournment: 6:39 PM
- Next Regular Meeting – June 28th, 2023, at 6:00 PM.