



Empire Municipal Advisory Council

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MINUTES

Wednesday, June 25, 2025 @ 6 PM

Empire Public Library, Community Room, 98 I Street, Empire, CA 95319

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm
 - a. Hannah Holden called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance
2. Welcome and Roll Call: Rafael Rodriguez, Brett Jensen and Hannah Holden were all present and introduced themselves.
3. Action item: The election of officers was held. Rafael Rodriguez currently wanted to remain as a “member.” Hannah Holden nominated Brett Jensen for President, Rafael made a second for the motion. The attending community members voted “yea.” Brett Jensen nominated Hannah Holden for Secretary, a second was made on the floor. The attending community members voted “yea.”
4. Approval of minutes for May 28, 2025: The minutes were approved with a “yea.”
5. Public Comment: None
6. Monthly Reports
 - a. Stanislaus County Sheriff’s Office: Deputy Corona reported that there were no violent crimes however there was 1 property crime, 9 family offenses, 3 assaults, 2 disturbances, 1 suspicious activity, 10 other calls, 4 misc. calls and 2 civil service calls.
 - b. California Highway Patrol: Since the last meeting there were 3 collisions with minor injuries, 1 hit and run, 1 DUI arrest, 3 collisions involving property damage, 3 calls for reckless driving, 1 stolen vehicle report and a fatality on Hwy 132. CHP will be adding 4 staff to replace 4 that will be promoted.
 - c. Assemblymember Juan Alanis, 22nd District: Danielle reported on behalf of Juan Alanis. She said that he has been busy in Sacramento voting on Assembly Bills. He is currently working on AB 16 which would allow for ballots to be counted as soon as they are mailed. Along with AB 17 which would allow public access to digital boundary maps for free. AB 310 is an extension to a law that was passed in his first term and will require private youth sports to have a written emergency response plan. AB 528 and AB 873 are waiting for hearings.
 - d. Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors / Chief Executive Office: Noelia Lopez was introduced as the new representative for Chance Condit. Thanks to the voice of the concerned community members, the Empire park has been cleaned up and updated. They are working with the Love Empire group to hopefully get a community clean up day scheduled for fall.
 - i. Jennifer Hidalgo had updates regarding proposed CalTrans work and sidewalk improvements to the community. CalTrans has 2 projects planned for route 132 however



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the completion dates are pretty far out. In 2016 there was a vote to approve the use of grant funding for sidewalk improvements however the community voted no and no improvements were made.

- e. Empire Public Library: Story times are on Wednesday for children up to 5 years old. Every Thursday at 3:30 is the children's programming class. The summer reading program is going on until August 5th. Adam Gray will be having a mobile office at the library soon. The Friends of the Library Group is in need of members for more Library improvements.
- f. Stanislaus County Public Works: None
- g. Stanislaus County Mobile Crisis Response Team: Horacio gave a detailed presentation on how the 24/7 mobile crisis team provides help through their phone system. The number is 1-888-376-6246 and can be used for several mental health needs.
- h. Stanislaus County Police Activities League (PAL): None
- i. Stanislaus County Animal Services Agency: Concern for the loose and stray dogs in the community was brought up along with the over abundance of stray/feral cats. The community was advised to use the webpage for appointments and tools for education and TNR programs. Animal control will come pick up a stray dog if it can be housed somewhere awaiting pick up.
- j. Other Community Representative Reports: None

7. Information Item(s)

8. Action Item(s)

- a. Presentation on Implementation of the Housing Element, Rezone Program, Ordinance Amendments, and Development of Objective Design Standards- Stanislaus County Planning Department
 - The planning department is rezoning parts of South Abbie street from single family to multi family and is wanting a ye or nay vote from the MAC. The vote will be moved to the next meeting.
- b. Election of Officers for 2025: President and Secretary
 - Moved to beginning of meeting

9. Correspondence

-The PO Box is back open and the e-mail for the MAC has been updated to StanEmpireMAC@gmail.com

10. Council Comments and Suggestions for Future Agendas

-Valley water collaborative would like to present at the next meeting

11. Adjournment

-The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm

Next Meeting: July 23, 2025