



Empire Municipal Advisory Council

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MINUTES

Wednesday, July 23rd, 2025 @ 6 PM
Empire Public Library, Community Room
98 I Street, Empire, CA 95319

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance- Call to order at 6 PM
2. Welcome and Roll Call- All members present
3. Approval of minutes for June 25, 2025- Minutes approved unanimously
4. Public Comment-
 - a. National Night Out- discussed the logistics of hosting National Night Out at the church or the park and suggested moving the event to the park for better access and safety. Community member planned to confirm the event details with the church and the community.
5. Monthly Reports
 - a. Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office- The Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office reported 19 calls to service, including minor injury crashes and reckless driving.
 - b. Assemblymember Juan Alanis, 22nd District- updated on four pending bills. Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors / Chief Executive Office- Noelia from Supervisor C. Condit's office discussed traffic concerns on Church Street and Estates Drive.
 - i. Community members discussed the increase in traffic and speeding in the area and suggested adding a flashing speed sign near the school.
 - c. Stanislaus County Mobile Crisis Response Team- Horacio Madueño from BHRS introduced the available services. They respond to mental health and substance use crises, aiming to reduce unnecessary hospitalizations. The team can be reached through the crisis support line or by calling 911
 - d. Empire Public Library- Orquidea from the Empire Public Library outlines various programs and events for children and adults. Upcoming events include a children's program, a storage walk, and a car safety seat class. The library also offers programs for adults, such as yarn crafting and creative painting workshops. She invited community members to participate in library events and mentioned the availability of books for donation.
 - e. Empire Elementary School- Claudia Camarena from Empire Elementary reported on the resumption of food distribution and school start dates. She invited the community to participate in the Day of the Dead event on October 31. She also mentioned the booster club's backpack drive and the need for volunteers.



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- i. Community member inquired about safety precautions for children crossing the street to school. Jennifer Hidalgo discussed the Safe Routes to School study and the need for funding to implement recommendations. The community member suggested adding flashing lights and crosswalks to improve safety around the school. Jennifer was going to follow up with Planning to inquire.

f. Other Community Representative Reports

6. Information Item(s)

- a. Presentation on the Valley Water Collaborative and their work in the Central Valley- Sara Bernal introduced the Valley Water Collaborative and their mission to enhance water quality in the Central Valley.
 - i. The collaborative offers free well testing and bottled water for those affected by nitrate contamination.
 - ii. Long-term solutions include infrastructure projects and partnerships with various stakeholders.
 - iii. Sara 10 encouraged community engagement and provided information on how to get involved.

7. Action Item(s)

- a. Vote to support, oppose, or remain neutral on the Implementation of the Housing Element, Rezone Program, Ordinance Amendments, and Development of Objective Design Standards presented by the Stanislaus County Planning Department
 - i. Board members voted unanimously to support the Housing Element Rezone Program

8. Adjournment- Meeting was adjourned

Next Meeting: August 27, 2025