



Empire Municipal Advisory Council

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MINUTES

Wednesday, November 26, 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 6:01 pm
2. Welcome and Roll Call-
 - a. Present: Kevin Oliver, Hannah Holden, April Towe, and Kinzie Tumelson
 - b. Absent: Rafael Rodriguez
3. Action Item: Election of MAC President and Vice President
 - a. Kevin Oliver nominated as President, all approved
 - b. April Towe was nominated as Vice President, all approved
4. Approval of minutes for October 22, 2025- all approved
5. Public Comment
 - a. A community member brought up concerns about increased criminal activities at the park. The attending law enforcement officer said they would incorporate it into their route and check in on the issue.
 - b. A community member brought up concerns over the increase in feral animals and animals at large in the community. The community member is concerned about dumped animals and the lack of help from the Animal Control Agency. Some of the dogs that are frequently at large are not friendly to other animals and are creating an unsafe environment.
 - c. Concerns were brought up over potential illegal parking on the streets with no sidewalk, and the inability of pedestrians and school-aged children to walk around the community. Vehicles also frequently speed and disregard the stop sign on Brooklyn and E Street. It was recommended that a call be made to the non-emergency line to report traffic so these incidents can be documented, and personnel can be assigned to that area. A request was made to have an officer at the school during the food giveaway. The lack of traffic coordination created a hectic environment in the area.
6. Monthly Reports
 - a. Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office: reported that an 8th-grade teacher was arrested on October 22 at the middle school. They are working on removing an encampment between B St and C St. A community member brought up concerns regarding a trailer that had been lived in on the public street in their area for months. They were told the Sheriff would look into it.
 - b. California Highway Patrol: reported 25 service calls, 1 major injury hit and run, 1 minor hit and run, 1 minor injury collision, 6 hit and run property damage, 1 DUI arrest, one stolen vehicle report and 2



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stolen vehicles recovered. A community member asked if they would participate in community events like the Christmas Parade and Car Show.

- c. Assemblymember Juan Alanis, 22nd District: Juan Alanis' office wished everyone well during the holidays and said there were some updates on a couple of assembly bills, but they were not specific to Empire.
 - d. Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors / Chief Executive Office: No updates
 - e. Stanislaus County Public Works: Public Works addressed a concern regarding the community toddler park remodel. The park should be back open soon.
 - f. Empire Public Library: Empire Public Library reported that their story time is going to return on January 7th. Wiggle Worms will be paused for the foreseeable future. Regular December programs can be expected. The local Girl Scout Troop will be leading a crochet class in February. The winter reading challenge will begin on January 1st.
7. Information Item(s)- Introduction of a potential 650-acre development project adjacent to the Empire Community- Horizon Consulting Services
- a. Dennis Wilson with Horizon Consulting Services gave a presentation about a potential 650-acre development just west of Empire. The proposed development could potentially require the annexation of Empire. The development would surround Glick Middle School, Alice Stroud Elementary, and Johansen High School. Concerns were raised about the potential increase in crime, lack of upgrades to the affected schools, and lack of upgrades to the traffic system in the surrounding area.
8. Action Item(s)
- a. Approval of 2026 MAC Calendar- approved as presented
9. Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm