



Empire Municipal Advisory Council

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MINUTES

Wednesday, January 28, 2026 @ 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
2. Welcome and Roll Call:
 - a. In Attendance: Kevin Oliver, April Towe, Rafael Rodriguez, Kinzle (Jack) Tumelson
 - b. Absent: Hannah Holden
3. Approval of minutes for January 28, 2026: Motion, April Towe, Second Jack Tumelson, all approved
4. Public Comment
 - a. Monica Albrant Lives on E St. – Fireworks are set off often and shake her house. Sheriff Deputy Caranza said they would take a look. Also recommended making an incident report each time with the Sherriff. She could also use the Stan Connect App
 - b. Rafael Rodriguez brought up the need for sidewalks and drains cleaned on Church St. stated he had not seen them worked on in years. There is definitely standing water for a couple of weeks after rain, causing children to walk in the street on their way to and from school
 - c. Josh Towe Empire Park baseball field is in the works to redo the infield completely. Asked for the county to turn off the sprinklers during heavy rains. Also, remove or adjust the water being sprayed on the infield. The infield grass will be removed.
5. Monthly Reports
 - a. Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office- Deputy Caranza: Illegal RV was removed from Downey & Brooklyn as requested in the November MAC meeting. Nothing major to report on other than that.
 - b. California Highway Patrol- Officer Arias: 2 Hit n Runs, 4 Incidents of property damage, 1 DUI, 2 Reckless driving, 1 repot stolen vehicle, 2 recovered stolen vehicles. They will be receiving 4 cadets from the Academy soon. Helping transfers and promotions to slow down. Increasing overall help.
 - c. Assemblymember Juan Alanis, 22nd District- Danielle Morgart: AB277 passed very proud of the work he is doing, AB767 also passed. Helping our community and many others.



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- d. Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors / Chief Executive Office: Noelia from Chance Condit's office said He will be helping with a cleanup day in April for all of Empire. Love Empire will offer help as well
 - e. Stanislaus County Mobile Crisis Response Team- Jenifer Hidalgo, on behalf of Horacio Madueno, stated they asked to remind everyone to take advantage of the mobile response unit. 117 total referrals in December.
 - f. Empire Public Library- Yahari: New Full-Time employee – Winter Reading Challenge Update: It is successful. Children's Crafts on Thursdays.
 - g. Empire Elementary School: Principal Claudia No Food Distribution Dec 6th or 20th. There seems to be a better plan, and people are responding to directions better. The school will be hosting the 3rd Annual Empire Car Show on April 18th on the school grounds. It has been a great community event and is growing each year.
 - i. Josh Towe followed up with Car Show information and invited people to register cars or as a vendor.
 - h. Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Department- 19 students joined the new academy 5 directly for Consolidated. In May/June they will have a fully staffed Ladder Truck filling a need they have had for a while.
 - i. Other Community Representative Reports
6. Action Item(s): Election of MAC Officers for 2026
 - a. Kevin Oliver President – Jack Tumelson made a motion, Rafael Rodriguez second. All approved
 - b. April Towe – Vice President Kevin Oliver motion Jack Tumelson second. All approved
 - c. Hannah Holden – Secretary Kevin Oliver motion, April Towe second. All approved
 7. Adjournment- meeting adjourned 6:29 PM