



Empire Municipal Advisory Council

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 30, 2026 @ 6 PM

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

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance- Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM
2. Welcome and Roll Call –
 - a. Hannah Holden, April Towe, Rafael Rodriguez, and Kevin Oliver were present.
 - b. Kinzie Tumelson was absent
3. Approval of minutes for June 24, 2026- motion was made and carried for approval
4. Public Comment
 - a. National Night Out will be on August 4th at Empire Park.
5. Monthly Reports
 - a. Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office- Deputy Craig reported that there was not much to report in the area as they are still transitioning to the new system. A community member raised concerns about a suspicious person looking into windows on S. Abbie and asked whether the person was apprehended. Another community member asked the Sheriff to keep an eye on Second Street, as people are living in their vehicles in the area, as well as on H Street near the abandoned gas station.
 - b. California Highway Patrol- in the last month there were 4 reckless driving calls, 4 stolen vehicle calls, 1 hit-and-run with major injuries, and 2 property damage crashes. CHP asks that community members call in concerns; even if it is not an emergency, the non-emergency line can be used.
 - c. Assemblymember Juan Alanis, 22nd District- Bill 2085 is waiting for the Governor's signature. This bill would ensure commercial weighing devices are visible so both parties in the transaction can see what is displayed. 11 other bills are advancing through the legislative process. If you have questions, call (209) 521-2201.
 - d. Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors / Chief Executive Office- No updates
 - e. Stanislaus County Public Works- No updates
 - f. Stanislaus County Mobile Crisis Response Team- reminded the community that they are a 24/7 mobile crisis response team for mental health issues. They had 128 referrals, with 20 resulting in hospitalizations. They can be reached by calling 911 or (888) 376-6246



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- g. Empire Public Library- The library is finishing up their summer reading challenge. Children's programming is every Thursday from 3 to 4.
 - h. Other Community Representative Reports- Empire Elementary School: no report; however, a community member mentioned that school will start August 11, and MJC has a backpack drive Saturday, August 1st at 10:00 am.
- 6. Information Item(s)
 - a. Presentation on BEAM Circular's work in advancing the circular bioeconomy across the North San Joaquin Valley, and highlight the California Bioeconomy Innovation Campus coming to Modesto- BEAM Circular- nonprofit organization in California that helps turn agricultural waste into useful products like renewable energy, building materials, and green chemicals
- 7. Correspondence- Community Stakeholder Input Session from Stanislaus Consolidated Fire
- 8. Adjournment- the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm