



Empire Municipal Advisory Council

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MINUTES

Wednesday, August 26, 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- Hannah Holden, April Towe, and Rafael Rodriguez were all present.
 - a. Kevin Oliver and Kinzie Tumelson were absent.
3. Approval of minutes for July 30, 2026- a motion was made and carried for approval. All approved.
4. Public Comment
 - a. National Night Out is August 4th at Empire Park. A community member proposed a community garden or produce swap to supplement the community with the loss of the food drive at the school
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.
 - b. California Highway Patrol- Detective Norseen reported. Since the last meeting, there have been 5 stolen-vehicle reports, 1 abandoned vehicle recovered as stolen, 3 non-injury crashes, and 1 minor-injury crash. CHP mentioned traffic issues with school starting. A community member mentioned concerns at G St and Second St with pedestrians coming to and from school and traffic traveling at a high rate of speed for the conditions. CHP asked community members to call in concerns even if it is not an emergency; they can use the non-emergency line.
 - c. Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Department- Station 22 has ordered a new fire truck and hired 4 new firefighters with the potential to hire 4 more after their hiring event in September. The department has been involved in assisting with the Dove Fire and Timber Fire. This winter, the station will be undergoing asbestos abatement.
 - d. Assemblymember Juan Alanis, 22nd District- AB1617 and AB 1728 are waiting for signatures by the Governor. Any questions, call (209) 521-2201
 - e. Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors / Chief Executive Office- Noelia reported that they had received multiple concerns regarding Church St. Unfortunately, because of emergency access requirements, they are unable to install speed bumps to help slow vehicles. Community members proposed the possibility of a stop sign at Estates and Church. Another community member brought up the potential installation of flashing



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speed limit signs and/or raised pavement markers to warn incoming traffic of the decrease in speed.

- f. Stanislaus County Public Works- A community member asked if the curb could be painted red at First St and G St to allow for better flow of foot traffic and visibility when school is released. A community member brought up flooding concerns on Church St and wanted to make sure the county was aware before improvements were made to Church St. A request was made to service the rock wells prior to the rain.
- g. Stanislaus County Mobile Crisis Response Team- was unable to make it. They can be reached by calling 911 or (888) 376-6246
- h. Empire Public Library- The library is finishing up their summer reading challenge and would like more participation next year if possible. Book club is September 26th at 2 pm. The library is still looking for volunteers to establish a Friends of Empire Library group.
- i. Other Community Representative Reports- The food drive at Empire Elementary is on hold while they try to find an organization to partner with so they can continue with their food drive. A mobile pantry at Church of Christ is open to the community on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 10am to 11 am. The Empire Church of the Brethren has a weekly food giveaway on Tuesdays and the first Wednesday of the month. Community gardens can donate excess produce there, and it will be distributed to the community.

6. Action Item(s)

- a. Proposal to rename the Empire Baseball Field to Tony Little's Field- Parks and Recreation Department- Proposal to rename the baseball field at Empire Park to Tony Little Field to honor the memory of the lost child of Doug Little.
 - b. Hannah moved to approve supporting the name change from the Empire Baseball Field to Tony Little's Field; all approved.
- 7. Correspondence- Invitation to Modesto Temple's Open House on October 13th – 15th. Noelia sent the calendar for all area MAC meetings.
 - 8. Council Comments and Suggestions for Future Agendas- invitation to the Assembly of God to speak about their community outreach.
 - 9. Adjournment- the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm