

GRANGER CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

6:00 pm
February 27, 2024

City Hall
102 Main Street

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gonzalez called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Susie Munoz	Francisco Tijerina, Public Works Director-Absent
Israel Bustamante	Juan Ceja, Police Chief -Absent
Judi Montes	Terry Carter, Fire Chief-Absent
Ryan Stonemetz	Fantasia Reyes, Clerk-Treasurer
Alfredo Reyes	

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

- A** Review Minutes of Workshop dated February 13, 2024
- B** Review Minutes of Council dated February 13, 2024
- C** Review the accounts payable dated for February 27, 2024 in the amount of \$65,204.31
- D** Review payroll dated February 20, 2024 in the amount of \$45,092.20

No discussion or questions on the following items on the consent agenda items A-D.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Gonzalez reminded council of the Fire Dept Meet & Greet March 4th at 7pm and Granger Commerce Dinner Living Water March 2nd 3pm.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council member Stonemetz is talking about ways we can make more money because due to the budget it looks like we will run out of money quickly.

Point 1: We have been spending a lot of money on attorney fees, we might want to consider restructuring that contract to which we would just pay a flat rate.

Point 2: An adjustment on water usage, we may need to increase water rates.

Point 3: Look into grants for a garbage truck because we are spending a lot of money on repairs every year since the ones we have are very old. We may need to add an administrative fee of \$10 to balance that out.

Point 4: Our water meters are manually read, so another thing would be replacing meters with ones that can be read by simply driving by. It would cut down on labor and overtime.

Point 1: Mayor Gonzalez explained the way the attorney fees are added up, we get charged for every email call & text that goes out to the attorney. We need them for renewing contracts, compliance issues and others. Councilmember Stonemetz asked if we could redo the contract to pay flat rates for emails, texts & calls.

Point 2: Councilmember Stonemetz explained that we have usage allowance as 5000 gallons per resident but surrounding cities have allowance set much lower at about 1500 gallons. Mayor Gonzalez agrees we can entertain this idea as about 25% of people never reach the 5000 mark. The addition would add about \$11 per bill but we need to have the conversation with our community.

Point 3: Mayor Gonzalez explained that pursuing grants take time and money and unfortunately that is something we don't have. While we are working on it, raising rates is what is going to help us the most. Councilmember Stonemetz explained he did his research, and an electric garbage truck would cost somewhere around \$600,000 and with the grant we can try to get we would only pay 10% which is \$60,000 right now with the truck we have we are spending is about \$59,500 a year on fuel which is about \$175 per day. The electric trucks are only about \$30 per day, which would be about \$10,200, which would save us \$49,300 in just the first year. Right now, our trucks are so old they break down at least once a week sometimes twice a week, which is costing us about \$1500 a month in repairs. Mayor explained that there are mixed feelings about electric vehicles especially in small cities since we don't have the infrastructure to recharge such large commercial vehicles so it can end up being more costly. The city of Naches bought an electric school bus, and it cannot go from Pasco to Naches without being recharged. Would we be able to do a fundraiser?

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Bustamante to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Reyes.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0




Fantasia Reyes, Clerk-Treasurer



Mayor, Hilda Gonzalez

APPROVED TO FORM:


Seann Mumford, City Attorney

GRANGER CITY COUNCIL

February 27, 2024,
7:06 p.m.

City Hall
102 Main Street

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hilda Gonzalez called the meeting of February 27,2024, to order at 7:06 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGEINCE

Amanda led everyone in the flag salute.

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

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It was moved by council Member Stonemetz to approve the consent agenda with items A-D as follows. Motion was seconded by council Member Munoz.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Public Works

None

Police Dept.

Expenditure Request for Crisis Response

It was moved by Councilmember Montes to approve the Expenditure for the Crisis Response in the amount of \$5,005. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Munoz.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Fire Dept.

None.

Fund Totals 02/27/2024.

C/E	\$ 25,638.29
Parks & Rec	\$
STREETS	\$ 10,765.25
CRIMINAL JUSTICE	\$
Fed Housing Rehab Grant	\$
Crime Prevention	\$
Festival/Float Fund	\$
Bell Memorial Fund	\$
EMS FIRE TRAUMA	\$ 5,219.06
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 17,439.69
WATER	\$ 796.16
SEWER	\$ 3,392.32
GARBAGE	\$ 1906.12
Consumer Deposit Refund	\$
IRRIGATION	\$ 23.71
Court Bound Fund	\$
TOTAL	\$ 65,204.31

Accounts Payable Checks for February 27, 2024: 48327-48354
Payroll for February 20, 2024: ACH \$ 45,092.20.

COUNCIL

None

MAYOR

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Munoz to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Reyes.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.




Fantasia Reyes, City Clerk Treasurer



Hilda Gonzalez, Mayor

APPROVED TO FORM:



Seann Munford, City Attorney