

# GRANGER CITY COUNCIL

March 25, 2025,  
7:00 p.m.

City Hall  
102 Main Street

## MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hilda Gonzalez called the meeting of March 25, 2025, to order at 7:00 p.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGEINCE

Richard Sanchez led the Flag Salute

### COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

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

It was moved by Councilmember Bustamante to excuse Councilmember Reyes. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Montes.

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

### CONSENT AGENDA

- A** Approve Minutes of Workshop dated March 11, 2025
- B** Approve Minutes of Council dated March 11, 2025
- C** Approve the accounts payable dated March 25, 2025, in the amount of \$61,426.93
- D** Approve payroll dated March 20, 2025, in the amount of \$56,750.69

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

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### City Hall

#### Utility Bill Adjustment

It was moved by councilmember Munoz to approve the utility bill adjustment. Motion was seconded by councilmember Bustamante.

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

#### Police Department

#### Expenditure Request-Med Tech Resource

It was moved by councilmember Munoz to approve the expenditure request to purchase AED machines. Motion was seconded by councilmember Bustamante.

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

#### Expenditure Request-Stalker Radar

It was moved by councilmember Stonemetz to approve the expenditure request to purchase radars for police vehicles. Motion was seconded by councilmember Munoz. **MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

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### Public works Dept.

### Expenditure Request-Irrigation Specialists

It was moved by councilmember Bustamante to approve the expenditure request to purchase pipe to repair an irrigation pipe that needs repair. Motion was seconded by councilmember Stonemetz.

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

### Fund Totals 03/25/2025

Current Expense	\$ 10,390.87
Parks & Rec	\$
Streets	\$ 21,958.80
Criminal Justice Fund	\$ 3,770.55
Fed Housing Rehab Grant	\$
Crime Prevention	\$
Festival/Float Fund	\$
Bell Memorial Fund	\$
EMS Fire Trauma	\$ 35.16
Public Safety	\$
Water	\$ 20,445.22
Sewer	\$ 2,563.86
Garbage	\$ 1,871.82
Consumer Deposit Refund	\$
Irrigation	\$ 390.65
Court Bound Fund	\$

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**TOTAL** \$ 61,426.93

**Accounts Payable Checks for March 25, 2025:** 49283-49316

**Payroll for March 20, 2025:** ACH \$56,750.69 (includes vendor payments).

### COUNCIL

None.

### MAYOR

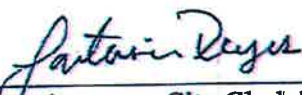
Mayor thanked the council for attending the YVCOG meeting that was hosted by Granger. Mayor explained that she has heard a lot of amazing things from colleagues. Mayor also explained that she will be inviting Granger Royalty of 2024 and 2025 to our April 8<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

### ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Montes to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Stonemetz.

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

The meeting was adjourned for 7:12 p.m.

 4/8/25  
Fantasia Reyes, City Clerk Treasurer

 4.9.25  
Hilda Gonzalez, Mayor

APPROVED TO FORM:

  
Seann Mumford, City Attorney

## GRANGER CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

6:00PM  
March 25, 2025,

City Hall  
102 Main Street

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

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

### ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

- A Review Minutes of Workshop dated March 11, 2025
- B Review Minutes of Council dated March 11, 2025
- C Review the accounts payable dated March 25, 2025, in the amount of \$61,426.93
- D Review payroll dated March 20, 2025, in the amount of \$56,750.69

### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Historical Society Members Debbie and Margarita asked the City of Granger if we would donate a dinosaur that public works has down at their shop so they can display in front of the museum. Debbie and Margarita also asked if Farmers Market vendors will need to be getting itinerant licenses to participate, the mayor explained yes they had to unless they were selling home grown produce. Mayor also explained that this something that is not new has been something that was in place just never enforced. Margarita explained she understood that. Mayor explained that we might have adjustments made to the GMC and application but for now the application Fantasia provided you is what we will use. Margarita explained that she will check in with Fantasia to see if there are any updates to the application when the date gets closer for the Farmers Market.

### OLD BUSINESS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### City Hall

#### Utility Bill Adjustment

City clerk explained why this utility bill needs to be adjusted was because the reading we were receiving had two zeros at the end and we would insert those into the system and the system was already set up to factor by ten. We were multiplying by ten twice when with the zeros and the factoring in the system. We have now removed the zeros from the reading and having the system do the factoring of ten. Councilmember Bustamante said he had some concerns. Bustamante mentioned that there has been three other adjustments, and we were told it was a hiccup and that there is a system in place where this shouldn't be happening but here we are again with another, I just find it concerning for our residents. How can we be sure that they are getting billed correctly. City clerk explained that the previous adjustment was being read correctly it was

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charged that he wasn't supposed to be getting charged and that happens when its new monthly account comes over from an annual account. Councilmember Bustamante said he is seeing its multiple months, and we aren't catching it. Councilmember Munoz said that I don't remember it being that many. City clerk explained that what happened with this adjustment is what happened with the adjustment for Cargill. City clerk explained that we are receiving new meters that are programmed differently than the ones we have now. The new meters have digital numbers, and we get a read we have been told that we would need to add zeros at the end of the reading even though they aren't actually on the meter read itself and I have been talking with Travis about this and how we were supposed to know if we had zeros or not. Travis said he was going to talk with the vendor we bought these meters from. Councilmember Montes asked if new meters are being put into new places. City clerk explained that a new meter is being put in when a meter is broken or new services. Councilmember Bustamante says he still finds it concerning especially because like myself because I put everything on autopay and trusting the charging is accurate. I'm concerned for residents that are on autopay. Councilmember Montes asked how we found out about this adjustment and city clerk explained that we found it because there was a leak. Mayor explained that it's a conversion process and some people are paying on an annual basis pay because there is no home for domestic water or sewer then it was converted, and it was not converted correctly and during the process of billing that's when they found out about that account. Mayor asked if there is an alert system where if it notifies you from a reading went to this or that. City clerk explained that there is an alert when reading is high then a previous a month so that's when we will send public works to get a reread. If reading is low compared to a previous month then it will turn blue, and we will look into that to see if there is notes or send to get reread to make sure its accurate and if there is a reading that is accurate and aligns with the previous month the reading will stay black. Mayor explained we are having a staff retreat and making sure we are on the right page with everyone and there is communication between all departments. We are learning how to address situations. Councilmember Bustamante recommends having someone to go through accounts monthly and look through them. Mayor explained that it is something that our utility billing already does and that's how these are found. City clerk explained that there is more trouble with the bigger meters because they use more water. For residential houses its plain and simple its factored at 1 and the reading would be the numbers that are on the meter there is no adding of zeros. We haven't had the problem with residential meters factoring wrong because we know those should be factoring at one. Councilmember Montes asked if the residential meters are getting replaced. City clerk explained not at the moment when they get changed, it is because it is broken, or the meter is not working correctly and that there is something public works can figure out because they can take the meter and test it down at the shop. Frank explained that eventually we want to replace them. Mayor explained that we would like to get to automatic readings and stop from having our public works walking to read meters. We are learning what solutions are available so we can convert to more advanced and accurate. City clerk explained that the new meters that are being placed are able to be converted to automatic reading.

### Police Department

#### Police Reports for February 2025

Mayor asked if anyone had questions or comments. She also said that if anyone had any questions or comments they could email Chief Ceja.

### Expenditure Request- Med Tech Resource

Mayor Gonzalez explained that we received a grant from Cargill in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars, and those funds were allocated for the police department and fire department. With those funds police department will purchase these AED machines to have in their vehicles. Councilmember Munoz asked if there is going to be training to use the AED machines. Mayor Gonzalez said yes we are working with Yakima Office of Emergency Management to provide the training.

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### Expenditure Request-Stalker Radar

Mayor explained that the police department will also be using the funds from the Cargill grant to purchase radars. City clerk explained that there are new pieces of equipment that will be installed into two of the police department vehicles.

### Public works Department

#### Expenditure Request-Irrigation Specialists

Frank explained that we would like to purchase some pipes to replace an irrigation line. The pipe has gotten worse, and we would only do patches work to it. City hall receives a lot of calls when we have to fix it because there is quite a lot of people that will be without irrigation. If that pipe was to break there would probably be homes that would be flooded. Frank also explained that if you see the quote its not ten thousand dollars, but we are asking for that amount to be able to buy items that we are going to need when we dig it up and see what we are going to need other than the pipe. Councilmember Munoz asked if this is approved tonight what is the timeline for getting this fixed. Frank explained we will order it tomorrow and we would like to start it next week. We would like it to get fixed before irrigation is turned on. Mayor said this would be a priority project. Frank said it is located on west first and old railway way. We are currently working on our garbage route and possibly making some changes to it, possibly getting rid of one route on Thursday to move to Tuesday so Thursday route is not so long, but those changes are made we will make sure to provide notice to the community.

### Fire Department

### DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

### MAYORS REPORT

None.

### COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Munoz made a request to ask if we can put the agenda on the TV so the audience can follow along.

### ADJOURNMENT

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

### **MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

ATTEST:

 4/8/25  
Fantasia Reyes, Clerk-Treasurer

 4-9-25  
Mayor, Hilda Gonzalez

APPROVED TO FORM:

  
Seann Mumford, City Attorney