# GRANGER CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

6:00PM May 13, 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

Judi Montes

Terry Carter, Fire Chief

Ryan Stonemetz

Fantasia Reyes, Clerk-Treasurer

Alfredo Reyes

# ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

A Review Minutes of Workshop dated April 22, 2025

B Review Minutes of Council dated April 22, 2025

C Review the accounts payable dated May 13, 2025, in the amount of \$83,117.55

D Review payroll dated May 05, 2025, in the amount of \$144,681.73

Councilmember Bustamante mentioned Cle Elum is misspelled in the workshop minutes. Mayor Gonzalez explained that we will fix that.

# AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None.

#### NEW BUSINESS

City Hall

Expenditure Request-Certinet

City clerk explained that the City hall, police dept, court and Building Dept are in need of new computers. We have been having difficulties with using the evidence software and the software for our keypads. Certinet also mentioned that it would be better now to purchase so we can beat the prices before they increase. The towers we have now are from Vision our old software people. Councilmember Stonemetz asked didn't we already got computer for City hall. City Clerk said no we only purchased monitors. The most recent towers we bought were for Dan and the previous chief, but they were refurbished. City Clerk also explained that this should have been something that was replaced when we switched to Certinet and to Springbrook. Councilmember Stonemetz asked when we should swap out like every five years. Maybe the next time we can do one department at a time now that we have got ahold of finances. Mayor explained that yes we will now be able to do that and stagger out upgrades from here on out. Mayor also explained that there is a fiveyear warranty so if something goes out it will be replaced. Councilmember Montes asked what brand they were, and the city clerk explained they were Think Station. Councilmember Montes asked if they will be able to handle what we have. City Clerk explained that they will because Certinet handles our servers, and they know what type of equipment we should have. Councilmember Stonemetz suggested that going

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forward we should start with the four-year mark on replacing computers if they need to be and do it by departments not all at once.

HLA Task Order 2025-01 Utility Electronic File Conversion

Mayor explained that the public works department is at the tail end of i-words system. It has mappings of water lines, sewer lines, hydrants, and valves. Etc. It also has where we can send work orders to public works from city hall. Right now, we send faxes and that is not always the best because public works is always out and about not at the office. It is a web-based system, and they can use their phones for work orders and get them done quicker. The reason why HLA is a part of this is because they have maps of the valves, water lines, sewer lines etc. What they will do is convert what they have to a file that will be able to be uploaded to i-worqs, and we will have all that information electronically. Stephen Hazzard says its not just exporting a file. There is a lot of details that goes into the process such as pipe size, martial of pipe etc. Councilmember Stonemetz asked when did you originally compiled information. Stephen said it came from your previous engineer Spink Engineering. I tried to get the sewer plans but they were not answering. Soi go the sewer from public works, and I have been slowly entering anything that has to do with sewer. Council member Stonemetz asked if that outs us in compliance with Fire hydrants and all that. Mayor explained that it will help us stay in compliance and have the capability of inserting scheduled maintenance and flag hydrant that need maintenance. Councilmember Stonemetz asked Terry If that's something we can do, and Terry responded saying our Fire Department doesn't do that. Council member Stonemetz said well it will help us get into that and stay in compliance with the hydrants. Councilmember Stonemetz asked what additional steps we need to take to have it digitized. Stephen said that is probably with i-worqs. Stephen said that for example the round about we will have to add in the new lines. Mayor explained that going forward for new projects we would go in ourselves and update plans that we do so we stay up to date with all new projects. Councilmember Munoz said that what's in front of us is just to convert files. Mayor explained yes because the file needs to be able to talk to i-words because right now it wouldn't be compatible. Councilmember Montes said it would be uploaded on to their phones but not their personal phones right the city phones? Mayor said yes on work phone. Councilmember Montes said who provides training and Mayor explained that Frank and I are getting training and we will train public works etc. Councilmember Bustamante said just to confirm what we have is going to be included in this project correctly. Stephen said yes it is what we have in our files. Councilmember Stonemetz said but you don't have hundred percent of it correct. Stephen said correct, every city doesn't have one hundred percent records in the system. Stephen explained it will help people know where they have water lines nearby or sewer etc. Mayor explained that there was a leak on Temby and public works had no clue where the valve was located to turn the water off to be able to fix that, so they had to fix it with running water. If we had this in place it would have helped when fixing this leak because this will show us where the valves are located.

# HLA- Update on SR 223 and East Third ST, Roundabout Project

Stephen with HLA gave a brief update on the SR 223 and East third St Roundabout Project. Councilmember Stonemetz did ask for information on if a certain Truck and Pup would be able to make the turn and Stephen said he will look into that and get that information back to him. Construction will begin sometime in March of 2026.

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# MAYORS REPORT

None.

**ADJOURNMENT** 

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

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0** 

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM.

ATTEST:

Fantasia Reyes, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED TO FORM:

Seann Mumford, City Attorney

## GRANGER CITY COUNCIL

May 13, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

City Hall 102 Main Street

#### **MINUTES**

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hilda Gonzalez called the meeting of May 13, 2025, to order at 7:00 p.m.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGEINCE

Councilmember Bustamante led the Flag Salute.

# COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

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## CONSENT AGENDA

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It was moved by Councilmember Stonemetz to approve the consent agenda with items A-D as follows. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Reyes. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0** 

# AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION None.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### City Hall

# Expenditure Request-Certinet

It was moved by councilmember Stonemetz to approve the expenditure request to purchase computers in the amount of nineteen thousand nine hundred twenty-seven and twenty cents. Motion was seconded by councilmember Munoz.

## **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

# HLA Task Order 2025-01 Utility Electronic File Conversion

It was moved by councilmember Munoz to approve the HLA Task Order 2025-01 for the Utility Electronic File Conversion that will have an expense of five thousand dollars. Motion was seconded by councilmember Reyes.

## **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

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Fund Totals 05/13/2025 Current Expense Parks & Rec Streets Criminal Justice Fund Fed Housing Rehab Grant Crime Prevention Festival/Float Fund Bell Memorial Fund EMS Fire Trauma Public Safety Water Sewer Garbage Consumer Deposit Refund Irrigation Court Bound Fund	\$ 33,573.19 \$ 334.16 \$ 2,439.61 \$ \$ 118.37 \$ 763.83 \$ 11,214.78 \$ 13,105.76 \$ 11,406.16 \$ 7,604.08 \$ 2,557.61			8
Court Bound Fund TOTAL	\$ 2,557.61			

Accounts Payable Checks for May 13, 2025: Checks 49398-49442 EFT \$2,793.58 Payroll for May 05, 2025: Check 1069-1070/ACH \$144,681.73 (includes vendor payments).

#### Public works

Public works director wanted to give an update on the brown garbage truck, he said it is no longer usable. The part that it needs they are not able to find it, they have talked to anyone they can think of where to get the part, and they have been told the part is obsolete. Councilmember Stonemetz asked if Frank could get him the information on the part and he could try looking for it, Frank said he didn't mind providing him that. Mayor also added that public works has done the job and looked for the part and no luck but if Stonemetz would like to provide his contacts to public works and they can reach out to them. Frank said we are only using the white truck, and the grey truck is not any great either, so we are at the mercy of just one truck. Council and Mayor suggested we start looking for another garbage truck before items start getting more expensive. Councilmember Stonemetz suggested we try to find the part for the brown truck, so we aren't at the mercy of the white truck, and something happens to it while we search for another truck. Instead of only using white truck and not looking for something else and something happening to the truck we have and then we don't have any truck. Frank explained If that were to happen then it would become very expensive to have someone come out and pick up our garbage route and we don't want that.

#### Fire Dept

Fire Chief explained that the water pump in the Granger 15 went out but is now fixed. It is great to have the ILA contract with Fire District 5. Chief also mentioned they hosted the Edith house at the elementary for second graders

#### City Hall

City Clerk mentioned soccer is done for the year and said that we will have to look for someone for next year to run the parks and recreation department as it a lot to handle being in the position I am in as city clerk. If anyone knows of someone that would be interested in sending them my way.

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COUNCIL

Councilmember Montes asked if there was any way to get Police Officers to be parked by the schools crosswalks I have witnessed almost a child getting hit by a car. Is that something the police dept can do. Mayor explained that public works is going to be adding more signs etc. to make it more know to drivers about pedestrians and have them drive slower. Councilmember Montes said no disrespect, but I would like to hear from the Chief. Chief Ceja explained that he tries his best to be there by the schools in the morning, but he can't always be there especially if there is a call that comes through. Ceja explained also that we are short staffed and very hard to have a police officer there at all times, but we try our best. Councilmember Montes also expressed her concerns of the recent gunshots and she asked what the community is supposed to do when they hear those. Chief explained that you just need to call 911 and they were do a search of the possible area but the most recent events was people shooting in the County and we here the echoing of the shots, not much we can do other because shooting your gun in Yakima County is legal. Councilmember Montes invited the community to the special Olympics game that will be happening next Tuesday at the middle school at four in the afternoon, anyone is welcome to come watch. Councilmember Montes also followed up on the Granger School District spring sports and congratulated them and hoping tennis can place at state. Also mentioned the end of the year events that will be happening from the bachlorete, to graduation etc.

**MAYOR** 

Mayor would like to give recognition to Granger Chamber of Commerce on the grant they received and put the LED sign up by Yakima Bait. Mayor also brought up all the events that will be happening with the Granger School District, end of year for spring sports, graduation etc. Mayor also wanted to congratulate Terry Carter on his achievement he received from Fire District 5.

ADJOURNMENT

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

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0** 

The meeting was adjourned for 7:27 p.m.

Fantasia Reyes, City Clerk Treasurer

APPROVED TO FORM:

Seann Mumford, City Attorney