

GRANGER CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

6:00PM
May 27, 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-Absent
Israel Bustamante	Juan Ceja, Police Chief
Judi Montes	Terry Carter, Fire Chief-Absent
Ryan Stonemetz-Absent	Fantasia Reyes, Clerk-Treasurer
Alfredo Reyes-Absent	

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

- A** Review Minutes of Workshop dated May 13, 2025
- B** Review Minutes of Council dated May 13, 2025
- C** Review the accounts payable dated May 27, 2025, in the amount of \$104,822.03
- D** Review payroll dated May 20, 2025, in the amount of \$55,454.46

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Debbie Klueber- just wanted to know where she can get a copy of the council packet because she cant see on the TV. Mayor explained that she can view the packet online on the City website.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor explained that Stephen with HLA provided information on the Truck and pup on the future roundabout. They performed an analysis showing that the truck and pup would be able to make the turn on the roundabout.

NEW BUSINESS

City Hall

Reimbursement-Conditional Use Application

City Clerk explained that in previous years she had seen they had processed conditional use applications for daycare providers, that is why this application was paid for. Into further review with our planners at YVCOG this application did not need to be submitted because the daycare for twelve children is already a permitted use in the R1 zone and that is why we need to reimburse her money for the application. Councilmember Munoz asked if it would apply to having more than twelve kids, and the city clerk said if there were more than twelve kids, she wouldn't be able to have the daycare. Councilmember Bustamante asked why we even took payment then. City Clerk and Mayor explained that taking payment is the process of a conditional use permit. It covers the cost of the overhead and the process it needs to go through for it to get approved. Mayor explained that in the process of the application that it is where it was found that she does not need to have a conditional use permit. City Clerk explained that she asked the clerk in front to take the payment because of previous encounters that they would take conditional use permits for daycare business located in R1 zone but looking further into it and processing the conditional use application was not needed. Councilmember Bustamante is saying that City Hall should of knew not to accept payment for this conditional use application. Mayor explained that this is something that is not done on a regular basis and that is why YVCOG is there to help us with those types of applications, so has Fantasia mentioned it has been ten years since this has happened but I understand your concern but that is why the team is using YVCOG and we are

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able to learn and now we know for something like this there is no need for a conditional use application. Mayor explained now we know and be more diligently when asking for payment.

Ordinance 1412 Amending the 2025 Budget in Public Safety

City clerk explained that Ordinance 1412 is to amend the budget in the public safety fund to move monies from the restricted fund to the machinery and equipment fund to purchase a new police vehicle. At the end of 2024 we had an ending balance of about seventy-two thousand dollars. We would need to approve this ordinance to move that money to the machinery equipment fund. Councilmember Montes asked something in mind or specific car. City clerk explained that yes, we do have something in mind, but we just thought we should bring this to council first because if this didn't get approved, we wouldn't need to look. But we do have a vehicle in mind and this amount we are asking for does cover the cost. Councilmember Montes asked if we could refresh her memory of the public safety fund on what it usually covers. City clerk explained that these funds are restricted to public safety, for instance vehicles for the police department. The machinery and equipment fund were last used during COVID when we used covid money to purchase vehicles. Chief explained that that money is only to be used for courts or the police department. Councilmember Montes asked if this can be used for anything else? Chief explained that we use it for anything that has to do with police department. Councilmember Montes asked if we have any other vehicles to use? Chief explained that right now the Lt's vehicles transmission went out and it is old as the car is we shouldn't be pouring money into it. It seems like the used cars we purchase from county only last like a year and that is why buying a new vehicle is better because it does come with warranty and we are able to get it fixed under warranty. Councilmember asked if the vehicle would be for the Lt., Chief said yes but it will be tricky because when we get the new car ready, he will be driving my truck, and I will be driving this new one until it is road ready and then when it is Lt will get it. Mayor explained there must be certain equipment on the vehicle to be considered road ready. Councilmember Bustamante asked if all that is included in the sixty-five thousand. Chief said some of the equipment was yes but not all of it. Councilmember Montes asked how we are going to budget the rest of it. Chief said in next year's budget. Mayor followed up by saying so when we come back with next year's budget that will be included. Chief explained that this money would be enough for a couple of lights, the cage and the center console for radio and that's it but that's not enough for a road ready vehicle. Councilmember Montes asked if it would be better to wait and let this roll over and then purchase everything so it can be road ready. Chief explained that the biggest thing is that these cars are in stock and if we wait, we might have to wait another year. Mayor added and probably added cost. Councilmember Bustamante asked if there are any other vehicles that he can use in the meantime. Chief explained he is using another vehicle, but that vehicle will have to give it to the other officer when he gets back from the academy and the car he has at academy is having problems too. So, then he will be out of a vehicle and then I would have to give him mine and then I would be out of a car. Councilmember Montes asked Chief if you don't need a road ready vehicle? Chief explained that he doesn't necessarily because of the type of calls they make at night then I go to during the day the car will have enough for me to go to a call and transport people to jail. Chief explained that he looks at every penny that is spent and that why there is an ending balance for these reasons. Councilmember Montes asked if vehicles stay here, do they take them home? Chief responded that they take vehicles home. Montes also asked if this was approved if we can use the whole restricted amount because she thinks the Chief shouldn't be without a road ready vehicle. City Clerk explained that we can move the whole amount and then if the expenditure is more than that then we would run negative in the account. Chief explained that he would only want to do the sixty-five thousand he still wants to have a cushion. Mayor added that we can request the entire amount and have the purchase made with all equipment that is closed to road ready and next year budget for the rest and not go into negative. Councilmember Montes asked if they could swap out cars. Chief explained that he is driving a vehicle now, the explorer. Mayor explained that we have one at academy and then two guys will be going to academy in August, and they need their vehicles and the one that will be coming back from academy will

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need his vehicle so we would be short a vehicle. Councilmember Munoz asked if there is a reason why we would want a truck. Chief explained the truck is cheaper than the explorers, about eight to ten thousand dollars cheaper. Councilmember Montes said we must get a truck or SUV, Chief explained that you don't see cars around anymore in any agencies. Councilmember Bustamante asked what the timeline for that switch is to happen. Chief explained that we would like to transfer the funds then next council I would provide you the expenditure for the truck and then I will give my truck to Lt then I will drive the new truck as is while we wait for the equipment to come in for about five to six weeks so about month and half two months for it to be ready, that is if they don't sell all the vehicles but if they do then we would another plan. Councilmember Bustamante asked if we would be okay if we left that fund at zero or how does that fund get replenished? City clerk explained that at the end of the year we will see what is left in the whole public safety fund after all the revenues and expenditures are accounted for it will show us if we have an ending balance. Councilmember Bustamante said he wouldn't like to purchase a vehicle for it just to be parked there. Chief explained it wouldn't be parked there, I would be driving it, and Lt. would be driving mine. Chief explained then come next year it's ready for Lt then he would get it.

Public Works

Expenditure Request-Synder Refuse

Mayor explained that public works are completely out of three hundred garbage cans, and they have about twenty cans have no lids so they can't use them. So, we are looking to buy the twenty lids only to put on those cans and then purchase twenty whole new cans. Councilmember Munoz asked if we used this vendor before. City clerk explained that we used this vendor before and the last time we bought garbage cans was last year, but they were the ninety-gallon cans. Councilmember Munoz mentioned we are going to budget next year and how many times we ordered before. City clerk explained before the purchase of ninety-gallon cans last year, I believe we hadn't ordered any cans for about three years. City clerk explained that what's happening now is residents would like the big cans but we are completely out so we do let them know they can have two little cans instead. Councilmember Montes asked if they split the bill on multifamily homes and clerk explained yes it does get split if it's at an apartment complex.

Fire Dept

Expenditure Request-Yakima County Fire District 5

Mayor explained that this request is the repairs done to the fire engines that needed to be repaired. Mayor also mentioned that Fire Dept will be using some of the Cargill grant money to pay for these repairs and that was about four thousand dollars and two thousand would be coming from budget. City clerk also mentioned that the whole total amount of repairs was about twelve thousand dollars, and the city only needs to pay half because Yakima County Fire District Five pays the other half.

Police Dept

Police Reports for April 2025

Mayor asked questions or comments. There were none.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor shared the upcoming events, such as Dino-N-Day on June 7th at the Library, Clean Up Day on June 14th with more information to come and in partnership with YVCOG with Maria Lopez and she is working on the marketing piece of it and collaboration with the businesses. Also, the public works department will be doing testing on the splash park so it will possibly be open on June 14th as well if all goes smoothly and weather permits. City clerk also added that the start of selling firework permits will start on June 2nd until

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July 3rd at 4pm. Mayor wanted to extend a thank you to the residents with their patience on the irrigation issues we have been having and wanted to let the main waterline project on Railroad be done hopefully at the end of next week.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED 3-0

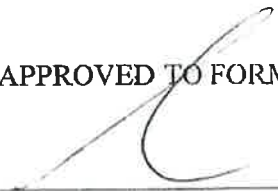
The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

ATTEST:


Fantasia Reyes, Clerk-Treasurer


Mayor, Hilda Gonzalez

APPROVED TO FORM:


Seann Mumford, City Attorney

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May 27, 2025,
7:00 p.m.

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102 Main Street

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hilda Gonzalez called the meeting of May 27, 2025, to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGEINCE

Councilmember Montes led the Flag Salute.

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

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

MOTION CARRIED 3-0

CONSENT AGENDA

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

MOTION CARRIED 3-0

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

City Hall

Reimbursement-Conditional Use Application

It was moved by councilmember Munoz to approve the reimbursement to Anyuly Acevedo for her conditional use application in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars. Motion was seconded by councilmember Bustamante.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0

Ordinance 1412 Amending the 2025 Budget

It was moved by councilmember Munoz to approve Ordinance 1412 amending the 2025 budget in the public safety fund. Motion was seconded by councilmember Bustamante.

MOTION FAILS 1-2

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Mayor wanted to ask Councilmembers Bustamante and Montes to provide some information that would help on providing information on the Ordinance amending the budget. If there is something missing in terms of information. The information that was presented was as mentioned was at purchase a new vehicle for the Lt. Amending the budget would allow us to utilize public safety funds appropriately to be able to purchase that. I'm asking if there is anything that we can provide to better support the request or present other resources to provide you with information. Councilmember Montes said she thinks we should table it and bring it back when we have full council, maybe at the next meeting, I think that would be my suggestion on that. Mayor said "I don't know what information you need. Councilmember Montes said no just so we can have discussion with the full council. Mayor asked Councilmember Montes if that was the reason for the nay. Councilmember Montes responded saying yeah, do I have to give a specific reason. Mayor explained that it would be helpful for us to provide information we need to provide, maybe there wasn't enough information. There was a decision that was made and of course there wasn't any information following that so we can understand and understand what we can provide at the next council meeting. Mayor said ideally the idea is to make informed decisions and provide justification as to why. If the justification is because there wasn't full council, unfortunately there is a full council and that's why quorum is established so we can make those decisions. Councilmember Montes said Well there was a second motion before a motion was made. Mayor said it was and I'm following up with information that we need to provide to further inform you and follow up with, I'm not sure what was missing. Councilmember Montes asked shouldn't of the questions have been asked before or after we made the decision. Mayor said that is why I'm following up. Councilmember Montes but during not right now we have already moved on over that. Mayor said she understood that, well is there anything that you could share or its absolute no there is anything you need and your decision is what it is. Councilmember Montes explained she shared her thoughts, and she would like full council to be here. Mayor replied, asking if it was her informed decision. Councilmember Bustamante explained that for him there was not enough information, specifically when they were asking about what the fund was used for in the past and that really didn't get answered by Fantasia or the Chief. I think it was just a blanket answer, used for public safety. City Clerk asked what fund, what fund, restricted or machinery and equipment. City Clerk explained that since she has been in this position we never had to use the restricted balance and if it doesn't get used the balance keeps getting carried over. Councilmember Bustamante also explained why a surplus is there up until this year. My whole time on council has never been brought up as a topic, so I want to investigate that. Mayor explained that it was helpful and thanked Councilmember Bustamante for that information. Mayor also explained that at the next council meeting we can do is present information about how this particular fund has been used in the past and we can provide additional information on our public safety is defined and bring that information on the initiative that was passed permanently but just note that this initiative has been placed for decades and been a revolving account and been supported by the public and we can provide information on the surplus and why that has evolved to be what it is.

YVCOG 2024 Annual Report-Christina Wickenhagen

Christina presented the 2024 annual report for YVCOG. Councilmembers and Mayor thanked Christina for coming to Granger to do this presentation.

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Public Works

Expenditure Request-Snyder Refuse

It was moved by councilmember Munoz to approve the expenditure request to purchase three-hundred-gallon garbage cans and lids in the amount of eleven thousand nine hundred fifty-five dollars and sixty cents. Motion was seconded by councilmember Bustamante.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0

Fire Dept.

Expenditure Request- Yakima County Fire District 5

It was moved by councilmember Bustamante to approve the expenditure request for the repairs on GR-11 and GR-12 in the amount of six-thousand one hundred fifty-seven dollars and thirty-nine cents. Motion was seconded by councilmember Munoz.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0

Fund Totals 05/27/2025

Current Expense	\$ 32,856.81
Parks & Rec	\$
Streets	\$ 43,013.67
Criminal Justice Fund	\$ 9,952.40
Fed Housing Rehab Grant	\$
Crime Prevention	\$
Festival/Float Fund	\$
Bell Memorial Fund	\$
EMS Fire Trauma	\$ 82.16
Public Safety	\$ 44.35
Water	\$ 6,276.06
Sewer	\$ 2,462.63
Garbage	\$ 9,183.99
Consumer Deposit Refund	\$
Irrigation	\$ 949.96
Court Bound Fund	\$
TOTAL	\$ 104,822.03

Accounts Payable Checks for May 27, 2025: Checks

Payroll for May 20, 2025: ACH \$55,454.46 (includes vendor payments).

MAYOR

Mayor mentioned events such as Dino-N-Day that will be June 7th from 9am to around 12pm, at the public library, we will be painting the babies in the nest and the other dinosaur on the opposite end. On June 14th, there will be a clean up day that YVCOG is helping organize with businesses, there will be more details to follow but June 14th is the set date for the cleanup. Our public works will the splash park will be open on June 14th if weather permits so kids can enjoy since the last day of school is June 11th. Mayor also gave an update on the project on Railroad Ave and Barker, that it will be completed at the end of next and thanked the residents that live around there for their patience and allowing grace to the contractors with the project. Mayor also wanted to encourage

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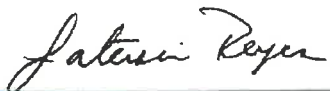
residents to call in any type of leak if it may be domestic water or irrigation to City Hall during business hours or the on call on phone number when its after-hours so there isn't so much damage to homes or the pipes themselves and also thank you to the residents for the patience on the irrigation water, the public works gets leaks fixed in a timely manner whenever that is possible. Mayor Gonzalez wanting to Congratulate Kenyon Slade and Arthur Heckert on being doubles state champions for tennis, first time in Granger High School history.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED 3-0

The meeting was adjourned for 7:55 p.m.

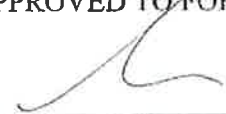


Fantasia Reyes, City Clerk Treasurer



Hilda Gonzalez, Mayor

APPROVED TO FORM:



Seann Mumford, City Attorney