

GRANGER CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

6:00PM
June 10, 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, Councilmember	Francisco Tijerina, Public Works Director
Israel Bustamante, Councilmember	Juan Ceja, Police Chief
Judi Montes, Councilmember	Terry Carter, Fire Chief
Ryan Stonemetz, Councilmember	Fantasia Reyes, Clerk-Treasurer
Alfredo Reyes, Councilmember	Hilda Gonzalez, Mayor

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

- A* Review Minutes of Workshop dated May 27, 2025
- B* Review Minutes of Council dated May 27, 2025
- C* Review the accounts payable dated June 10, 2025, in the amount of \$50,931.23
- D* Review payroll dated June 05, 2025, in the amount of \$146,366.17.
- E* Review Retro Pay for Police Officers in the amount of \$9,682.48.

Mayor asked if there was any discussion or questions on the consent agenda. Councilmember Bustamante said a small correction to the YVCOG annual report. Just the name Christina, I don't know her name but it's not Christina. Mayor explained yeah, it's Christina, she just has other nicknames she goes by so it's correct. Councilmember Montes asked about the retro pay and asked whether we will get to the retro pay? City Clerk said that the time would be now. Councilmember Munoz, some of them are for a while back, did we just miss them? January looks like the oldest one. Mayor asked Chief if he would like to talk about that. Chief explained that I think Fantasia as more of an understanding of it but basically what happened is the police officers old contract hours worked were 12-hour shift and working 96 hours a pay period. Working 4 days on and 4 days off on the new contract that language was not carried over into the new contract and the officers brought it to your attention and involved the union and it had to be corrected. Instead of being on a ninety-six-hour pay period they need to be on eighty hours pay period. Does that make sense? Councilmember Munoz yeah perfect sense. Councilmember Munoz asked when the new contract was. City Clerk responded at the beginning of twenty twenty-four and that is why you see retro pay all the way back to January, we must pay back all the way to the start of the contract. Mayor asked if there were any other questions? Councilmember Montes asked if we could review the minutes or our we passed that. Mayor said that is what we are reviewing, do you have any questions? Councilmember Montes said in the minutes there are some things that were not mentioned and if we can go back and add them. If we go back to the workshop under ordinance 1412 amending the 2025 budget right in between there we are talking about the garbage cans and then it just cuts off and it doesn't show where the first discussion ended and where the next discussion started, there is wording missing. Mayor asked if there was something specific. Councilmember Stonemetz asked if it's hard to do a full transcript on those. Mayor said how it works, I don't know if you noticed but Fantasia put the iPad on her desk and records and then it goes back, and Rosa transcribes it. Councilmember Stonemetz we should be able to put it in AI and should be able to break it down for us. Mayor said yeah, we could potentially. Councilmember Stonemetz asked if he could jump in while she was looking. Stonemetz said on the contract on who oversees writing it and who is maintaining it. Mayor said Well on that contract was already drafted and overhauled before my service in office. A lot of the stuff in the previous contract was not transferred into the new contract. When I got on board, I did a complete

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overhaul as well with the police dept, fantasia, the union and our city attorney to make sure that everything was covered. What happened with the previous contract, the language from the previous contract relating to the ninety-six hours was not carried over, that was based on a formula that was provided. On average city employees work twenty eight hours a year, that formula was used to calculate the salaries based off that number. What was the oversight was the carry over the language so that police dept. can have flexibility having twelve hour shifts and that would of changed the formula to twenty three zero hours because they don't usually work the twenty eight hours like public works and city hall staff because they work twelve hour shifts and that was an oversight on my part when I was creating the salary schedule because the twenty eighty formula was presented to me not thinking about the twelve hour schedule but this was already in the beginning of twenty twenty four when we were already working on it. Councilmember Stonemetz said I understand on your part because your new on to the flow of the whole thing but what I don't understand is, Chief Ceja has been here a long time, Fantasia has been here a long time and our lawyers have been here a long time and how they oversight happened amongst them maybe I'm looking at this wrong looks like now we are paying sixteen hours of overtime instead of sixteen hours of regular time for the whole year and for everyone at the police department. Mayor said no. Councilmember Stonemetz said so am I missing something? Mayor said yes what has resulted in this finding is that police officers are working ten-hour shifts because the salary schedule was created under the twenty eighty formula and we can't go back and amend it, it was the previous practice of twelve-hour shifts for years and years where the formula was created with the twenty-three zero four hours. I understand where you're coming from but here is what the teams haven't been apart from was drafting, creating and implementing a new bargaining unit. Chief Ceja is in a new position as department head for the police department, he wouldn't have been involved in the collective bargaining unit process in the past, it would have been the previous chief. Councilmember Stonemetz said right but he would of saw the contracts before, right? Chief Ceja said no that's not my contract. Stonemetz weren't you on a salary contract or have you ever been on a police one? Ceja yes for a little bit. Stonemetz, so you have seen it and been a part of it and because of your administrative position you would have been able to look over the contract before. Ceja expalined not the chief did. Stonemetz said nobody else would. Ceja said no. Councilmember Montes said because your position wasn't nonunion before. Ceja explained no we have always been union; it's just two separate contracts. Contracts must be separated because if we were in the same bargaining unit we wouldn't be able to discipline. For example, a Sergeant wouldn't be able to discipline because he is in the same bargaining unit has the police officers and that is why the bargaining units must be separated. When this contract came about this was the first year I was involved in the contract. I know that has always been a question because it was a question when I first started here about working ninety-six hours and only getting paid for eighty but that was in the old contract. This contract was completely different from the old contract that they did before. We tried to cover everything, and I didn't even see that honestly. Stonemetz asked how we cover the twenty-four hours. If they're doing tens that's only twenty. Ceja explained with swing shift. Stonemetz asked do you run three shifts. Ceja said no, not right now but we will when we are fully staffed, and people are back from the academy. We have always run three shifts even with the twelve-hour shifts. Stonemetz said basically what we are doing now is paying overtime now you're going to adjust for the rest of the year, so we don't have to. Ceja said we already adjusted. Councilmember Montes said there are their officers working on the weekends. Ceja said yes, we do. Mayor asked if there were any other questions or discussion related to the consent agenda. Councilmember Montes said if you go down to line sixteen where it starts because we were talking about the garbage cans and then suddenly it goes back to the discussion of the ordinance. Mayor asked if she was under the minutes for workshop and Montes said yup. City Clerk said okay, I see it, that should have got put into the discussion under the ordinance, about amending the budget we will fix that. Montes also pointed out that in the council minutes the mayor asked questions about the motion decision and that it is not on there. Mayor said yes that information needs to be added. City clerk explained that if you guys do find these mistakes when I email them to you, you can email me back with what's missing or

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if you have any questions. Montes commented that she only got it yesterday. City clerk explained she should have received it on Friday. Mayor said, "I know Fantasia makes it a point to have it out to you on Friday so you can review it over the weekend. Mayor explained that during council there will be a motion to approve the workshop and council minutes with the corrections that were discussed in the workshop. Councilmember Montes said or we can motion to table it. Mayor and City Clerk said you can't table minutes. Montes said until we review it so we can see what was added on there. Mayor explained you must be very explicit and discuss it and then during council it will be motioned to be approved with the corrections and additions that were discussed in workshop. So, what you have to say will be on the record. So, if you have details that need to be added this is the time to add it. Councilmember Stonemetz asked what happened with this, whether it was tabled or denied. Mayor asked are you were talking about the ordinance; the ordinance was not passed. Councilmember Montes said in workshop it was just out of order and for council the discussion and questions about ordinance 1412 were not in there. Mayor asked so do you want to share what was said because Ryan and Alfredo weren't here and they are going to need to vote. Council Montes said it was just missing where the mayor asked us why we motioned the way that we motioned and asked us a couple questions and we responded, which I don't think we should have responded but we did. Mayor said to clarify what I did I asked what information we can provide to better inform the decision so people can vote. Because councilmember Bustamante and Montes voted no but didn't provide any information so we can provide a follow-up. I asked them why they voted the way that they did and if that was their informed decision. Councilmember Montes did not provide any information other than her preference was to have all council present. I asked her if that was her informed decision and she said yes. I asked Councilmember Bustamante, and he asked for more information because he felt like there was not enough information presented by the Chief and Fantasia and he felt that the questions that he asked related to the budget were fully responded. Councilmember Stonemetz said do they even have to have a reason to vote no. Mayor said well if we were to represent it again, it would be helpful so we can provide the information, some of the things we present are not to mislead council or to be misinformed more for the purposes to inform council to the best of our ability and if we cant provide that information to absorb it helps us to provide you with that information. I can't assume that you all understand the information that we present so sometimes you need to let me know what information you need so we can better inform you and I don't know how else to do that if I don't ask questions. Same for you all, I don't know how you get the information if you don't ask questions, so that was the purpose of trying to figure out to better present information so that you all can make a better-informed decision. Councilmember Stonemetz asked how early you knew when this ordinance was coming on, like if it was already decided Monday or did that ordinance just come up on Thursday and you sent it out on Friday. Mayor explained that it is labeled as an ordinance because the budget is being amended and it needs to be an ordinance. Stonemetz said when it is that you knew you wanted to amend it was it on Thursday or Monday and then you sent it out on Friday. Councilmember Munoz said does it even really matter. Councilmember Stonemetz I'm leading up to a question. Mayor said she was confused. Stonemetz said if you knew Monday you wanted to amend the budget for the next agenda, is it against the rules for you guys to send an email to us asking us if there are any questions or concerns so we have those to you instead of coming in on Friday and getting answers on Monday for Tuesday, does that make sense? Mayor said so you want more time, is that what I'm hearing. Stonemetz on major things, we have never had to do anything where we had to take money out of one itemized budget and move it to another. We have never had to do that before. Two, when I saw what the public safety fund is. In the four years I've been here I have never seen an itemized thing, it's usually the police chief says this is what we need for our whole budget. The first couple years were zero and all sudden we have a sixty-five thousand dollar carry over and then the itemized number, what else can we use that for. What other types of things other than a vehicle can we use that for. If we are taking it out of this allotment and putting it into this allotment we could have used it here for something, we don't know what we can technically use it for, and we are going to move it here for a vehicle. Stonemetz then said my second question was since I have been here my first year, we got two vehicles and

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then in my second year we got another two vehicles, I don't know how we use and abuse them, I think one of them was a truck that we got off a grant and now we need another one. Do we just need more or are we just putting that a part of our cycle of vehicles for three years, five years, what was the purpose of the now because we have the extra money. Stonemetz continued saying on the sixty-five thousand, if he had a sixty-five thousand dollars carry over why is he fluffing the budget that high unless it's for a particular reason. Mayor said okay, I'm going to stop you right there. Mayor said this fund is not a new fund and it's been presented in the budget retreat. Councilmember Stonemetz then said my question is do we ever utilize it is my question. Mayor said this particular fund is called the three tenths fund this is a state initiative that is passed by voters and a percentage (three tenths) Is then disturbed to cities there are conditions and requirements for that particular fund in which the line item is presented is a restricted line item which is why we requested for that line item to be transferred into machinery equipment so we can use those funds. That restricted account we can only use for specific things we cannot expend out of it only to use it for those specific items and if we don't get those purchase those specific items then that's how we have a carry over. Second thing is that the vehicle said to replaced is the old Tahoe that the LT drives, the transmission went out and requires a lot of money to replace however the vehicle itself it's not a vehicle worth repairing, its not four wheel drive, not fuel economic and maintenance is becoming more expensive, high milage and it's almost ten years old.it was worth investing in a new vehicle in fleet. Councilmember Stonemetz said this is one of the vehicles that was bought originally two years ago. Chief said no this is the Tahoe that has been here since 2016. Stonemetz asked if it was brand new when it was bought. Chief said yes it was brand new. Stonemetz asked well what kind of car you guys were looking into in replacement of that. Mayor said a new truck. Mayor said the state has a vendor in which is making vehicles more fuel efficient because of the nature of the industry. Chief said the truck I have is a six cylinder, the four new vehicles we did get was off a grant and usda paid seventy percent of what the vehicles were worth, and we paid the remainder. For the pickup we bought that with money from three tenths. Councilmember Stonemetz said the other two vehicles were used when we bought them right from the westside, the charger. Chief said the charger is still running. Councilmember Stonemetz said how many miles are on it or is close to being done too. Chief said it's a good pool car or when someone is having repairs done to their car and they will jump into that car. The Tahoe's are gone; public works was using one of them and he used it for about five months and then the engine went out on that one. It's the same year and model on the one that the transmission went out. My biggest fear is repairing the transmission and then the engine goes out. Councilmember Stonemetz said oh no I'm not disagreeing with you on that. Stonemetz says the part I'm looking at is getting new vehicles on a rotation on three years to five years rotation so we can plan for those types of things because I think one of the concerns is what are the specific line items we can use it for. Would it be able to help with something with the school or would it help with a new meter deal over here. Stonemetz said don't shake your head at me, no no. I'm asking a question about what people would be thinking. You're the one that looks at the information everyday Fantasia not us so that is why we're asking the question. Mayor said I will tell you that we not entertaining this conversation for this year, but we already intended to provide you what you were asking for, what we have used it for in the past and the initiate language spells out because that's why fantasia is shaking her head because there is stuff we can't spend that money on. Councilmember Stonemetz I understand what you're saying but what I'm talking about is her disrespect. I don't need her shaking her head, as a councilmember and I must sign off on the blind budget and I have the right to ask the question, and I believe I'm asking intelligent questions and by her shaking her head at me. City Clerk says I'm not shaking my head at you. Stonemetz said and making me feel like an idiot. Mayor said however you feel. Mayor said there is no level of disrespect in this council chambers, if that be you, a staff member or member in this audience that is going to stop already, there has been a level of disrespect that has been exercised for a great amount of time already and it must stop. Everybody is grown, everybody can ask questions, and everybody is intelligent. There is no intentional misleading info or questions that are being provided or asked. Again, we are trying to provide you with information that you need to make and inform decisions. If

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you don't ask questions we can't provide you with that information. I understand that you weren't here to be able to ask and now yours asking them now. Fantasia sends out the packet on Friday which allows you to review it over the weekend and asks questions on Mondays, that still gives us enough time to make changes to the packets. If you need the packet ahead of time, we can't do that because we have dept head meeting on Wednesday before council. If you feel that you need more time for that information to be disseminated, then let us know that and we can put it in the next council packet. If you feel there is no information to your point because now, you're here asking all these questions. You saw in the minutes, prior to, you don't even have to be here right. You can probably say I'm not going to be there because of x, y, z and ask if the item on the council packet can be moved to the next meeting. So, when I'm the rei can ask the questions that I need to ask but, in the meantime, I have these questions and can you please provide me with this information. Mayor continues to say there is nothing wrong with you asking if we can push out something and we will let you know if we can't and if we have a timeline. We try to do as much as possible to make sure you have enough time to review this. I understand, I've been in your shoes. I know and I know that some of you don't look at your packets and I know that because I used to do that too. When you come back and ask all the questions it's because you didn't look at the packet, I know because I did it too. So, when you come, I am asking you to come prepared with questions and to please look at your packets and if you need more time on an item to be looked at we can push it to the next council meeting. Councilmember Stonemetz said he believes that council Montes said she didn't feel comfortable voting on this now I would like for all councilmembers to be here. Mayor said that it is fine, but we have quorums, with quorum you can make an informed decision. Another thing I would like for you guys to strongly urge is that when you're making decisions, you're making unbiased informed decisions. When I hear you say I think that it is personal, that it is unformed and that it is not unbiased. When you say I think that is coming from how you feel, when you make decisions of, I think, I believe, and I feel it is because you're making decisions out of emotion. You need to be making informed decisions whether you like it, agree or disagree. This is an open conversation, and I tried my best to make it open conversation and discussion. I always ask do you have questions or want information but if you don't tell me we can't provide that. I cannot do this without you, and I will not do it with the disrespect that we have been receiving. Just like how you feel that you have been disrespected I do too, but I have not openly discussed it because those are my feelings, those are my emotions. I'm trying to handle the business of the city and operations, and we do it together as a team, I can't do this without you. Councilmember Stonemetz, I'm not disagreeing with you, but I think at the time they felt uncomfortable, and they wanted more opinions and unfortunately, I couldn't be here. Mayor said again what your saying is your opinion, I don't want your opinion, I want your informed decision. If you don't have enough information, you cannot make an informed decision. Councilmember Stonemetz so you just say table it, if we feel like we have enough information our best option is to table it. Mayor replied yes and tell me why. Councilmember Stonemetz, well my answer would be I don't have enough information. Mayor said, "well tell me what information you need. That's another thing you can just tell me you don't have enough information. I can assume or guess what you need I'm not in your brain. I don't know how you absorb things. Remember we had a conversation about transparency. I put that clear jar and asked to give me your interpretation of transparency because we can all say it's clear but when I asked you guys you each had something different but I cannot guess that and see what you thinking and assume on how you going to vote or what information you need if you don't tell me. When you say I motion to table because I don't have enough information, okay what information do you need. Mayor continued to what information do you need, I expect you to tell me because I want to provide you with the information or if you think information is not good enough then tell me why its not good enough not because you think or feel or believe it not good enough. You tell me it's not good enough because this doesn't help me understand how this line item is restricted. Did you hear me say anything I believe this line item is restricted, so I explained this not information to help me understand why this line item is restricted. Help me understand that I can transfer

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monies from restricted to this account. I can't do this if you don't tell me. Council member Stonemetz said I guess the question is would you ask those questions because you're going to say yes, we are probably going to ask the same thing. Mayor said you were my colleague when I was councilmember, and we were always asking questions, and I do it because I need to understand and make informed decisions and how it aligns within the business of the City. Councilmember Stonemetz said well what that displayed in the last council meeting. Mayor said no it wasn't because again I assumed I provided you with enough information obviously we didn't, but no one told me what information we needed. Councilmember Bustamante did, so we were going to be prepared to present this information but again we just decided that it's not something for this year. We will talk about budget retreat and consider it for next year's budget. Councilmember Stonemetz said there will be two carryovers. Mayor said it will be the carry over from three tenths. Whatever that amount is. Mayor said I want to be able to know if this is good enough, I am asking a question. Councilmembers all said yes. Mayor said we already passed the consent agenda and the way it will be presented during council for voting is that there will be a motion to approve the corrections discussion that was discussed in workshop. The expectations that I laid out is everyone is okay with that, councilmembers said yes.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Steve Urrutia 1102 Eaglenest Dr.- Steve expressed his concerns about roosters and how they are always so loud. Steve asked if that is something that the city can change, to not allow roosters within city limits only hens. Steve also explained that if there was something in the GMC there is anything that can be done with dogs that are barking constantly throughout the day and at all hours. Lastly Steve thanked Police Chief on the patrolling more around his neighborhood more, making them feel safer.

Julie Urrutia 1102 Eaglenest Dr.- Julie explained that she was told that there was a code on having to haul your garbage can off the Street or sidewalk and put behind the home or on the side of the home. Mayor said she was sorry that she had informed her that there was one and she explained she dug further into the code and let Julie know that we do not have a code for that. Julie also expressed the concerns of the safety on bagely rd and asked if public Works would be able to paint white lines on the road for safety reasons, explained an incident that happened to her almost being ran off road and letting us know maybe having the white lines striped would help. Another concern Julie expressed was vehicles parking on the sidewalk from time to time. Chief Ceja explained that they have been going up there and seeing that and citing the person for parking on sidewalk and they continue to do it. Ceja mentioned that the citation is only twenty-five-dollar fee. Julie expressed her concern about the loud music from the same house that the cars are parked on the sidewalk, idk what the noise ordinance is but I will investigate that. Julie also mentioned suspicious activity with people knocking and then leaving, people putting items in mailboxes when they don't have permission to. Mayor advised that when things occur that she calls 911 and reports the incident so that it is documented. Mayor explained that everything she is speaking of here and is a safety concern to you has not been reported, this is what the community needs to understand. We can't respond if we don't get calls. Julie said she did come in and talk to someone and I don't think anything was documented. Councilmember Stonemetz said send email, black and white. Julie said okay to info email, Mayor then said but if you think your safety is in jeopardy call 911. Mayor thanked Julie.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

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NEW BUSINESS

Public Works

HLA Task Order 2025-02 WWTP Facility Plan Project

No discussion, time ran out.

Expenditure Request-Helisieve in Channel Fine Screen

No discussion, time ran out.

Fire Dept

Expenditure Request-Curtis Tools for Heroes

No discussion, time ran out.

Fire Report Calls for January 1st- June 1st, 2025

No discussion, time ran out.

MAYORS REPORT

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

ATTEST:



Fantasia Reyes, Clerk-Treasurer



Mayor, Hilda Gonzalez

APPROVED TO FORM:

Seann Mumford, City Attorney

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7:00 p.m.

City Hall
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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGEINCE

Frank led the Flag Salute.

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It was moved by Councilmember Stonemetz to approve the consent agenda with items A-E with the corrections to workshop and council minutes as they were discussed in the workshop meeting.

Motion was seconded by Councilmember Bustamante.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Public works

Resolution 2025-03 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program

It was moved by councilmember Stonemetz to approve the Resolution 2025-03 for the Six Year Transportation Program. Motion was seconded by councilmember Reyes.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

HLA Task Order 2025-02 WWTP Facility Plan Project

Frank explained that this request is to get HLA to start working on getting upgrades done at WWTP. Councilmember Stonemetz asked if there was a cost attached to this. Mayor responded there is a cost to creating the plan. In task order in the council packet outlines the project management, the funding application and preparation. We will be pursuing funding to the public works board at the

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time of the performance and any additional services. The fee for project will be \$2000 and the application preparation will be \$4000 for a total of \$6000. This process is necessary to pursue any type of funding for construction. This is the first step. Mayor asked if there were any discussion or questions.

It was moved by councilmember Munoz to approve the HLA Task Order 2025-02 for the Wastewater facility plan project. Motion was seconded by councilmember Reyes.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Expenditure Request-Hel sieve In Channel Fine Screen

Frank explained that 3 weeks ago we came in on a Monday to find that our fine screen at WWTP had given out. We worked on it and got it taken apart and found out that it was completely broken. What the fine screen does is a preliminary treatment to our wastewater, it removes all the small and large debris and solids. It protects our purifiers from garbage getting into them. Last year we bought a pump because the fine screen had given out the prior year. At that time, we were able to do the repair and this time we were not able to. This is a 25-year-old piece of equipment, and the life expectancy is 25-30 years. It was sold back in 2001, and we got it in 2014 from City of Moxee. They had it for about 15 years before we took it over. This is an essential piece of equipment to run our treatment plant. If we don't stay in code, it can lead to fines up to \$10,000 a day. This is a Diar need. I know that I've come to you before saying the same thing. Councilmember Stonemetz stated it's the same song and dance every time. He asked how many more huge replacements we expect to stop these catastrophic mess. Frank is hoping this is it. Councilmember Stonemetz explained that we are getting a lot of complaints about high water bills, and they wonder why we need these raises to cover this cost. He explained that if this had happened before rate increases this would have put us way more in the red. We have spent something over \$400,000 down at the treatment plant. That's a lot of money on pumps and other breakdowns. When people ask why we raise prices this is why. Because we need to be able to cover the cost as they go along. Even when you get a grant it can take 6 months to a year to get funds. We should have put a new fine screen to begin with, not a used one but it is what it is and because of those mistakes is why we must raise rates. Frank re-explained that this is important to repair because if not it will cause damage to other equipment like pumps. People need to understand that we don't just get new rigs & equipment just to get them it is to think 5-10-15 years ahead which was never done before and that is why we are in the situation that we are in. if we start taking care of these things regularly, we will stop running into these issues. Councilmember Munoz asked how long this is really going to take because it looks like about 20 weeks based on the bid. And what are we going to be doing in the meantime to remain compliant. Frank stated we have diverted the wastewater to what's called a bar screen and the big stuff gets stuck there. It is what we used last time, and it worked. But it doesn't get the job completely done. Councilmember Munoz asked if it's temporary, and will it work for the time we wait for shipment. Mayor added that we are under an administrative order, and we have done what Dept of Ecology has asked us to do which keeps us in compliance, they are fully aware of the situation. Frank mentioned that someone from EOU was supposed to attend but didn't make it. Mayor continued that all these steps we are taking are what is keeping us compliant. Stonemetz asked if there are any improvements we can make to the bypass. Frank answered that he is looking into it because we were wondering about the same thing. HLA has recommended adding another bar screen to have an extra sense of security. One on the main and one as a backup. Stonemetz asked what an additional

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one would cost. Per Frank it would be \$128k. Mayor added the idea is to invest so we can create a more sustainable solution and enhance our treatment plant to prolong the life of equipment. Councilmember Stonemetz stated he is asking about a back up to see if there is anything we can budget for in the next few years. Councilmember Bustamante asked where the budget is with public works because of all the unexpected cost we have been taking on with irrigation. Mayor stated because of the sizeable cost of this she will be pursuing emergency funds from various sources in hopes that one of them will say yes. We have funds available to us from the Public Works Board that we can pursue. We can submit requests to our legislators, representatives & commissioners on emergency basis to receive support with this cost. This is not a cost we want the community to support; we will be pursuing emergency dollars to cover the cost. There has been a lot of cost coming out of public works, so we are concerned about the budget. Councilmember Montes asked about the payment terms and if we would have enough time to secure funding. We are hoping it is because this really is an emergency. Montes asked if we have all that is required as the purchaser. Frank confirmed that we do.

It was moved by councilmember Munoz to approve the expenditure request in the amount of one hundred twenty-eight thousand dollars and three hundred twenty-two dollars and thirty-six cents. for the Helisieve in channel fine screen. Motion was seconded by councilmember Bustamante.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Fire Dept.

Expenditure Request-Curtis Tools for Heroes

Chief Carter explained that we received a grant from Legends Casino of \$9500. This equipment is a NFPA requirement that one if our firefighters is interior of a structure that we can take that bag in and if he had a mask failure, ran out of air, we can go in. It will have a roll also we can tie it off, go in, get him put him on air and then get him out following that rope back out. And it's something that we need bad because hopefully it will never happen which as long as I've been doing this for 30 odd years it never happened luckily. Munoz asked if we've ever had one before. We had one years before, but it wouldn't work with our SUV. Stonemetz asked if were still buying paint for the fire hydrants and if we need to paint them a particular color based on the amount of water that is coming out of them. Frang stated that it is correct right now we are just getting primer put on them.

It was moved by councilmember Bustamante to approve the expenditure request for the rig kit in the amount of nine thousand and four dollars and nine cents. Motion was seconded by councilmember Reyes.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Fund Totals 06/10/2025

Current Expense	\$ 32,534.59
Parks & Rec	\$
Streets	\$ 1,913.11
Criminal Justice Fund	\$
Fed Housing Rehab Grant	\$
Crime Prevention	\$
Festival/Float Fund	\$ 13.60
Bell Memorial Fund	\$
EMS Fire Trauma	\$ 413.16

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Public Safety	\$
Water	\$ 4,896.06
Sewer	\$ 5,293.04
Garbage	\$ 2,901.70
Consumer Deposit Refund	\$
Irrigation	\$ 507.29
Court Bound Fund	\$ 2,458.68
TOTAL	\$ 50,931.23

Accounts Payable Checks for June 10, 2025: Checks 49487-49519

Payroll for June 05, 2025: ACH and Checks 1072-1073 \$146,366.17 (includes vendor payments).

MAYOR

Community Clean Up

Mayor announced community clean up will be this Saturday June 14th. Right behind city hall From 8am – 2pm. It will be a drive through style. This is being provided to us in part by YVCOG. Maria Lopez has been coordinating all the vendors, which are Pacific Steel, Les Schwab, Habit for Humanity and Fiesta Foods. It is free and the only exceptions are 2 tires per household and no free-on. Yard waste is allowed, and all materials need to be separated. Mayor announced city hall will be closed on Thursday June 19th in observance of Juneteenth. With those changes to the garbage route, Wednesday pick up will be on Tuesday and Thursday pick up will be on Wednesday. Splash park will be opening Saturday June 14th. There will be quorum June 11, 2025, at Radio KDNA from 9am – 12pm for an AWC small connectors meeting. Mayor expressed gratitude for the great turn out at Dino-n-day. Mayor also mentioned how hot it has been and if anyone needs to cool down the library is a cooling station during hours of operations as well as council chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

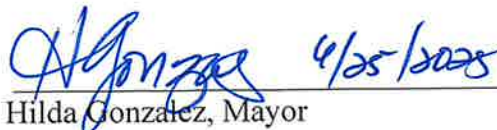
It was moved by Councilmember Montes to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Bustamante.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The meeting was adjourned for 8:03 p.m.



Fantasia Reyes, City Clerk Treasurer



Hilda Gonzalez, Mayor

APPROVED TO FORM:

Seann Mumford, City Attorney