

GRANGER CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

6:00PM
July 08, 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 June 24, 2025
- B** Review Minutes of Council dated June 24, 2025
- C** Review the accounts payable dated July 08, 2025, in the amount of \$129,095.80
- D** Review payroll dated July 03, 2025, in the amount of \$146,374.75.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

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Resolution 2025-05 Declaring certain items surplus & authorizing the sale of surplus

Mayor asked if there were any questions or discussions. Councilmember Bustamante asked what the process for the sale. Mayor said this is process. Councilmember Bustamante said no like once this gets passed. Mayor said we will do a surplus sale where all the items will have prices on them like a big yard sale. Councilmember said so it will be on a designated date. Mayor said Yeah and that information will be set once this is approved or not. Councilmember Stonemetz said before selling the vehicles what is going to be disclosed. Mayor said everything is that information will be disclosed and there will be a process for transfer of the title. Councilmember Stonemetz said it is going to be known what is wrong, like transmission etc. Mayor said public works team has done that homework and knows what is wrong with equipment. A lot of the equipment is old-aged and not operable, but people can use parts, and something are operable. Mayor asked Frank if he added anything to add. Frank said there is quite a bit of stuff and old and to make some room down at public works and best way to sell it is as is. Councilmember Munoz asked how it will be advertised to the community on our website, or Facebook. Mayor said yes on our website, Facebook and flyers and we will do some sandwich boards so people will know there is going to be sale on a certain date and time. Equipment will not be moved to a certain location where it is at, and we will have teams at public

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works for that equipment there and teams here at the bullpen. Councilmember Munoz asked when the last time was the City had a surplus sale. City Clerk said I believe it was before our time but I'm not sure when that was. Councilmember Munoz asked what the process is if an item does not sale. Mayor said in the resolution that if it is not sold it can be salvaged or junked. Councilmember Montes asked are the prices were set, like if someone offers five dollars then someone offers something else is it going to be something like that. Mayor said this will be something we will have to do more than once. I think this time we will do that, we are trying to get rid of much as possible and what doesn't sell, we will do one more time before the end of the year, probably before fall then at the point what is left, we can negotiate before its surplus for junk or salvaged. We want to allow the public to come look and purchase and people who don't make it the first time have the opportunity the second time. Buti am open to suggestions. Councilmember Munoz asked how we got so many bikes. City Clerk explained it was when the City would hold events at the Dinosaur park and they would let the little kid use them on the asphalt part that is caged, so their little tricycles. Councilmember Munoz asked if we were selling those bikes they used in the parade. Mayor said yes. Councilmember Montes asked, so is there no set date yet. Mayor said no, we wanted to make sure it was approved before we set the date. Councilmember Bustamante asked if items will be prices before people come in. Mayor said yes City Hall, or should I say Rosa a blue book value and working with public works and police dept to do comparable on pricing. Terry mentioned a website called public surplus that goes out of state and minimal charge to post the items. Maybe that's the last thing before we salvage all the items.

Resolution 2025-06 Adoption of a Greenhouse Gas Reduction Policy

Mayor said the purpose of the policy is one of the requirements that we need to submit with the grant application. Public works provided us with a sample, and we put it together and that is why we are presenting it to you so we can submit it with the grant application to the public works board. Councilmember Bustamante asked under the number five what does that means for us as a city. Mayor said well we already do that with our biosolids. If you're familiar with the treatment plant and Frank maybe you want to explain this a little better, the wastewater treatment plant has beds where the solid waste is disposed of. The beds allow it to dry and turn its compost, and we have a company called natural selection farms that comes and dispose of the biosolids s and recycles it's a form of fertilizer. Councilmember Bustamante said that will be enough to cover us for this grant. Mayor said yes, that is correct. Councilmember Montes will it be Dan that will be overseeing that section and make sure everyone is meeting that list for new buildings. Mayor said yes that it will be part of the permitting process. That would be publicly funded buildings and existing public buildings. Councilmember Montes said that means it needs to be upgraded. Mayor said say we build a new building then it would have to follow this policy, if we made upgrades to our current buildings, it would follow this policy.

Ordinance 1412 Creating a new chapter 2.12, naming/renaming Public Parks & City Facilities

Mayor asked questions, comments or discussions. If there are no questions we can move on to the next item.

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Public Works

HLA Task Order 2025-04 CDBG Application Assistance-Lapierre Improvements

Frank explained that it is to help us with the application process on the project we want to get going on over on Lapierre. Mayor said we are applying for the neighborhood block grant through Dept of Commerce, HLA is working on a cost estimate on the project. This is a task order for HLA to help in the cost estimate of the project, and the engineering and the planning for the project. This grant should be submitted by the end of this week; it's a two million dollar grant. Councilmember Bustamante asked, "can you remind us of what project this was for. Mayor said this was for improving a specific neighborhood in need of improvement of streets, sidewalks illumination, water and sewer infrastructure. There were three neighborhoods we looked at in the City and that was one of them Guzman, Lapierre Rd off Bailey. Other one was the neighborhood behind the laundry mat and then off East Third St by the solar panels. Guzman Ave and Lapierre Rd was selected because they have never been paved, and the water and sewer infrastructure are very aged.

HLA Progress Estimate No. 2 & Final Payment-Railroad Ave

Mayor said this process is a process when engineers submit for us to approve the final payment for projects this project was funded by their ARPA money. This is not a cost to the City, it was the watermain project off Railroad Ave and Barker. Any questions or discussion.

Fire Department

We did not have any fire calls on 4th of July, and I want to thank the community for that. I brought the new equipment to see if anybody would like to look at it. Mayor asked can you remind council what the bag is for. Terry is for when a firefighter goes down into building and has problem with his air and we can hook him up with air and rescue them out of building. It's a good thing. Far as I know it's never been used in Yakima County. Mayor said hopefully we will keep it that way.

Public Works

Frank explained that the garbage truck had broken down on Robert on Thursday. It ruined off and we couldn't get it started; we had to get it towed into the shop from Yakima. I called Fast Mobile and replaced the starter and then we drove it to Grandview to have a computer put on and no codes came up, which is a good thing, but he did have to replace other things. We are starting to run into issues because we are using it every day. Councilmember Stonemetz said nothing major thought right. Frank said no. Mayor said well the towing was something major. Council Muñoz asked if we have a log of the maintenance when we purchased that was done before and the diagnostic that was done now so we know when we should check it every six months or so. Frank said we have it back now though. Councilmember Stonemetz said what about finding other parts for the other trucks. Mayor said the brown truck is obsolete though. The parts for that truck we can no longer find. Frank said the only truck that is running was the grey one and he had just blown tire we were almost down to no truck sat all and that would have been no good. So, it's something we need to look at, what we want to, because if it happens when we don't have any trucks at all, we will be in bad shape. Councilmember Muñoz asked what our plan was if that was to happen. Frank only thing we can do it outsource and that won't be cheap. Mayor said another thing is going back to vendor and upgrade the truck because we are still within the year and maybe we can get something newer. Frank said he reached out and was waiting to hear back.

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MAYORS REPORT

Mayor explains the Ordinance we just discussed was because we would like to rename the Main St Park on behalf of Roy Cardenas. The project has been sponsored by YVCOG through a graffiti abatement grant that YVCOG has had and thanks to Maria she facilitated everything and reached out the Artist and created something beautiful. There is more work to be done that the Artist needs to complete. The old pump house has always been contact for graffiti that public works always must paint over it and clean it up. Hopefully it will be inspiration to other cities, and they can do something like this to help their graffiti. Councilmember Stonemetz said in Toppenish for the murals that use some special spray over it. Chief Ceja said yeah, they do put something over it so if it does get tagged it can be taken off with a certain chemical. Mayor said just as a heads up I will be on vacation and not be in the office for August. Councilmember Stonemetz would be facilitating the council meetings. Mayor said if we do need to reschedule a meeting, we can always do that too. Council Bustamante said a few council meetings ago we were talking about purchasing the other garbage truck, where are we on that. Mayor said we haven't investigated it but if council would like us to investigate it, we can do that and include it in the next budget. We can start looking into vendors. Councilmember Stonemetz said I am curious to see how much we are having on that one truck versus the amount of repairs and the cost we are paying for it. If we are making up a lot of ground or making up a little bit of ground. Mayor said we aren't making a lot of trips to dump now with the new truck. Councilmember Stonemetz said if we got the second truck, we would minimize another run. Mayor said we are not just using one truck and it's not being overused and there can be a rotation to minimize the amount of maintenance and upkeep to keep them afloat. Councilmember Bustamante asked for the garbage truck payment we made a payment already correct. City Clerk said yeah, and the next one is next year in May of twenty twenty-six. Councilmember Bustamante said so does that stop us from getting us that second truck. Mayor said possibly but the reason we would like to upgrade the one we have is so we can keep the payments the same so it's like we are investing already. We have revenues sources that we generate at certain period of the year. Like the first quarter and third quarter that generates a significant amount of money to make the payment for a second truck. Mayor said it is doable. The way we set up the payments is important; this truck is for three years for three large payments and it's the first quarter we use to make this payment. Councilmember Stonemetz we already paid seventy thousand I believe. City Clerk said fifty-seven thousand. We can double one payment or investigate a secondary one and that will keep us on schedule. Mayor said there is no penalty for paying it off early. Councilmember Montes commented that she was asked by a community member whether we can make accommodation or make changes to the playground to be more accessible and for swings that accommodate someone that is in a wheelchair. Mayor yeah that is something we can investigate and do. We would have to do research on it and see if they are compatible with what we have. Councilmember Montes asked if there could be a pathway as well to get to the playground. Mayor said thank you for bringing that up and if you recall we applied for a park grant to the raptor park and all that was incorporated into the grant, and it was a universally designed playground. We were off by like four points to get the grant. In the meantime, we can investigate it and see what we can find and maybe we can get a grant to fund that. Councilmember Montes said thank you, that would be awesome. Councilmember Montes asked Frank if you had talked dot the SRO Officer from the granger School district regarding putting parking lines in front of the library. Frank said yes, we were just talking about that, but I haven't talked to Sam. Councilmember Montes said well if it's in the work that would be great, especially before school starts. Councilmember

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Montes asked Mayor how the conference was, Mayor said it was good and said her and Councilmember Stonemetz were able to attend. Councilmember Stonemetz said it was very informative and shared a piece of something that he had learned. Mayor also shared that it is was good to have discussions with other city officials and city leaders. Councilmember Montes asked if we are having a movie night or have, we a date set. Mayor said it will be the first Saturday in August, which is the 2nd, and we are still looking for a movie. Mayor said it was my understanding the Lions Club is having a movie night for fundraising money for someone.

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 6:55 PM.

ATTEST:


Fantasia Reyes, Clerk-Treasurer

 7-28-25
Mayor, Hilda Gonzalez

APPROVED TO FORM:


Seann Mumford, City Attorney

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July 08, 2025,
7:00 p.m.

City Hall
102 Main Street

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hilda Gonzalez called the meeting of July 08, 2025, to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGEINCE

Councilmember Stonemetz led the Flag Salute.

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Susie Muñoz	Frank Tijerina, Public Works Director
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Judi Montes (via teams)	Terry Carter, Fire Chief
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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 Bustamante.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Albert Salinas 306 East First ST- Explained that there is a SVID ditch behind his home and is showing erosion and is afraid it will reach his home because it is in the backyard. Albert asked if there is anything the City can do because he had talked to Bob at SVID and asked if they can do anything about it and he received a response of they just don't have the money to cover it up like other sections they have done. Frank said he will talk with Bob and see what can be done and he will reach out to Albert with a follow up. Councilmember Stonemetz also said that SVID has a twenty-five easement from the center of the ditch and that it is SVIDs portion that they would need to keep up with before it reached the Cities portion.

Rebecca Chavez 1215 Anahi Lane- Expressed her concern about not being able to receive mail at her home because her address had not been registered. She has had contact with the post office and city hall. City hall did let her know that it was sent to Yakima County but wasn't sure how long it would take for them to change it. Ms. Chavez expressed it has been a few months since she first came in with her mailing issue and she has had a hard time with mail being stolen and having to receive mail elsewhere.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

City Hall

Resolution 2025-05 Declaring certain items surplus and authorizing the sale of the surplus items

It was moved by Councilmember Munoz to approve Resolution 2025-05 Declaring certain items surplus and authorizing the sale of the surplus items. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Reyes.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

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Resolution 2025-06 Adoption of a Greenhouse Gas Reduction Policy

It was moved by Councilmember Bustamante to approve Resolution 2025-06 Adopting a Greenhouse gas reduction policy. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Stonemetz.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Ordinance 1412 creating a new chapter 2.12, naming/renaming public parks and city facilities

It was moved by Councilmember Stonemetz to approve Ordinance 1412 creating a new chapter 2.12 naming/renaming of public parks and city facilities. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Reyes.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Public works

HLA Task Order 2025-04 CDBG Application Assistance-Lapierre Improvements

It was moved by Councilmember Stonemetz to approve Task Order 2025-04 for the CDBG Application Assistance for Lapierre improvements. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Reyes.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

HLA Progress Estimate No 2 and Final Payment-Railroad Ave

It was moved by Councilmember Stonemetz to approve the Progress Estimate No 2 & Final Payment to Ascent Foundation & More, LLC for the Railroad Ave project. It was seconded by Councilmember Reyes.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Executive Session

Mayor Gonzalez announced at 7:15pm the Granger City Council will now meet in executive session to discuss a personnel matter as pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 and a potential litigation as pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Granger City Council will be in executive session until 7:45pm. Mayor asked Dept heads and the public if they can excuse themselves for the executive session. Mayor Gonzalez announced that the Granger City Council is extending the executive session for a period of ten minutes, until 7:55pm. Mayor Gonzalez adjourns the executive session and called the regular meeting back to order at 7:55pm.

Yakima County Sheriff's Department

Mayor Gonzalez asked what we owe the honor. Sheriff Udell said they were invited to come down in case you had questions on contracting with the Sheriffs Department. Councilmember Stonemetz said he invited them, and Israel Bustamante invited them because I was approached about possibly with all the smaller cities like the fire depts it is becoming too hard to staff. If you look at our fire dept and its basically all Fire District five employees, we barely have a few volunteers outside of that and concern me that we just talked about. Mayor interrupted and said that can not be disclosed. Councilmember Stonemetz continued saying no no, it is our training and how we go about things, and you know if there is any other type of resources we can bring out. We have had several incidents, and our answer is calling the Sheriff's department. That was our answer and that was Cejas's answer call from the Sheriff's Department. Mayor asked if he had this conversation with Chief. Councilmember Stonemetz said what. Mayor said what you're proposing or suggesting. Councilmember Stonemetz said no I'm just here to hear a proposal of what they're looking at as a canvas for other cities and so forth. Possibly moving forward, we aren't the only city that struggles in this, Mabton struggles, Wapato struggles in this, there are a lot of cities that struggle in this, in keeping employees and two how we do things on a day-to-day basis. I'm just curious about the type of training and so forth that they may be able to provide or if

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there is inner agreement that we can make and what that would look like. Possibly exploring options considering that we have, the answer is called the Sheriff's Department. Now that is a policy that the school district has adopted call the Sheriff's Department. So, there are multiple things we might want to look at considering budgets and next year and how we go about certain things. Mayor said the communication is not called the sheriff's office it called 911 so that dispatch can appropriately disseminate the calls and then if additional assistance needed then at that point the dept request for assistance if the sheriff's is needed or neighboring cities who have mutual aid agreement with the City. The school district has contracted with the Sheriffs with events that need and require additional assistance that is beyond the staffing we currently have with the city. So, with that being said, Sheriff Udell is their resources that sheriff's office or dept can offer because I know the Sheriff's office is a lot limited with staffing at times in terms of what Councilmember Stonemetz is referring to for training. Sheriff Udell there are a lot of different options. Police in Washington state has changed a lot, it's very incredible. The difference in training standards and expectations and the laws we have to abide by making policing extremely professional and that's a good thing for the people that live in the state of Washington but its not so good for municipalities and counties because its expensive and they require the police depts and Sheriff's office to be on top of a lot of training and a lot that goes with it. Udell explained that it all comes down to you folks deciding what you want out of a police dept, how much does it cost, what kind of liability you are willing to assume in today's environment. At the Sheriff's office, we are constantly being sued even if we do things right. We are a big agency, we are very public and as your attorney knows it is a big target, the county is considered to have deep pockets. Udell continues to explain that smaller cities drive towards having a larger agency like Sheriff's Office handle the law enforcement. Udell explains that the city contracts with the county and in return the county handles the staffing, training, maintaining vehicles and policy manuals then all that falls onto the Sheriff's office and in return. We will provide a deputy, officer or lieutenant that will be the police Chief, but the cars will still say City of Granger. Udell said there are different variations of services we can provide. Udell gave small examples of what the Sheriff's office provides for the City of Naches and City of Harrah, but Granger would have a different variation of service because it is busier. Udell explained that this wouldn't be an easier decision, and a lot of factors come into play. Udell introduced Lieutenant Johnson and Chief Hendrickson. Councilmember Stonemetz asked for a cost analysis, for example how Naches or Harrah comes up with what they want. Udell explained that those cities look at what they want to pay for. For Naches we will be there for one hundred and eighty mins a day and their cost is about let's say one hundred and fifty thousand, but we still respond twenty-four seven. When you contract the Sheriff's office you get detectives, search and rescue the whole thing but Naches don't need a lot. Our vision for the City of Granger would be of course twenty-four-seven coverage and a deputy cost is about one hundred sixty thousand with benefits and on top of that a car and other costs. It is expensive but we hire premium people. Finances are always part of making a decision. Your right Mayor there are times where our resources are stretched too thin. Udell said if you want to talk further you must come up with your expectations and what funding you have. Mayor Gonzalez thanked him and asked council if they had any questions. Councilmember Bustamante asked if the cost would also include inmate housing. Udell responded that it would be separate but would be rolled into one contract. Mayor explained that for comparison for one deputy it would be 160,00 and we can hire three officers for that amount. I must think about maximizing those dollars and if we can hire three entry level officers or lateral and have the dept staff fully so we can provide public safety service and still have the Sheriff's office assistance as needed, I understand that your office is lean for the size of the county. Chief Hendrickson explained that they provide training, and they are open to our officers. We welcome them. It is free other than

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the bullets depending on the training. Lt. Johnson explained that he oversees the day-to-day items, and he wants to ensure every dept is trained because no matter what the contracts etc. we will integrate at a point at a time and so everybody can be on the same page and lower the liability risk. Mayor asked for his business card. Johnson responded yes. Mayor thanked them for coming.

Fund Totals 07/08/2025

Current Expense	\$ 26,247.08
Parks & Rec	\$
Streets	\$ 1,919.46
Criminal Justice Fund	\$
Fed Housing Rehab Grant	\$
Crime Prevention	\$
Festival/Float Fund	\$ 278.77
Bell Memorial Fund	\$
EMS Fire Trauma	\$ 9,690.27
Public Safety	\$
Water	\$ 5,512.69
Sewer	\$ 71,936.68
Garbage	\$ 10,791.35
Consumer Deposit Refund	\$
Irrigation	\$ 514.68
Court Bound Fund	\$ 2,204.82
TOTAL	\$ 129,095.80

Accounts Payable Checks for July 08, 2025: Checks 49567-49599

Payroll for July 03, 2025: ACH & Checks 1074-1075 \$146,374.75 (includes vendor payments).

MAYOR

Mayor explained that there is going to be a Movie Night on August 2nd. Movie is still to be determined but will be announced shortly once we establish when the movie is available to us.

ADJOURNMENT

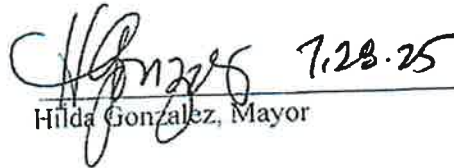
It was moved by Councilmember Bustamante to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Reyes.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

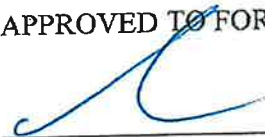
The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.



Fantasia Reyes, City Clerk Treasurer

 7.28.25
Hilda Gonzalez, Mayor

APPROVED TO FORM:



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