

GRANGER CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

6:00PM
June 24, 2025,

City Hall
102 Main Street

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hilda Gonzalez called the workshop to order at 6:03 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-Absent	Terry Carter, Fire Chief
Ryan Stonemetz, Councilmember	Fantasia Reyes, Clerk-Treasurer
Alfredo Reyes, Councilmember-Absent	Hilda Gonzalez, Mayor

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

- A Review Minutes of Workshop dated June 10, 2025
- B Review Minutes of Council dated June 10, 2025
- C Review the accounts payable dated June 24, 2025, in the amount of \$104,751.78
- D Review payroll dated June 20, 2025, in the amount of \$68,990.10.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Police Department

May 2025 Police Reports

Chief of Police said it is starting to pick up again. For the Fourth of July we will have everybody out to make sure nothing gets out of hand. As far as violent crimes and property damage in the last couple weeks, we do have suspects on the shooting/ flight at one of our gas stations. Also, the garbage fires around time and we also have a suspect on that too which we will work on tomorrow and possibly make some arrest. Now that the weather is getting warmer, we are going to get busier.

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Contract for Pro Tem Municipal Court Judge Services

Douglas K Garrison has agreed to serve as interim judge in the absence of Judge Robert Northcott when he is gone for the day off there is a need and he can't make it. I don't know if you recall we had someone else in mind but she was elected as county judge so she couldn't serve, so we had to request someone else. He is a judge for Wapato. Mayor explained that Judge Northcott is not absent very often but he is getting up there in age and he requested if we could have a Pro Tem so he can have his days off when needed.

Public Works

HLA- Progress Estimate No. 1 Payment for Railroad Watermain

Frank explained that this is request for payment for the work that was done on Railroad Ave. It is practically done. Mayor explained that this is being covered by the ARPA Grant. Councilmember Stonemetz said he

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had someone approached him on how long it was going to take because they left all the equipment behind. Frank said I went by and everything was cleaned up. Frank said they will have the walk through tomorrow to make sure everything is done completely. Mayor said it was completed a week before the anticipated date and was completed on the seventh and cleaned up the next day. Councilmember Stonemetz asked who the contractor was, and mayor said Ascent foundation and More LLC out of Cle Elum. Mayor and Frank said they did a great job.

HLA Task Order 2025-03 Main St Carbon Reduction Program

Frank explained we want improvements to our sidewalks that need some work. HLA helping us with the designs going. Councilmember Stonemetz asked if we are changing the whole sidewalk or just the caps and ends. Frank said no the whole thing. Mayor explained that this project is also funded through grant dollars, through YVCOG who facilitates it called CMAC. Mayor explained this is just for design and will be billed to the funding source.

Resolution 2025-04 Declaring State Emergency to make immediate repairs to the WWTP

Mayor explained that we talked about the headwork screening that needs to be replaced so we can have the treatment plant working efficiently and effectively. I mentioned we will pursue dollars from the public works board so we can get that funded. To use those dollars, we need a resolution passed to declare emergencies so to put that application in we need to have a resolution approved. Councilmember Stonemetz said this carryover will have to add something because we aren't going to know the cost after we put it in right. Would we have to do a second resolution or would this one fall. Mayor explained this is so we will get reimbursed for any costs that we have identified since the date we mentioned on the resolution so we can get reimbursed for those costs. Everything we spend to get to that point will be covered.

Fire Dept

Expenditure Request-Lights on Command Vehicle

Chief Terry Carter we have been working getting lights on it for quite a while and getting a light bar on it/ Like anything else it took forever to get, and we finally got them, and it looks better. I am requesting for approval to make payment to Timber Creek Wiring. Council member Stonemetz if it were just light bars? Terry explained it was that and, on the mirrors, on the sides and in the back. Councilmember Stonemetz said this is something we talked about in January, long time ago.

Expenditure Request-Backflow Preventer with Installation

Chief Terry explained that the backflow at the firehouse has been leaking and starting to get into the walls making damage. Public works department said they couldn't fix it, so we have a plumber come in and replace it and then have someone come by and inspect it. Mayor asked on an annual basis. Chief said yes on an annual basis. Chief said that once that is done, we will call Inland fire to do an inspection. Councilmember Stonemetz asked if it was above ground or in the ground. Chief explained it was above ground located in the back storage room. Terry said that they will have to turn off water down the street to fix this, it's not located right there. Councilmember Stonemetz said you should have a shut off right there and he also asked if the plumbers can put one in when they fix the backflow preventer. Chief said yes, they will be putting a valve in, so if it does go out again, we can turn it off all right there. Right now, it's all soldered in with copper so after they fix it won't be that way anymore so if the backflow goes out again it will be easier to replace. Councilmember Bustamante asked if there is a lot of damage to the walls, Chief said yes there is, and we have looked for quotes on replacing the drywall.

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MAYORS REPORT

Mayor explained that the City of Granger will be hosting a movie night either in July or early August. Mayor said she had met with the Splash Park Committee and asked if we had ideas and needs for the splash park so they could see what they can purchase with the money they have left in that fund, they didn't say how much they had. They just wanted me to provide them with ideas, and they would choose what they would like to expend their money on. Mayor mentioned the grants that are going to be applied for and what the grant money will be applied to. There is a complete streets project, arterial preservation, community block grant, and a small city preservation program. Those grants we would like to apply for would be applied to Second Ave, the small piece we own of Yakima Valley Highway, Third Ave, and the neighborhood of Guzman and Lapierre.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED 3-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM.

ATTEST:



Fantasia Reyes, Clerk-Treasurer

 7.22.25

Mayor, Hilda Gonzalez

APPROVED TO FORM:



Seann Mumford, City Attorney

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June 24, 2025,
7:00 p.m.

City Hall
102 Main Street

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hilda Gonzalez called the meeting of June 24, 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
Israel Bustamante	Juan Ceja, Police Chief
Judi Montes-Absent	Terry Carter, Fire Chief-Absent
Ryan Stonemetz	Fantasia Reyes, Clerk-Treasurer
Alfredo Reyes-Absent	

It was moved by Councilmember Stonemetz to excuse Judi Montes and Alfredo Reyes from the council meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Bustamante.
MOTION CARRIED 3-0

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 Muñoz.
MOTION CARRIED 3-0

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Carl Hurlburt/415 Emerald Rd- Looking at road I would like to consider Emerald Rd, there are ten town houses built out there with families they got a quarter mile with no sidewalks, nothing. Talking road projects, Chief offered speed trap out there; glad to see it. We have two ten-foot-wide roads, lanes and semis and cars just blowing through their way over the speed limit. Mayor responded that Emerald Rd is one of the projects for our TIP program, so it is top of mind for the City. Thank you.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

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Contract for Pro Tem Municipal Court Judge Services

It was moved by Councilmember Munoz to approve the contract between the City of Granger and Douglas K. Garrison for Municipal Court Judge Services. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Stonemetz. **MOTION CARRIED 3-0**

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Public works

HLA Progress Estimate No. 1 Payment

It was moved by Councilmember Stonemetz to approve the Progress Estimate No. 1 Payment to Ascent Foundation & More LLC in the amount of one hundred eighty-six thousand six hundred twelve dollars and sixty-one cents. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Munoz.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0

HLA Task Order 2025-03 Main ST Carbon Reduction Program

It was moved by Councilmember Munoz to approve the HLA Task Order 2025-03 for the Main St Carbon Reduction Program. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Bustamante.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0

Resolution 2025-04

It was moved by Councilmember Stonemetz to approve Resolution 2025-04 declaring a State of Emergency to make immediate repairs for the wastewater treatment plant. It was seconded by Councilmember Bustamante.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0

Fire Dept.

Expenditure Request-Lights on command vehicle

It was moved by Councilmember Bustamante to approve the expenditure request in the amount of four thousand twenty-two dollars to put lights on the command vehicle. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Stonemetz.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0

Expenditure Request-Backflow Preventer w/ Installation

It was moved by Councilmember Stonemetz to approve the expenditure request in the amount of two thousand seven hundred thirty-nine dollars and twenty-three cents. It was seconded by Councilmember Munoz.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0

Fund Totals 06/24/2025

Current Expense	\$ 6,545.34
Parks & Rec	\$
Streets	\$ 41,573.71
Criminal Justice Fund	\$ 3,759.08
Fed Housing Rehab Grant	\$
Crime Prevention	\$
Festival/Float Fund	\$ 296.14
Bell Memorial Fund	\$
EMS Fire Trauma	\$ 307.65
Public Safety	\$
Water	\$ 34,002.31
Sewer	\$ 7,240.85
Garbage	\$ 9,907.06
Consumer Deposit Refund	\$
Irrigation	\$ 1,119.64
Court Bound Fund	\$
TOTAL	\$ 104,751.78

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Accounts Payable Checks for June 24, 2025: Checks 49532-49566
Payroll for June 20, 2025: ACH \$68,990.10 (includes vendor payments).

MAYOR

None.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Munoz to adjourn the meeting until 7:30pm. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Stonemetz.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0

It was moved by Councilmember Stonemetz to readjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Munoz.

Mayor Gonzalez announced the Granger City Council will now meet in executive session to discuss litigation as pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The Granger City Council will be in executive session until 8pm. The Granger City Council is not expected to take further action following the executive session.

Mayor announced at 8pm the Granger City Council is extending the executive session for a period of fifteen minutes, until 8:15pm.

Mayor adjourned the executive session at 8:15pm. I call the regular meeting back to order. It was moved by Councilmember Munoz to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Councilmember Bustamante.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0

The meeting was adjourned for 8:15 p.m.



Fantasia Reyes, City Clerk Treasurer

 7.9.25
Hilda Gonzalez, Mayor

APPROVED TO FORM:



Seann Mumford, City Attorney