



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**Clearlake City Hall Council Chambers
14050 Olympic Dr, Clearlake, CA**

Thursday, August 21, 2025

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM

MINUTES

A. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Russ Cremer

Vice Mayor Dirk Slooten

Councilmember Tara Downey

Councilmember Jessica Hooten

Councilmember Mary Wilson

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

D. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Vice Mayor Slooten, Seconded by Councilmember Hooten.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cremer, Vice Mayor Slooten, Councilmember Downey, Councilmember Hooten, Councilmember Wilson

E. PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of August's Adoptable Dogs
2. Presentation by Future Farmers of America

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jodie Westphal commended the fire department for extinguishing a fire in her neighborhood. She further commended SPCA for their spay and neuter program. Additionally, she stated there are two CalRecycle grants for the City to consider: one for the CRV program, and one for recycling tires.

Stephanie Hummel spoke regarding medical insurance. She stated the Senior Center would be having a speaker on the topic soon.

Edgar Allan Harvorth spoke in favor of a no kill shelter.

Margaret Garcia had a question regarding the fire department in the city and commended the captain in charge of the crew that worked on putting out a recent fire.

Kathy Langlais spoke regarding animal control and the need for foster homes and spay and neuter programs.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Vice Mayor Slooten, Seconded by Councilmember Downey.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cremer, Vice Mayor Slooten, Councilmember Downey, Councilmember Hooten, Councilmember Wilson

3. Award of Contract for the Senior Center Painting Project

Recommended Action: Rescind the prior award of contract to Poso Brothers Painting due to contractor withdrawal and authorize City Manager to enter into a contract with Underdog Painting for the Senior Center Project in the amount of \$49,285.00 and authorize the City Manager to approve up to 10% for additional unforeseen contract amendments.

4. Minutes

Recommended Action: Receive and file

5. Warrants

Recommended Action: Receive and file

H. PUBLIC HEARING

6. Discussion and Consideration of Ordinance No. 282-2025, An Amendment to Section 3-5.6 of the Clearlake Municipal Code Regarding the Collection of Fire Mitigation Impact Fees

Recommended Action: Hold First Reading of Ordinance No. 282-2025, read by title only, waive further reading and set second reading for next Council meeting.

City Manager Flora gave the staff report.

There were no comments on this item.

Motion made by Councilmember Downey, Seconded by Vice Mayor Slooten.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cremer, Vice Mayor Slooten, Councilmember Downey, Councilmember Hooten, Councilmember Wilson

I. BUSINESS

7. Consideration of Designation of Voting Delegates and Alternate(s) For the League of California Cities Annual Conference in October

Recommended Action: Designate one voting delegate and up to two alternates

Administrative Services Director Swanson gave the staff report. Motion to have Mayor Cremer as Delegate, with Councilmembers Downey and Hooten as Alternates.

8. Discussion Regarding Next Steps for Animal Care and Control Services in the City
Recommended Action: Direction to Staff

City Manager Flora gave the staff report.

It was the consensus to direct staff to move forward with developing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Animal Services and for staff to discuss said RFP with an ad hoc committee consisting of Mayor Cremer and Councilmember Downey to bring the RFP to the Council for future consideration.

J. CITY MANAGER AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

K. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

L. CLOSED SESSION

- (9) Conference with Real Property Negotiators: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8. Property Address: 14180 and 14190 Division Avenue, Clearlake; Agency Negotiation: City Manager Alan Flora; Negotiating Parties: Alvarez Investments ; Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment.
- (10) Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation: Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9 - Mosqueda, Miguel v. City of Clearlake, p.s.i., administered by LWP Claims Solutions, Inc. WCAB No: ADJ9170309
- (11) LIABILITY CLAIMS -Claimant Anna Middling ; Agency Claimed Against : City of Clearlake (Govt Code §54961)
- (12) LIABILITY CLAIMS -Claimant Jeremy Nelson; Agency Claimed Against : City of Clearlake (Govt Code §54961)

M. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

Motion to deny the claims of Middling and Nelson:

Motion made by Vice Mayor Slooten, Seconded by Councilmember Downey.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cremer, Vice Mayor Slooten, Councilmember Downey, Councilmember Hooten, Councilmember Wilson

N. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Melissa Swanson, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk

