



CITY OF ATWATER

CITY COUNCIL

ACTION MINUTES

July 14, 2025

Council Chambers – 750 Bellevue Road, Atwater, California

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Cale, Council Members Ambriz, Raymond, Rochester

Absent: None

INVOCATION:

Provided by Ben Perez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by City Manager Hoem.

SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the agenda as posted.

MOTION: Rochester

SECOND: Ambriz

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Oath of Office** – City Clerk Billings administered the oath of office to newly appointed Police Sergeant Robert Vargas.

- **Proclamation of Recognition** – Proclamation presented to Chante Dobbins, *Exhortation to Unity*.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item Removed for Separate Consideration: Item 1

Action Taken on Items 2–8:

Motion to approve Items 2 through 8 as listed, with Mayor Nelson **recusing himself from Item 7 and abstaining from the vote on that item**.

Motion to approve Consent Calendar as amended.

MOTION: Cale

SECOND: Raymond

VOTE: Motion passed.

Approved Items:

- **Item 2:** Agreement with Merced County for Animal Services
- **Item 3:** Purchase Agreement – Exmark Lazer Lawn Mower
- **Item 4:** Purchase Agreement – Granulated Activated Carbon Exchange at Well 18
- **Item 5:** Budget Amendment – Genesis 14C SL3 Combination Tool
- **Item 6:** Budget Amendment – Carbon Reduction Program Fund
- **Item 7:** Ordinance – Parking Requirements (Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment)
- **Item 8:** Ferrari Ranch Development Agreement Amendment

Action: Adopted Ordinance No. CS 1072.

Item 1: Warrant Register – July 14, 2025

Motion to approve Item 1.

MOTION: Cale

SECOND: Raymond

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. **Engineer's Reports and Annual Levy – FY 2025/26 Assessment Districts**
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 3554-25 confirming/amending reports and ordering levy.

Public hearing opened and closed. No public comment received.

MOTION: Raymond

SECOND: Ambriz

NOES: Raymond

VOTE: Motion passed.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF

10. Water Meter Installation Project Completion

MOTION: Council Member Raymond moved to accept project as complete; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cale.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

11. Adopting the City of Atwater Strategic Plan 2026–2030

MOTION: Council Member Raymond Adopted Resolution No. 3555-25 approving the Strategic Plan; seconded by Council Member Rochester.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

12. Discussion – Vacant Commercial Building Ordinance

Council discussed and provided direction to staff. No formal action was taken.

13. Quarterly Update – Police Department

Presented by Police Chief McEachin

14. Quarterly Update – CAL FIRE

Presented by Battalion Chief Randal

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Public comments were received regarding traffic and road construction, water rates and the Water Meter Installation Project, public safety staffing, park and landscaping maintenance, and upcoming community events.

COUNCIL MATTERS

Council Members and Mayor provided individual updates.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Update provided by City Manager Hoem.

CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Legal Counsel – Public Employee Performance Evaluation:
Title: City Manager (pursuant to Government Code Section 54957).

REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor reported there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

APPROVED:

MIKE NELSON
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Janell a. Martin
JANELL MARTIN
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK