EXETER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
ACTION MINUTES

April 14, 2026, 6:30 PM
City Hall, 137 North F Street
Exeter, California 93221

Mayor
Jacob Johnson
Mayor Pro Tem
Jeff Wilson
Council Members
Vicki Riddle
Frankie Alves
Bobby Lentz

Notice is hereby given that the Exeter City Council will hold a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in person at Exeter City Hall located at 137 N. F St. in Exeter California, 93221.

Staff Reports related to items on the agenda are available on the City's website at https://cityofexeter.ca.gov/ and available for viewing at City Hall.

6:30 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER CLOSED SESSION
Mayor called the closed session to order at 6:30 PM.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION MATTERS
No public comments were presented.

C. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION(S)
1. GC 54957.6 – Conference with Labor Negotiations
   Agency Negotiator: Shelline Bennett and Jason Ridenour
   Employee Groups: All Represented and Unrepresented Employees

7:00 p.m.

D. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION
Mayor Johnson called the regular session to order at 07:00 p.m. City Attorney Lew noted for the record that there was no reportable action taken out of closed session.

E. INVOCATION
Led by Mayor Johnson.

F. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Led by Council Member Alves.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comment was provided by Sherri Wilson, who introduced Shannon Schroth as the new Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce.

H. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Employee of the Quarter Award (pp. 5 – 6)
   Presented by Mayor Johnson

   Mayor Johnson presented the employee of the Quarter Award to Deputy City Clerk/Personnel Officer.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these matters unless a request is made and then the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar to be discussed and voted upon by a separate motion.

1. Approval of the March 24, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes (pp. 7 – 11)
2. Approval of the Payment of Bills for March 20, 2026, March 26, 2026, and April 3, 2026. (pp. 12 – 27)
3. Approval of Payroll for the Period of March 9, 2026, through March 22, 2026 (pp. 28 – 43)
4. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2026-11**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Exeter, Approving the Submittal of a Program Income-only Application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development HOME Program for First-Time Homebuyer and Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Programs in an amount of $736,537 in Current Funds Along with any Additional Future Program Income (pp. 44 – 49)
5. Approval of a Community Beautification Project Request for Painting Multiple Fire Hydrants with a Patriotic Theme (pp. 50 – 67)
6. Approval of a Request from We Fit Boot Camp and Gym to Host a Car Show Requiring a Street Closure on Saturday April 25, 2026 (pp. 68 – 76)
7. Consider Authorizing the Director of Public Works to Issue an Encroachment Permit for the Use of up to Six (6) Parking Spaces by the Exeter Chamber of Commerce and Harvest Wealth, along with a Permit Fee Waiver for a Drive Through Document Shredding Event (pp. 77 – 82)
8. Consideration of Project Acceptance, Release of Retention Funds and Authorize Filing of a Notice of Completion (NOC) for the Police Department and Administration Building Remodel Project with Sierra Range Construction (pp. 83 – 89)
9. Confirmation of Employment Agreement with Janie Rodriguez for the Position of Finance Director and Authorize the City Administrator to Execute the Agreement (pp. 90 – 98)

10. Approval of a Street Closure for a City-Sponsored Independence Day 5K Run and Community Pancake Breakfast (pp. 99 – 103)

City Attorney Lew noted for the record regarding Item I.9 that, consistent with Brown Act requirements, the proposed salary and benefits for the Finance Director align with the adopted salary schedule. She further stated that the only distinction from other director contracts is the provision allowing the candidate to carry over accrued sick leave from their current employer.

Approval of Consent Calendar							
1st	2nd	Result	JONHSON	WILSON	ALVES	RIDDLE	LENTZ
ALVES	LENTZ	(5-0)	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE

J. INDIVIDUAL BUSINESS ITEMS

Comments related to Individual Business and Public Hearing Items are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker, for a maximum of 30 minutes per item. The Mayor may reasonably limit or extend the public comment period to preserve the Council's interest in conducting efficient, orderly meetings.

1. Conduct Second Reading and Adopt **Ordinance No. 719**, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Exeter Adding Chapter 15.56 to Title 15 of the Exeter Municipal Code to Establish an Expedited Permitting Process for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Consistent with California Government Code Section 65850.7 (pp. 104 – 116)
   Presented by Julia Lew, City Attorney

   City Attorney provided a report for the Council and members of the public.

   No public comment was received.

   City Attorney provided second reading of the Ordinance by Title only.

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1st	2nd	Result	JONHSON	WILSON	ALVES	RIDDLE	LENTZ
WILSON	RIDDLE	(5-0)	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE

2. Consider Approval of Request from the Exeter Lions Club to Sponsor the 2026 and 2027 Exeter Lions Independence Celebration (pp. 117 – 120)
   Presented by Jason Ridenour, City Administrator

Mayor Johnson and Council Member Riddle recused themselves from the item due to a conflict of interest and stepped down from the dais, taking no part in the discussion or vote.

City Administrator provided a report for the Council and members of the public.

Public comment was received from Andrew Rodriguez, who spoke about the event and expressed appreciation to the Council and City for considering the partnership.

Approval of Request from the Exeter Lions Club to Sponsor the 2026 and 2027 Exeter Lions Independence Celebration.							
1st	2nd	Result	JONHSON	WILSON	ALVES	RIDDLE	LENTZ
ALVES	LENTZ	(3-0)	ABSTAIN	AYE	AYE	ABSTAIN	AYE

Mayor Johnson and Council Member Riddle resumed their seats at the dais after the conclusion of this item.

3. Consider Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Letters of Support for SB 1018, SB 1217, SB 1277, and SB 1373 (pp. 121 – 152)
   Presented by Jason Ridenour, City Administrator

City Administrator provided a report for the Council and members of the public.

Mayor opened the item up for public comment. No public comments were received.

Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Letters of Support for SB 1018, SB 1217, SB 1277, and SB 1373.							
1st	2nd	Result	JONHSON	WILSON	ALVES	RIDDLE	LENTZ
WILSON	RIDDLE	(5-0)	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE

4. Consider Approval of Landscape Improvement Projects for the Blossom Estates Lighting and Landscape Maintenance District (LLMAD) (pp. 153 – 157)
   Presented by Zachary Boudreaux, Public Works Director

Public Works Director provided a report for the Council and members of the public.

Mayor opened the item up for public comment. No public comments were received.

Approval of Landscape Improvement Projects for the Blossom Estates Lighting and Landscape Maintenance District (LLMAD).							
1st	2nd	Result	JONHSON	WILSON	ALVES	RIDDLE	LENTZ
WILSON	RIDDLE	(5-0)	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE

5. Consider Award of Contract to Perform a City-Wide Rate Study and Authorize the City Administrator or Designee to Execute Necessary Contracts and Documents Related to the Rate Study (pp. 158 – 192)
   Presented by Zachary Boudreaux, Public Works Director

   Public Works Director provided a report for the Council and members of the public.

   Mayor opened the item up for public comment. No public comments were received.

Award of Contract to Perform a City-Wide Rate Study to QK Inc. and Authorize the City Administrator or Designee to Execute Necessary Contracts and Documents Related to the Rate Study.							
1st	2nd	Result	JONHSON	WILSON	ALVES	RIDDLE	LENTZ
JOHNSON	ALVES	(5-0)	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE

K. CITY COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Council Member Alves reported attending a San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Committee meeting and the Citywide Yard Sale.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson reported attending the Farmers Market and expressed condolences to the family of fallen Sheriff's Deputy Hoppert.

Council Member Riddle reported attending the Farmers Market and hosting an E250 Committee meeting, which was also attended by the City Engineer.

Council Member Lentz had no report.

Mayor Johnson reported attending and enjoying the Citywide Yard Sale and expressed condolences to Deputy Hoppert's family.

L. CITY ADMINISTRATOR/DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

City Administrator, Public Works Director, Chief of Police, City Attorney and City Clerk/Human Resources Manager provided comments/reports.

M. REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

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Francesca Quintana, City Clerk