



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Clearlake City Hall Council Chambers

14050 Olympic Dr, Clearlake, CA

Thursday, December 18, 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 Councilmember Downey, Seconded by Councilmember Wilson.

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

E. PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of December's Adoptable Dogs
2. Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to Winter Fest Sponsors and Participants

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Lipps, Area Governor of the Lake County Rotary Clubs, spoke regarding Human Trafficking Month events being held in January.

Zabdy Neria, Rotary Club of Clear Lake, spoke further on the Human Trafficking Month events happening in Lake County.

Joyce Overton spoke regarding a free Christmas dinner at the senior center and a fundraiser on New Year's Eve.

Cheyenne Now spoke regarding the animal control Request For Proposals (RFP) process.

Alyssa, Northbay Animal Services, spoke regarding the animal control RFP process.

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. Minutes of the October 8, 2025 Lake County Vector Control Board Meeting
Recommended Action: Receive and file
4. Warrants
Recommended Action: Receive and file
5. Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Section 13-3 of the Clearlake Municipal Code Regarding Fire Hydrant Inspection, Testing and Maintenance
Recommended Action: Hold Second Reading of Ordinance No. 284-2025, read by title only, waive further reading, and adopt ordinance
6. Minutes
Recommended Action: Receive and file

H. PUBLIC HEARING

7. Consideration of First Reading of Ordinance No. 284-2026, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Clearlake Adopting the 2025 California Building Standards Code (CBSC) Update, Title 24, Parts 1 - 11A
Recommended Action: Hold first reading of Ordinance No. 284-2026, read it by title only, waive further reading, and set second reading and adoption for the next City Council meeting

City Manager Flora gave the staff report.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 6:39 p.m.

There were no comments.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m.

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

8. Presentation to Mayor Russ Cremer and Vice Mayor Dirk Slooten

There was no action taken by the Council on this item.

9. Appointment of the 2026 Mayor and Vice Mayor

Mayor Cremer nominated Councilmember Downey for Vice Mayor and Vice Mayor Slooten for Mayor.

Motion made by Councilmember Hooten, seconded by Councilmember Wilson.

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

J. CITY MANAGER AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

K. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

L. CLOSED SESSION

(10) LIABILITY CLAIMS-Claimant Rick Edward Evans; Agency Claimed Against: City of Clearlake (Govt Code §54961)

Motion made to deny the claim of Rick Evans.

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

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

M. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

N. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

BY:



Melissa Swanson, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk