

Gridley City Council – Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 20, 2025; 6:00 pm

Gridley City Hall, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley, CA 95948

"Our purpose is to continuously enhance our community's vitality and overall quality of life. We are committed to providing high quality, cost-effective municipal services and forming productive partnerships with our residents and regional organizations. We collectively develop, share, and are guided by a clear vision, values, and meaningful objectives."

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Farr called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Johnson, Roberts, Farr, Calderon

Absent: None

Arriving after roll call: Sanchez

Staff Present: Elisa Arteaga, City Administrator
Landon Little, Deputy City Attorney
Todd Farr, Police Chief
Martin Pineda, Finance Director
Chris Smith, Principal Planner
Jerry Cox, Public Works Director
Carmen Santana, Deputy City Clerk
Ryan Carlson, Electric Director

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Farr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION – None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW OR PROMOTED EMPLOYEES - None

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM

Julian Ramirez of 380 Sage Street requested that Council install speed bumps near his home in hopes that cars slow down in the area.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Annual Wildfire Mitigation Plan

City Council to review the annual Wildfire Mitigation Plan for FY 25/26

Recommended Action(s):

- a. Approve the Wildfire Mitigation Plan

ROLL CALL

Motion: Johnson

Second: Roberts

Action: to approve consent agenda as presented

Ayes: Roberts, Farr, Johnson, Calderon

Noes: None

Absent: Sanchez

Abstain: None

Motion passed, 4-0

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

2. Gridley Invitational Basketball Tournament (G.I.B.T) Donation Request

City Council to consider the donation request made by G.I.B.T

Recommended Action(s):

- a. Approve the donation in the amount of \$1,500 to G.I.B.T.

City Administrator Elisa Arteaga presented the item and informed the Council that, historically, the City has contributed donations ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 to support the Gridley Invitational Basketball Tournament (GIBT). Arteaga noted that this year marks the 71st anniversary of the tournament and that organizers have requested a \$1,500 donation from the City.

Mayor Farr expressed his support for the request, stating that the tournament is one of the premier community events held in Gridley.

ROLL CALL

Motion: Johnson

Second: Roberts

Action: to approve the donation in the amount of \$1,500 to the G.I.B.T

Ayes: Roberts, Farr, Johnson, Calderon

Noes: None

Absent: Sanchez

Abstain: None

Motion passed, 4-0

3. Gridley Sports Complex Ph 1 – Budget Adjustment and Contract Amendments Unsuitable Site Conditions – Geotechnical Investigation – Option #2

City Council to consider authorizing the City Administrator to execute an amendment to task order 16-607-402 with BEN-EN to include Geotechnical Investigation for the sports lighting foundation in the amount of \$65,037.20

Recommended Action(s):

- a. Review the amendment to Task Order 16-607-402 with BEN-EN
- b. Authorize the City Administrator to execute the task order amendment

City Engineer Dave Harden presented the item, which had been tabled from the October 6th meeting at the Council's request for a modified proposal. The revised plan includes boring holes at each lighting post location to be installed at the sports complex, rather than only boring three holes spaced between the proposed pole sites as originally planned.

Following the prior discussions held during the October 6th meeting, minimal discussion occurred at this meeting, as the Council was already familiar with the details and modifications of the proposal.

ROLL CALL

Motion: Johnson

Second: Roberts

Action: to approve the task order 16-607-402 in the amount of \$65,037.20

Ayes: Roberts, Farr, Johnson, Calderon, Sanchez

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion passed, 5-0

4. Cross-Connection Control Plan Development – Contract Award

City Council authorize the City Administrator to execute a professional services agreement (PSA) with SoCal Water Pros (Exodus Water Services) for development of the Cross-Connection Control Plan (CCCP) in an amount not to exceed \$10,450.

Recommended Action(s):

- a. Authorize City Administrator to execute a PSA with SoCal Water Pros (Exodus Water Services) for development of the Cross-Connection Control Plan

City Engineer Dave Harden presented the item and explained that the Cross-Connection Control Plan is a state-mandated requirement for all water suppliers. He noted that the development of this plan requires the expertise of a certified specialist, which the City does not currently have on staff.

Harden further explained that because this requirement was not previously known, the City did not budget for it in the current fiscal year. As a result, Resolution No. 2025-R-026, authorizing a supplemental appropriation of \$10,450 for the preparation of the Cross-Connection Control Plan, was included with the staff report for Council's consideration and adoption.

Public Works Director Jerry Cox added that he has requested and received an extension until December 2025 to ensure the City remains in compliance with the state's requirements.

ROLL CALL

Motion: Johnson

Second: Roberts

Action: to authorize the City Administrator to execute a professional services agreement (PSA) with SoCal Water Pros (Exodus Water Services) for development of the Cross-Connection Control Plan (CCCP) in an amount not to exceed \$10,450 and approve Supplemental Appropriation Resolution 2025-R-026.

Ayes: Roberts, Farr, Johnson, Calderon, Sanchez

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion passed, 5-0

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Calderon reported on his attendance at the Butte County Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting.

Vice Mayor Johnson reported on his attendance at the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency and the Mosquito and Vector Control District meeting.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

City Administrator Elisa Arteaga reported on her attendance at the League of California Cities Annual Conference, where she gained valuable insights into the emerging use of artificial intelligence (AI) in the workplace and best practices for implementing it safely and effectively.

Arteaga shared that while she has supported succession planning efforts within the organization, the sessions she attended at the conference reinforced and solidified the importance of continuing that work to ensure long-term organizational strength and staff development.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE REPORTS

Police Chief Todd Farr reported on the Gridley Police Department's First Quarter statistics, providing an overview of recent activity.

Finance Director Martin Pineda presented a brief Quarterly Budget Update, summarizing the current budget status.

Principal Planner reported that the Housing Element is scheduled to be presented to the Planning Commission on November 5th, and that the City Council can expect to review the document shortly thereafter.

Public Works Director Jerry Cox reported that he has signed off on the newly constructed homes in Parkland Estates. He also informed the Council that the street sweeper is now operating full time and announced that the City's Annual Clean-Up Day, in partnership with Waste Management, will be held on November 1st.

Electric Director Ryan Carlson reported that the Electric Department has been primarily focused on tree trimming efforts prior to the stormy season.

POTENTIAL FUTURE CITY COUNCIL ITEMS - (Appearing on the Agenda within 30 days):

Travel Policy	11/3/2025
Energy Efficiency Contract Review	11/3/2025
Master Fee Schedule, Cost-Allocation, and Nexus Study RFP	11/3/2025
Randolph Lot Use Agreement – GUSD	11/3/2025

CLOSED SESSION –

5. Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiator, Elisa Arteaga, City Administrator, for discussion of progress of collective bargaining discussions with City Employee represented classes – IBEW, MMU, and GPOA

City Council went into closed session at 6:45 pm and came out of closed session at 7:19 pm with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items left to discuss, Mayor Farr adjourned to the next regular meeting scheduled for November 3rd, 2025.

Approve:


Elisa Arteaga, City Clerk