

Gridley City Council – Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 7, 2019; 6:00 pm
Gridley City Hall, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley, CA 95948

Approved as Submitted

“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 Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers

Present: Johnson, Borges, Torres, Williams
Absent: Crye
Arriving after roll call: None

Staff present: Paul Eckert, City Administrator
Tony Galyean, City Attorney
Ken Lowe, Division Chief
Daryl Dye, Utilities Director
Al Byers, Police Chief
Donna Decker, Planning Consultant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Borges

INVOCATION

The invocation was provided by Dale Leishman

PROCLAMATIONS

- Appreciation and Support of the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce and Their Tuesday Night Farmer’s Market

The Proclamation was read and presented by Mayor Johnson. It was accepted by Lynne Spencer, Cathy Mills and Zachary Torres of the Chamber of Commerce.

- Domestic Violence Awareness Month, October 2019

The Proclamation was read and presented by Mayor Johnson and accepted by Anastacia Snyder, Executive Director for Catalyst. Ms. Snyder thanked Council and reviewed upcoming events by Catalyst.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM

Diana Ramirez, Public Sector Manager for Waste Management, provided results from the Free Dump Day hosted by Waste Management with the City of Gridley. She thanked all the volunteers for their assistance. Ms. Ramirez also shared that Waste Management recently purchased a pig from a Gridley FFA student at the Butte County Fair. The meat was donated to the HOPE Center in Oroville.

Dale Leishman addressed Council asking them to consider placing on the agenda for consideration his request to have his property included in the City's Sphere of Influence.

Division Chief Ken Lowe spoke regarding the Public Safety Power Shutoff being carried out by PG&E. The Cities of Gridley and Biggs will not be affected by the shutoff.

Brian Clark, representing Gridley Little League, addressed Council first expressing appreciation for the work that's already been accomplished at the fields but also asking to open a dialogue where future desired changes could be discussed.

Seeing no one else present wishing to speak, the forum was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council minutes dated September 16, 2019
2. Approval of Resolution No. 2019-R-022: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gridley Approving the Memorandum of Understanding Between the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1245 Employees and the Gridley City Council
3. Approval of Resolution No. 2019-R-023: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gridley Approving the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Gridley Police Officers Association and the Gridley City Council
4. Approval of Resolution No. 2019-R-024: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gridley Adjusting Compensation for Management, Mid-Management, Confidential and Unrepresented Employees

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Councilmember Borges, seconded by Vice Mayor Williams

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Johnson, Borges, Torres, Williams

Motion passed, 4-0

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

5. Acceptance of US Department of Homeland Security SAFER Grant Award

Chief Lowe highlighted that the award will be used to fund the salary and benefits for two firefighter positions for three years. He also announced that the waiver request was accepted

which means the City will have NO matching fund requirement, whereas they were prepared to pay a match of 25% of the salary and only receive funding for one firefighter position.

Motion to accept the SAFER Grant Award by Councilmember Torres, seconded by Vice Mayor Williams

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Johnson, Borges, Torres, Williams

Motion passed, 4-0

6. Valley Oaks Estates, Tentative Subdivision Map 1-19; Applicant is proposing a 21-parcel single-family residential subdivision on three parcels totaling ±4.7 acres, APN: 022-230-022, -024 and -025. Determine the project is Categorically Exempt per the California Environmental Quality Act, Section 15332 (a-e), Class 32, Infill Development Projects.
 - Adopt Resolution Number 2019-R-025: A Resolution Approving Tentative Subdivision Map No. 1-19 to Subdivide Three Parcels Consisting of Approximately 4.7 Acres into Twenty-One (21) Parcels Consisting of One 0.25 Acre Parcel for a Detention Basin and Twenty (20) Parcels for a Residential Housing Development Located at the Northeast Corner of Peach Street and West Biggs Gridley Road in the Single Family Residential District (R-1) and Residential, Low Density (RLD) General Plan Land Use Designation (APN: 022-230-022, -024 & -025)
 - Adopt Resolution Number 2019-R-026: A Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Deferred Improvement Agreement to Defer the Construction of a Portion of Road and Pedestrian Improvements on the East Side of West Biggs Gridley Road
 - Adopt Resolution Number 2019-R-027: A Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Landscaping, Lighting, Utility and West Biggs Gridley Road Assessment District to Provide for the Maintenance of the Subdivision Improvements and Deferred Road Improvement Costs

Planning Consultant Donna Decker briefly reviewed the history of the project. The public hearing was held at the last Council meeting, so the recommendation is that Council find the project categorically exempt and adopt the three resolutions.

Councilmember Borges expressed concern regarding the deferred improvement agreement, stating that Heron Landing and Eagle meadows had to complete the improvements.

Patrick Coghlan of 852 Idaho Street expressed his concern regarding safety and a need for a traffic study prior to moving forward. He provided written comments that will be included with the hard copy agenda file.

After much discussion, motion to approve staff recommendations and Resolutions 2019-R-025, 26 and 27 by Vice Mayor Williams, seconded by Mayor Johnson

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Torres, Johnson, Williams
Noes: Borges
Motion passed, 3-1

7. Adoption of the Notice of Determination of the Environmental Documents Little Ave Lift Station and Force Main Project

Motion to adopt the Notice of Determination made by Councilman Torres, seconded by Councilman Borges

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Williams, Torres, Borges, Johnson
Motion passed, 4-0

8. Adoption of the Notice of Determination of the Environmental Documents Waterline Replacement Project

Motion to adopt the Notice of Determination by Vice Mayor Williams, seconded by Councilman Borges

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Borges, Johnson, Torres, Williams
Motion passed, 4-0

CITY STAFF AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Torres reported on the success of the 14-mile Yard Sale.

POTENTIAL FUTURE CITY COUNCIL ITEMS - (Appearing on the Agenda within 30-90 days):

Police Department Digital Radio System	11/4/2019
Potential Cessation of Net Metering Program	11/18/2019
Temporary Residential Housing Incentive Program #2	11/18/2019

CLOSED SESSION

9. Conference with Legal Counsel concerning existing litigation pursuant to Government Code 54956.9 – Blackshire vs. City of Gridley, et al, Butte County Superior Court Case No. 19CV01639

ADJOURNMENT

Council went into closed session at 7:45 p.m. and came out at 7:55 p.m. with no reportable action. With no items for further discussion, Council adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 21.



Paul Eckert, City Clerk