

# **Gridley City Council – Regular City Council Meeting Minutes**

Monday, November 20, 2017; 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 Hall called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

## **ROLL CALL**

### **Councilmembers**

Present: Borges, Hall, Johnson, Davidson  
Absent: Williams  
Arriving post roll call: None

### **Staff present:**

Paul Eckert, City Administrator  
Tony Galyean, City Attorney  
Daryl Dye, Electric/Public Works Superintendent  
Dean Price, Police Chief  
Donna Decker, Planning Consultant

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Borges**

## **INVOCATION**

**Reverend Dan Boeger of St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church provided the invocation**

## **PROCLAMATIONS - None**

## **COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM**

**The Mayor opened the forum and seeing no one present wishing to speak, the forum was closed.**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. City Services Update
2. City Council minutes dated November 6, 2017

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

**Motion passed, all in favor**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

3. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 831-2017: An Ordinance of the City of Gridley to amend Chapter 14, Development Impact Fees, to the Gridley Municipal Code establishing reduced development impact fees for second residential units.

**With no comments or questions from Council, the public hearing was opened. With no one present wishing to comment, the hearing was closed. Second reading and adoption of Ordinance 831-2017 by Vice Mayor Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Borges**

## **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Ayes: Borges, Davidson, Hall, Johnson**

**Motion passed, 4-0**

4. 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application Submittal Public Hearing

**Administrator Eckert reviewed the staff report. The City is applying for \$1,000,000 and the funds will be used for housing rehabilitation and first time home buyer programs. There is already a waiting list for participation in the rehab program. This hearing is for the public to comment regarding the types of activities the City should apply for. The public hearing was opened and with no one present wishing to speak, the hearing was closed.**

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-R-030 approving the 2017 CDBG Application by Vice Mayor Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Borges.**

## **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Ayes: Hall, Davidson, Johnson, Borges**

**Motion passed, 4-0**

## **OTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

5. Waste Water Treatment Plant Truck Replacement

**Superintendent Dye briefly reviewed the staff report. There were no questions or comments from Council.**

**Motion to approve the purchase from Gridley Country Ford in the amount of \$59,153.74 by Vice Mayor Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Borges**

## **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Ayes: Davidson, Borges, Hall, Johnson**

**Motion passed, 4-0**

6. Overview of Gridley Electric Fund and Potential Rate Changes

**Administrator Eckert reviewed in detail the staff report presented. The City electric enterprise fund balance is dangerously close to a deficit. The reasons for this situation as well as possible solutions were presented to Council. Eckert highlighted that staff has and will continue to implement cost saving strategies, but an immediate increase is required and must be**

implemented beginning 2018. He highlighted that even with the proposed 18% increase, the City is still much cheaper than PG&E. Gridley's residential rate is currently 19.2 cents per kWh.

Councilmembers Johnson and Borges expressed their concern about raising the rates and commented that the City should look at every possible avenue to reduce costs prior to a rate increase.

This item was informational only, no action was taken.

**CITY STAFF AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Hall commented on the Sutter Butte Flood Control meeting he attended.

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

Sewer Pond Improvements and Policies	12/4/2017
Potential Electric Rate Changes	12/18/2017
General Fund fee study work session	1/15/2018

**CLOSED SESSION**

7. Government Code 54956.9, Conference with Legal Counsel Concerning Anticipated Litigation
8. Government Code 54957(b), Public Employment, Finance Director

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no items for further discussion, Council came out of closed session at 8:05 and adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting on December 4, 2017.

  
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Paul Eckert, City Clerk

