



# MINUTES OF THE CITY OF GRIDLEY CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING  
6:00 P.M., TUESDAY  
FEBRUARY 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015

CITY HALL  
685 KENTUCKY STREET  
GRIDLEY, CALIFORNIA

**Mayor**, Frank Hall  
**Vice Mayor**, Bruce Johnson  
**Council member**, Jeff Draper  
**Council member**, Owen Stiles  
**Council member**, Ray Borges

## A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Frank Hall called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

## B. ROLL CALL

### Council members

Present: Draper, Borges, Johnson, Hall  
Absent: Stiles  
Arriving post roll call: None

### Staff present:

Dean Price, Chief of Police  
Brant Bordsen, City Attorney  
Matt Michaelis, Finance Director  
Bruce Nash, City Engineer  
Daryl Dye, Electric Superintendent  
Randy Davis, Public Works Supervisor  
Mike Hensley, IT Manager  
Malanee Montero, Recreation Director

## C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Frank Hall.

## D. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM

Mayor Frank Hall opened the community participation forum and announced that members of the public may address the City Council on matters not listed on the agenda.

Nicole Tonelli, Gridley Resident, 1001 Washington Street, Apt.#34, and President of Parent Center Committee for Head Start reported their committee has been in discussions relating to pedestrian safety concerns for crosswalks near the center and Wilson School. She expressed that the signage they have purchased was inadequate and has even been run over by vehicles. Ms. Tonelli inquired if there were funds to purchase better signage and crossing speed bumps.

Jenine Reed, Gridley Resident, 1491 Vermont Street and parent of a child that attends head start, presented a petition for safety measures that included 43 signatures.

Dean Price, Interim City Administrator announced Staff has previously discussed options relating to this matter and it could be agendized for a Public Work Committee meeting and they can be contacted to attend the meeting.

Mayor Frank Hall concurred with Price and informed Ms. Reed and Ms. Tonelli provide their contact information to Interim City Administrator so they could attend Public Works Committee for their input, presentation of ideas and resolution.

## E. PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL

1. Power Point presentation by Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency

Mike Inamine, Sutter Buttes Flood Control Agency Executive Director provided a power point presentation. He reviewed recent activities (Feather River West Levy Project outline), objectives, design and construction process, funding as well as an overview encompassing the area (300 square miles) and borders of the entire project, assessments (State and Local funding for design/construction, federal cost share), timeline and goals (200 year projection as required by FEMA). He closed with outlining the accomplishments to date and current status of the project. Council thanked him for the presentation. Mayor Frank Hall added that the Agency has a Citizens Assessment Committee in which community residents may sit on the board. He said they are seeking citizens from Butte County to volunteer to be on the committee. Hall suggested Gridley Herald could include this information to the public.

## **F. PUBLIC HEARING**

2. Public hearing to receive citizen comments on the first reading of Ordinance No. 812-2015: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Gridley amending Title 17, Chapter 17.04 Definitions and Chapter 17.52 Nonconformities, of the Gridley Municipal Code related to nonconforming uses, buildings, and development standards (Citywide)

- a. Review staff report – City Planning Consultant, Donna Decker reviewed the staff report. She explained that if the ordinance was approved it would clarify language and aid in the interpretation of the zoning codes relating to nonconforming uses, building and citywide development standards for staff and the public. She reviewed the proposed amendments as described in the staff report and added the Planning Commission at a previous Planning Commission had discussed the proposed changes and made recommendations as outlined in the definitions added to the Development Standards Section. She further informed Council that there would be no fiscal impact closed with recommendation to approve the ordinance.

Vice Mayor Johnson asked if a person has a non-conforming building that is not in good condition, would they be allowed to get a permit to make repairs. Decker cited section Section 17.52.90 Repairs and Alterations section of the code did not permit repairs exceeding 15% of the replacement value of the a non-conforming building or structure per year. Johnson inquired if the percentage would be changed and if is not going to change, how can the percentage be changed. Decker conveyed that this would not be changed under what is being recommended currently, however, Council may direct Staff to further evaluate or amend the text in after review in a study session. There was brief discussion relating to how Staff reviews each request, on a case by case basis. There was deliberation relating to whether or not it would be in the best interest to research the matter further. Vice Mayor Johnson and Council member Borges expressed interest in entertaining a study session of the matter.

Brant Bordsen, City Attorney explained that if it is a non-conforming structure, the requirements are set based on only maintaining the existing structure, so it would only allow 15% each year. If a building burns down, the City would not let an owner rebuild using the same set-backs it would have to be conforming to current standards. So the 15% policy is in place solely for the purpose of maintaining a non-conforming structure, it is merely a policy issue and the Council may wish to revisit and change it if they wish to do so.

- b. Open public hearing – Mayor Hall opened the public hearing.
- c. Receive public testimony – There was no public comment.
- d. Close public hearing – Mayor Hall closed the public hearing.

***The item was continued and would be revisited after a study session.***

3. Introduction and first reading of Ordinance No. 812-2015: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Gridley amending Title 17, Chapter 17.04 Definitions and Chapter 17.52 Nonconformities, of the Gridley Municipal Code related to nonconforming uses, buildings, and development standards (Citywide)

***No action taken to introduce Ordinance 812 – item was continued and would be agendized for a future study session.***

**G. CONSENT CALENDAR** - *All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and acted upon by one motion. Any Council member may request that an item be removed for separate consideration. The City Council may only make minor comments; otherwise the item should be removed from the consent agenda and placed as the first item(s) under "Items for Council Consideration".*

4. Teen Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month Proclamation
5. Housing Element Work Plan
6. Information Technology Department monthly update, January 2015
7. Recreation Department monthly update, January 2015
8. Feather Flyer monthly update, January 2015
9. Police Department monthly update, January 2015
10. Electric Department monthly update, January 2015
11. City Engineer monthly update, January 2015
12. Public Works monthly update, January 2015
13. Building Department monthly update, January 2015
14. Fire Department monthly update, January 2015

Mayor Hall presented Teen Dating Violence Proclamation, declaring the month of February, 2015 as National Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month to Alyssa Cozene from Catalyst. Alyssa discussed youth outreach efforts and awareness of teen dating violence and services available through Catalyst. Council thanked her for their education efforts on working with the youth and presentation.

**MOTION BY DRAPER, SECOND BY JOHNSON**, for approval of consent calendar items #5-14.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ayes: Draper, Borges, Johnson, Hall      Noes: None      Abstain: None      **Motion passes 4-0**

**H. ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

15. Approval of Resolution No. 2015-R-001: A Resolution of the Gridley City Council Adopting a Citywide Park Use Rain Policy-Sports Field Playability and Responsibility Guidelines

Donna Decker, Planning Consultant announced Staff has returned with minor modifications to a citywide policy for Council to consider. The City Council had previously requested minor amendments to the policy so staff began researching other surrounding communities. Ms. Decker reviewed the language that was added that states that residents may contact the city related to playability of city parks. She added that there was also the issue as to whether or not staff should be made available on the weekends to determine the playability of the fields. She reviewed the fiscal impact of implementing the policy requiring increased staff time demands which would incur possible overtime costs to determine the playability of the fields. The other alternative to consider was if Staff is not available on the weekends, who would have the authority to determine playability on each field. There was consideration as to additional costs, fiscal impacts, training, current organized teams utilizing the fields and language in the current policy.

Malanee Montero, Recreation Direction reported that currently the only team that was using the field was Rugby. Little League has used it on two occasions but generally they are at the Fairgrounds. Mayor Frank Hall expressed concern for the fiscal impacts that will be incurred. City Council and Staff deliberated on the policy guidelines, assessment, fiscal impacts and possible alternatives and enforcement of the policy and penalties of the violation of the policy. Staff also provided a history of how the detention pond became a park by the developer.

Roy Shepherd, 2035 Eagle Meadows, thanked Donna Decker for her time on the rain policy. He stated the use of the park is not only by organized sport teams but pickup games. He reviewed his original suggestion to staff to make it a policy that if there is rain within 24 hours of a scheduled game, there should not be use of the parks. He stated they do not have any problems with the Rugby team or soccer teams, but noted that Rugby does not pay for use of the park. He recommended a per use permit charged for use of the parks and it would help to cover staff costs. He stated he would like a direct immediate access to call someone

from the City to get them off of the parks instead of calling the police. He restated his suggestion of closing the parks if it has been raining for period of time (24-48 hr. with measurable rain), institute a use fee, or option three. The one team that is out there is Rugby and they do not have a problem with them being out there because they understand their limitations. His concerns are the pickup games and as the word spreads that there is a park there, it will be used more and the residents in the subdivision have no control or recourse in the proposed rain policy. They would like a direct contact on weekends and allow for immediate response. He reported he has experience in organized sports and offered to determine playability if there was concern of staffing costs.

City Attorney, Brant Bordsen elaborated as to options for policy of charging use fees, or reservations and regulations for making the park an exclusive use but noted that it would need to be Citywide not exclusive to just one park. Dean Price, Interim City Administrator informed Council that there is currently a park permit (at no charge) required for use of the parks for events over 25 people.

There was brief discussion between Council and Staff as to regulating park use as to whether or not the park would be regulated to define which parks can be used for organized sports team and build out of the Eagle Meadows subdivision. It was discussed that as the subdivision builds out this can be revisited to determine how to address use of park at Eagle Meadows. Council did not want to burden the City with additional costs for staffing and overtime. Decker suggested one option would be to have staff work towards some analysis of the parks current use and as the subdivision is built out. Staff would report back to Council with recommendations on a quarterly or on an annual basis. Council thanked Decker for her time on this project.

**MOTION BY DRAPER, SECOND BY BORGES**, for not approving Resolution No. # 2015-R-001, A Resolution of the Gridley City Council Adopting a Citywide Park Use Rain Policy-Sports Field Playability and Responsibility Guidelines.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ayes: Draper, Borges, Johnson, Hall

Noes: None

Abstain:None

**Motion passes 4-0**

#### **I. VERBAL DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

##### 16. Malanee Montero, Recreation Coordinator

Malanee Montero provided a verbal update current Recreation events and activities for the community being sponsored by the City. She provided information on participation in the youth basketball season in which approximately 181 children participate and the games were held at the Manzanita Gym. She stressed the importance of having the recreation sports because it allows for all children to participate regardless of skill level. She also attended the Butte County Fish and Game Commission meeting and was pleased to announce that the City is recipient of a thousand dollar grant for a Fishing Derby at Graylodge. The Fishing Derby event has the great attendance, also lunch and prizes are provided for the kids. The Gridley Parks and Recreation promotes building strong relationships with community organizations, schools and families. She allow explained that there was an addition service to the community that provides free income tax preparation services for seniors and low income households. City Council thanked Ms. Montero for all of her work and dedication to the City programs and community.

##### 17. John Sprague, Battalion Chief

John Sprague, Fire Battalion Chief provided a verbal update on ongoing fire staff training, maintenance of Ladder Truck 74 (good working order), utilizing of equipment in local tactic training, and benefits of common core training. Engine 274 has been out of service having a piece of equipment rebuilt. There has been no negative affect to service because it is used as a backup and there are other reserve resources. Fire Staff will be providing hydrant maintenance to begin in the spring, winter is typically refresher training.

Chief Sprague announced that as administrative operational standpoint they will begin discussions relating to the fy 15/16 Fire Protection Agreement. Cal Fire in Sacramento is producing a rate letter which provides pay and benefit levels for all employees which will then be sent to their unit to apply for establishing the costs associated with the Agreement. They will then follow up in a meeting with Interim City Administrator, Dean Price to discuss the details of the upcoming agreement. Lastly, he announced that he had received a promotion and will be assigned to Redding.

Councilman Ray Borges inquired as to how many miles, current condition, and life span of the Ladder Truck. Chief Sprague reported it is a broad range which depends of the type of use; it can range from 10 to 20 years. He anticipates the truck is probably half way through its lifespan. The City has been building an equipment reserve account and he has been working with Finance Director Matt Michaelis. Sprague reported he was confident that it was adequately funded, the aside will be in the equipment reserve account by the time the ladder truck (costs approximately one million dollars) will require replacement.

Councilman Ray Borges reported he often sees the ladder truck at the fitness center and inquired if they had a fitness room in the fire station. Chief Sprague informed Council there was not adequate space for a fitness room in the fire station.

Vice Mayor Bruce Johnson reported that initially when the Fire Ladder Truck was purchased, he recalls that there were some fires in Southern California was the truck used in those fires.

Chief Sprague reported that Engine 76 and possible 274 were used. The ladder truck was used in a major commercial fire in Roseville Mall a few years ago. He elaborated as to mutual aid agreements between cities and generation of revenue (after 24 or 36 hrs.). There was brief discussion of benefits of Gridley having a ladder truck available, ISO rating, mutual aid and strategy of response for various calls. City Council thanked him for his verbal update.

#### **J. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Frank Hall reported Jerry Fichter, Representative on the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District and Butte County Economic Development Corporation was not available to provide a verbal update this evening but there are handouts available. Fichter anticipates attending the next meeting to provide a verbal update.

Councilmember Ray Borges reported on the Northern California Power Association (NCPA) update where Gov. Jerry Brown is proposing to raise the green energy requirement from thirty percent to fifty percent by the year 2030.

Vice Mayor Bruce Johnson reported he attended the Recreation Service Committee and there are a lot of functions going on as Recreation Director Malanee Montero previously reported. He reported on the Public Works/Traffic Safety Committee where they discussed downtown parking and 30 minute spaces requested and they are still considering putting in some spaces. Another item discussed by the Committee was the Mary's Gone Crackers permit fees and contract review (expiring July). The Committee also discussed and considered the repayment of the Orchard Hospital generator construction. City Staff will be meeting with Orchard staff informally and then generate a request for payment letter.

Mayor Frank Hall reported he attended the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency meeting and they are seeking volunteer for their Citizens Advisory Committee.

- K. ADJOURNMENT** – at 7:45 p.m. Mayor Frank Hall adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015.

Approved:

  
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Dean Price, Interim City Clerk

