

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

Tuesday, February 20, 2024; 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**

#### **Councilmembers**

Present: Farr, Roberts, Sanchez, Calderon, Johnson  
Absent: None  
Arriving after roll call: None

Staff Present: Elisa Arteaga, City Administrator  
Rodney Harr, Police Chief  
Tony Galyean, City Attorney  
Ross Pippitt, Public Works Director  
Martin Pineda, Finance Director  
Dave Harden, City Engineer  
Donna Decker, City Planner

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Vice Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

### **PROCLAMATION – None**

### **INTRODUCTION OF NEW OR PROMOTED EMPLOYEES - None**

### **COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM**

**The forum was open, and seeing no one was present to speak, was closed.**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. City Council Minutes Dated February 5, 2024
2. Award of Contract to Replace Furnace at the Recreation Center
3. January 2024 Expenditure Report

**Motion: to approve the consent agenda as presented.**

**Motion: Johnson**

**Seconded: Calderon**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: 5-0**

**Ayes: Calderon, Johnson, Roberts, Sanchez, Farr**

#### **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

##### **4. 2024 Energy Efficiency Rebate Programs**

**City Administrator Arteaga gave a brief update on the services that have been provided to the City by Efficiency Services Group for the past 20 years using the City's Public Benefit Fund. Administrator Arteaga requested Council's input and preferences of potential program offerings moving forward that will be decided through a subcommittee consisting of City representatives and ESG consulting.**

**Councilmember Roberts will join the subcommittee.**

##### **5. Discussion Concerning City Consultants (Johnson)**

**Vice Mayor Johnson explained that he would like for City staff to bring forward a review of all consultant contracts. Johnson also stated that he would like a cost comparison of hiring an in-house planner vs having a planning consultant. Mayor Farr and Councilmember Calderon supported the request.**

**City Administrator Arteaga informed Council that she will work with City staff and schedule future open study sessions with Council to review the material found.**

##### **6. AT&T Phone Utility Service Discussion (Sanchez)**

**Councilmember Sanchez requested Council's vote to submit a letter of opposition for the record to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) on the matter of AT&T's pending application to permanently discontinue landline phone services in California. During Council discussion on the matter, AT&T had released a 2<sup>nd</sup> notice redacting some of the information initially provided.**

**Councilmember Sanchez reiterated the support to submitting a letter on the Council's behalf.**

**Motion: to submit letter of opposition for the record to CPUC**

**Motion: Sanchez**

**Seconded: Johnson**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: 4-1**

**Ayes: Sanchez, Johnson, Roberts, Calderon**

**Noes : Farr**

**CITY STAFF AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilmember Roberts reported on his attendance at the Red Suspenders Day meeting.

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

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

City Administrator Arteaga informed Council that she attended meetings with Rotary Club, Butte Water Subbasin, and FEMA Storm Readiness.

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

Gridley Unified School District Land Dedication (Laurel Street)	3/4/2024
Utility Write Offs	3/4/2024
Calcard Policy	3/4/2024
WM Franchise Agreement & Rate Increases	3/4/2024
Fire - Calendar Year End	3/4/2024
Second Amendment to Cooperation Agreement - Groundwater Sustainability Agencies in the Butte Subbasin	3/4/2024
Energy Efficiency Consulting Contract Review	3/4/2024

**CLOSED SESSION – None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items left to discuss, Mayor Farr adjourned to the next regular meeting of March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

  
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Elisa Arteaga, City Administrator