

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

Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 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.”*

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Hall called the meeting to order.**

## **2. ROLL CALL**

### **Councilmembers**

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

**Staff present:** Paul Eckert, City Administrator  
Tony Galyean, City Attorney  
Matt Michaelis, Finance Director  
Daryl Dye, Electric Superintendent  
Dean Price, Chief of Police

## **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Councilmember Ray Borges led the pledge of allegiance.**

## **4. INVOCATION**

**The invocation was provided by Dwight Deaton, from the Assembly of God.**

## **5. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM**

**Jack McDowell, 1850 Magnolia Street, Gridley, addressed Council. He expressed concern with the condition of the road on Magnolia Street. He informed Council there has been concerns expressed by the residents for some time and nothing has been done. There are potholes and the street is deteriorated. He requested Council address this issue and agendize it for a future meeting.**

**Armando Monarrez, 1835 Magnolia Street, concurred with the request of Mr. McDowell for the Council to address the concerns of the condition of the street.**

**Direction: City Council directed staff to agendize the matter for the next meeting (February 21, 2017).**

## **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Council minutes dated January 17, 2017
- B. Adoption and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 825-2017: An Ordinance Amending Various Chapters of Title 17 of the Gridley Municipal Code
- C. National Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month, February 2017 (being accepted by Courtney Parker of Catalyst Domestic Violence Services)
- D. City Services Update

**Mayor Frank Hall presented the National Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month, February, 2017 Proclamation to Courtney Parker of Catalyst. Ms. Parker thanked the City and provided information as to what education and outreach programs are available to teens in Butte County.**

**Council member Borges requested this item be tabled because he had questions that needed to be address by City Planning Consultant Donna Decker.**

**TABLED - Consent Item # B (Adoption and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 825-2017: An Ordinance Amending Various Chapters of Title 17 of the Gridley Municipal Code.**

**Motion for the approval of consent agenda items #A (Council minutes dated 1-17-17) and Item #D (City Services Update), by Council member Davidson and seconded by Council member Williams.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Ayes: Williams, Davidson, Borges, Johnson, Hall    Noes: None    Motion passes 5-0**

**7. OTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

- A. Presentation and Council acceptance of the FY 2015/16 Annual Audit

**Emily Hsia, Auditor from Mann Urrutia, Nelson, CPA's, provided a PowerPoint presentation of the City's FY 15/16 Annual Audit results. There was no action taken.**

- B. Adoption of a Resolution designating the City of Gridley Representatives to the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA)

**Motion for the adoption of a Resolution designating the City of Gridley Representatives to the Northern California Power Agency (Council member Gary Davidson, and Paul Ecker (Alternate), by Vice Mayor Johnson and seconded by Council member Williams.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Ayes: Williams, Davidson, Borges, Johnson, Hall Noes: None    Motion passes 5-0**

- C. Water Rate Study Approval

**Matt Michaelis, Finance Director provided a verbal staff report articulating the need to approve a water rate study, possible uses of the findings, and benefits of having professionals that have extensive experience assisting City's with these type of services.**

**There was discussion among City Council members; noting the deficit of the water reserves, whether there were grants that the City Engineer to bring forward to help the City utilize funding for infrastructure, staff review of conservation requirements vs. penalties, research what other communities are doing to receive assistance, and what is the primary cause of the deficit (inflation, water conservation). Staff explained they have drastically cut expenses and tried to reduce budgets. Michaelis provided information as to what amount of reserve funds are recommended to be kept in city reserves. There was inquiry from Council members if there are other means to solving/addressing the water fund deficit without the water rate study that would cost approximately 40-50 thousand dollars.**

**Staff explained the there is enough to fund the study and the information received by means of the study could be utilized for grant funding and/or other reporting. There were concerns from Council member Johnson and Borges that having the study would not guarantee that it would pass through a ballot vote as required through Prop 218. Staff explained if the rates were suggested without a study there was more of a possibility of going through a lawsuit or litigation without having had done the proper water rate study to support those increases. Michaelis and Eckert concluded other options could be considered such as grants, however, funding for the water rate study would be a benefit, and best practice to assist through this current crisis.**

**Motion for the approval of the Water Rate Study, by Council member Davidson, and seconded by Mayor Hall.**

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Ayes: Williams, Davidson, Hall    Noes: Borges, Johnson    Motion passes 3-2**

**D.    Pre-Redevelopment Dissolution Loans**

**Matt Michaelis, Finance Director cited staff report.**

**Motion for the approval of the Pre-Redevelopment Dissolution Loans, by Vice Mayor Johnson, and seconded by Council member Williams.**

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Ayes: Williams, Davidson, Borges, Johnson, Hall Noes: None    Motion passes 5-0**

### **8.    CITY STAFF AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS –**

**Vice Mayor Bruce Johnson provided a verbal update relating to the landfill, waste diversion reports being reviewed per City by City basis vs. County as a whole. It was good that Gridley has been utilizing separate containers to aid in helping their numbers.**

Council member Gary Davidson, provided an NCPA update, discussed sold credits, net-metering, and reviewed recommended actions for ensuring the sold credits are going back into the electrical fund. He also expressed concern for the condition of Daddow Park. There will be City events coming soon (Red Suspenders) and he would like to have the park ready. He asked if Staff could provide a verbal update on the project. Council members concurred that the project has taken too long to complete and expressed their concerns.

Mayor Frank Hall provided a verbal update of attending Butte County LAFCO meeting and notified he has made Vice Mayor Bruce Johnson his alternate.

**9. POTENTIAL FUTURE CITY COUNCIL ITEMS**

1. Biggs Police Contract	02/21/17
2. Swimming Pool Discussion update	03/06/17
3. Study Session – Electric Utility Process and Rates	03/06/17
4. Cost Allocation / Fee Study Results	03/20/17
5. Marijuana Policies	03/20/17
6. Study Session – Building Services	03/20/17
7. Sewer Pond Improvements and Policies	04/06/17
8. Biggs Electric Maintenance Service Agreement	04/06/17
9. New LED Street Lighting Plan	04/06/17

**10. ADJOURNMENT** – At 7:30 p.m. Mayor Frank Hall adjourned the meeting to the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

**Paul Eckert, City Clerk**