

Gridley City Council – Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 6, 2023; 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 Farr called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers

Present: Farr, Johnson, Calderon, Roberts

Absent: None

Arriving after roll call: Sanchez

Staff Present: Cliff Wagner, City Administrator
Rodney Harr, Chief of Police
Jake Carter, Utility Director
Landon Little, Deputy City Attorney
Donna Decker, City Planner
Ross Pippitt, Public Works Director
Elisa Arteaga, Finance Director

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Calderon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Deacon Dan Boger of St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church led the invocation.

PROCLAMATION

Police Chief Rodney Harr addressed Council to recognize Officer Clint Massey and Adam Reussery for their actions during an emergency situation which resulted in the saving of a human life.

Mayor Farr thanked the officers for their actions and thanked the entire Gridley Police Department for their continued dedication to the community.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW OR PROMOTED EMPLOYEES

Ross Pippitt introduced the new Public Works Maintenance II employee, Steven Edwards.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Minutes Dated January 23, 2023.
2. Ordinance No. 843-2023 Second Reading by Title Only: An application to rezone three parcels approximately 4.6 acres from Heavy Industrial (M-2) to General Commercial (C-2). (APN 021-270-043, -044, and -014)
3. November 2022, December 2022, January 2023 City Expenditure Reports

Councilmember Sanchez requested that item #2 be removed from consent agenda and be placed on items of consideration.

Motion to approve items 1 and 3 was made by Vice Mayor Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Roberts.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Farr, Johnson, Sanchez, Calderon, Roberts

Motion passed, 5-0

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

2. Ordinance No. 843-2023 Second Reading by Title Only: An application to rezone three parcels approximately 4.6 acres from Heavy Industrial (M-2) to General Commercial (C-2). (APN 021-270-043, -044, and -014)

Planning Director gave a brief overview of the item and stated that the first reading passed 5-0 at the Jan 23 meeting.

Pat Coghlan, resident of Gridley, expressed concerns that there would be a cost to the City with adopting this ordinance, to which Planning Director Decker stated there would not be.

Motion to approve item #2 was made by Vice Mayor Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Roberts.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Farr, Johnson, Calderon, Roberts

Noes: Sanchez

Motion passed, 4-1

4. Informational Update from Cal Fire Chief, Sean Norman

Fire Chief, Sean Norman, presented a power point that showed pictures from a fire that took place at 110 Virginia St. He explained that his crew, who had studied the building as a fire hazard before, caught the fire early and were able to do a great job putting it out.

5. Informational Update from Utility Director, Jake Carter

Utility Director, Jake Carter, addressed the Council and spoke on the multiple projects that he has taken on since being with the City.

- 6. Resolution No. 2023-R-002: Tentative Subdivision Map to Subdivide One Parcel Consisting of Approximately 12.3 Acres into Five Parcels to Develop the Site into Two Highway Commercial Parcels and Three Multi-Family Affordable Housing Developments Located on the West Side of State Highway 99**

Planning Director, Donna Decker, gave an in-depth overview of the subdivision map being presented to Council.

Carlos Valdez, from the Carpenters Union, requested the future development at this site be prevailing wages for the contractors.

Written comments from Andrew McClure with Minasian, Meith, Soares, Sexton & Cooper, LLP, were submitted and provided to all Councilmembers and City staff.

Council shared concerns about the canals that border the property and expressed the need to coordinate with Butte Water District to have the canals encased as soon as possible.

Jeff Spence, Butte Water District Engineer, informed Council that previous Gridley subdivisions had water canal encasements conditioned to the developer.

Developer, Jacob Saroudi of AMG & Associates, addressed Council via zoom to inform them that he has applied for the Infill Infrastructure Grant in hopes to obtain funding for canal encasing.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-R-002 with intent to coordinate with the Butte Water Districts to encase the nearby canals as soon as possible was made by Councilmember Calderon, seconded by Councilmember Roberts.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Farr, Johnson, Sanchez, Calderon, Roberts

Motion passed, 5-0

- 7. Resolution No. 2023-R-004: A Resolution to Enter into an Agreement with Butte County Related to Parcel Ownership and to Authorize the City Administrator to Execute Agreements, and Contracts on Behalf of the City Council.**

Planning Director Decker requested Council approve the resolution for the land swap with Butte County for parcel #9 at the Industrial Park and in return the City of Gridley will obtain 860 Cedar St. and be able to expand the current Public Works yard.

Pat Coghlan submitted written comments that expressed concerns of the appraisals of each property.

Motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Roberts.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Farr, Johnson, Sanchez, Calderon, Roberts

Motion passed, 5-0

8. Resolution No. 2023-R-005: General Plan Amendment to amend the Land Use Designation from the Various Residential Land Use Designations of Residential, Very Low Density, Residential, Low Density, Residential, Medium Density, Residential, High Density 1, and residential, High Density 2 to Residential Providing Consistency Related to Recent State Legislation Supporting Increased Housing Densities in All Zones Creating Non-Conformance to the General Plan (City Wide)

Decker respectfully recommended that Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-R-005 which would remove all inconsistency from the zoning and General Plan land use designations.

Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Roberts, seconded by Councilmember Calderon.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Farr, Johnson, Sanchez, Calderon, Roberts

Motion passed, 5-0

9. Resolution No. 2023-R-006: A Resolution of the City of Gridley Certifying and Adopting Final BEWA Plus Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration Report (Sch#2022090465) and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Feather River Sewer Crossing Project, Dates January 2023

City Engineer, Dave Harden, requested that City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-R-006 that would accept the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Gridley Feather River Sewer Crossing Project prepared by ECORP Consulting Inc.

Motion to accept was made by Vice Mayor Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Farr, Johnson, Sanchez, Calderon, Roberts

Motion passed, 5-0

10. Contract Award for Local Roadway Safety Plan Preparation

City Administrator Wagner requested authorization for the City to execute a contract with TJKM Transportation Consultants for the Local Roadway Safety Plan.

Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Calderon, seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Farr, Johnson, Sanchez, Calderon, Roberts

Motion passed, 5-0

CITY STAFF AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Calderon briefly spoke on his attendance at the BCAQM meeting. He also informed Council that he met with two Gridley representatives from Butte County Behavioral Health.

Councilmember Roberts reported on his attendance at the Cal Cities: New Mayors and Councilmembers Seminar.

Vice Mayor Johnson informed Council that he attended the LAFCO meeting.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

City Administrator Wagner informed Council that in alliance with BCAG, the ongoing conversations with CalTrans have been progressing positively. He also reported on his upcoming attendance at the Cal Cities: City Managers, Administrators Seminar.

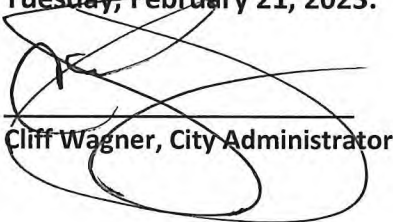
POTENTIAL FUTURE CITY COUNCIL ITEMS - (Appearing on the Agenda within 30-90 days):

Treasurer's Report ending June 2022 and September 2022	2/21/2023
Compensation Plan Amendment for Recreation Coordinator	2/21/2023
Broadband Feasibility Study Proposal	2/21/2023
General Plan, Sphere of Influence Amendment Contract Award	3/20/2023
Industrial Park Final Map	3/20/2023

CLOSED SESSION – None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items left to discuss, Mayor Farr adjourned to the next regular meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.



Cliff Wagner, City Administrator

