

Gridley City Council – Regular City Council Meeting Agenda

Monday, March 16, 2020; 6:00 pm

Gridley City Hall, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley, CA 95948

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CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Johnson

ROLL CALL - Recording Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Council Member Crye

INVOCATION - None

PROCLAMATIONS

National Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation - April 2020

INTRODUCTION OF NEW OR PROMOTED EMPLOYEES

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM - *Members of the public may address the City Council on matters not listed on the agenda. The City Council may not discuss nor take action on any community participation item brought forward by a member of the community. Comments are requested to be limited to three (3) minutes.*

CONSENT AGENDA – *Items on the Consent Agenda 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”.*

1. Regular and Special City Council minutes dated March 2, 2020, and Special City Council minutes dated March 9, 2020
2. Appointment of Planning Commissioner to fill vacancy
3. Approve Resolution No. 2020-R-003: A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Gridley Adopting the Removal of Fluoride Dosing from The City’s Drinking Water System
4. Approval of Fee Changes for Recreation Center Usage
5. Approval of Fees for Code Enforcement and Property Maintenance

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

6. Appointment of Police Chief

CITY STAFF AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS - Brief updates from City staff and brief reports on conferences, seminars, and meetings attended by the Mayor and City Council members, if any.

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

Police Department Digital Radio System	4/20/2020
IT Contract with Oroville	4/20/2020
Audit Approval	4/20/2020
Annual Budget FY 20-21 Introduction	4/20/2020
Grant Writer	5/4/2020
Budget Review	5/4/2020
Budget Review	5/18/2020
Budget Adoption	6/15/2020
Garbage Services RFP Approval	6/15/2020

CLOSED SESSION – None

ADJOURNMENT – adjourning to the next regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 6, 2020.

NOTE 1: POSTING OF AGENDA- This agenda was posted on the public bulletin board at City Hall at or before 6:00 p.m., March 13, 2020, in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2. This agenda along with all attachments is available for public viewing online at www.gridley.ca.us and at the Administration counter in City Hall, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley, CA.

NOTE 2: REGARDING UNSCHEDULED MATTERS – In accordance with state law, it shall be the policy of this Council that no action shall be taken on any item presented during the public forum or on unscheduled matters unless the Council, by majority vote, determines that an emergency situation exists, or, unless the Council by a two-thirds vote finds that the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of this agenda.

National Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation April 2020

April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). This proclamation calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in this community. The goal of SAAM is to raise public awareness about sexual violence and educate communities on how to prevent it. Rape, sexual harassment and other forms of sexual violence harm our community, and statistics show one in five women and one in 67 men will be raped at some point in their lives.

Child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six boys and one in three girls will experience sexual assault before age 18.

On campuses, one in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted during their time in college.

The theme of this year's SAAM campaign is "I Ask". The campaign informs individuals on how they can use their words to stop sexual violence before it happens by promoting safety, respect, and equality.

Our words shape the world around us. Whether you speak out against locker room talk or help someone better understand these issues, your voice is powerful and necessary in this conversation.

Individuals can embrace their voices to show their support for survivors, stand up to victim blaming, shut down rape jokes, correct harmful misconceptions, promote everyday consent, and practice healthy communication with kids.

I join Sexual Assault Advocates and communities across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and each day of the year is an opportunity to create change for the future.

NOW THEREFORE I, Bruce Johnson, Mayor of Gridley, join Rape Crisis Intervention & Prevention sexual assault advocates and communities across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence. Along with the United States Government and the State of California, I do hereby proclaim April 2020, as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" and April 29, 2020, as Denim Day in California.

Bruce Johnson, Mayor

Gridley City Council – DRAFT City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 2, 2020; 6:00 pm
Gridley City Hall, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley, CA 95948

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members

Present: Johnson, Williams, Crye, Torres, Borges
Absent: None
Arriving after roll call: None

Staff present:

Paul Eckert, City Administrator
Tony Galyean, City Attorney
Al Byers, Police Chief
Ross Pippitt, Public Works Director
Danny Howard, Electric Utility Director
Rodney Harr, Lieutenant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

The invocation was provided by Pastor Brad Roberts of the Calvary Chapel of Gridley.

PROCLAMATIONS - None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW OR PROMOTED EMPLOYEES - None

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Regular City Council minutes dated February 18, 2020

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Vice Mayor Williams, seconded by Council member Crye.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Crye, Johnson, Torres, Williams, Borges
Motion passed, 5-0

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

2. Interviews to fill Planning Commissioner vacancy

Mayor Johnson invited the applicants one at a time to speak regarding their interest in the Planning Commission vacancy. Shelly Ingram and Mel Dewsnup each gave a brief summary of their community involvement and interest in serving. Council will appoint one of the applicants at the next City Council meeting.

3. Police Surplus Vehicles

Chief Byers reviewed the staff report and the need to surplus the vehicles. Motion to approve item #3 by Vice Mayor Williams, seconded by Mayor Johnson.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Johnson, Williams, Torres, Borges, Crye
Motion passed, 5-0

4. Public Works Surplus Vehicles

Public Works Director Ross Pippitt reviewed the staff report and the need to auction/surplus the vehicles. Motion to approve item #4 by Mayor Johnson, seconded by Council member Torres.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Crye, Williams, Torres, Johnson, Borges
Motion passed, 5-0

CITY STAFF AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council member Crye reported on the meetings he attended at Butte County Air Quality and Butte County Association of Governments.

Vice Mayor Williams attended the first meeting with the Butte Subbasin Advisory Board.

Administrator Eckert briefly reviewed the reasons for the audit delays and stated we are receiving assistance from Eide Bailly. This audit will be very in depth, almost a reset of sorts.

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

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CLOSED SESSION

5. Closed session to discuss with legal counsel potential/anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code 54956.9

Council went into closed session at 6:28 pm and came out at 7:30 pm with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

With no items for further discussion, Council adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 16, 2020.

Paul Eckert, City Clerk

Gridley City Council – Special City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 2, 2020; 5:30 pm
Gridley Museum, 601 Kentucky Street, Gridley, CA 95948

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SPECIAL MEETING

City Council will be meeting at the Museum for a brief tour and then returning to City Hall for the Regular City Council meeting at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm with all Council members present. Council toured the Gridley Museum building and the former T-Shirt Factory building. Council then returned to the Council Chambers and adjourned the Special Meeting at 5:56 pm.

Paul Eckert, City Clerk

Gridley City Council – Special City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 9, 2020; 6:30 pm

City Hall Council Chambers, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley, CA 95948

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.

ROLL CALL

Council Members

Present: Johnson, Borges, Crye, Williams, Torres

Absent: None

Arriving after roll call: None

Staff present:

Paul Eckert, City Administrator/Finance Director
Al Byers, Police Chief

CLOSED SESSION

1. Public Employment (GC: 54957) Title: Police Chief

Council went into closed session at 6:35 pm and came out at 9:05 pm with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

With no items for further discussion, Council adjourned AT 9:06 pm to the next regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 16, 2020.

Paul Eckert, City Clerk

City Council Agenda Item #2
Staff Report

Date: March 16, 2020
To: Mayor and City Council
From: Paul Eckert, City Administrator/Finance Director
Subject: Appointment to Fill Planning Commission Vacancy

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency

Recommendation

City staff respectfully recommends that the City Council make an appointment to fill the Planning Commissioner seat vacancy.

Background

In keeping with the Council’s previous direction, staff advertised the Planning Commission vacancy and utilized an application and letter of interest process. Two applications were received and at the March 2nd City Council meeting both applicants gave brief presentations expressing their experience and interest in serving on the Planning Commission.

Tonight, Council will choose a Commissioner utilizing a simple nomination process following the Roberts Rules of Order to decide who will be appointed. The new Commissioner’s terms will start at the Planning Commission meeting following Council appointment.

Financial Impact - None

Compliance with City Council Strategic Plan or Budget Goals

The City Council and City staff are committed to providing effective leadership while providing quality cost effective local government services.

Attachments – None

City Council Agenda Item #3
Staff Report

Date: March 16, 2020

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Paul Eckert, City Administrator/Finance Director

X	Regular
	Special
	Closed
	Emergency

Subject: Approve Resolution No. 2020-R-003: A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Gridley Adopting the Removal of Fluoride Dosing from The City's Drinking Water System

Recommendation

Staff respectfully requests that the Mayor and City Council approve the resolution for the removal of fluoride dosing from the City's drinking water system.

Background

The City of Gridley began adding fluoride to the drinking water in May of 1954 (approved by City council on April 6, 1953). The City stopped adding fluoride to the water on October 14, 2019 to avoid further equipment failures that could potentially dose unsafe amount of fluoride into the drinking water system.

The City Council previously approved the removal of fluoride from the drinking water system on February 18, 2020. See Agenda Item #2 and the Staff Report for the arguments for and against fluoride that were considered prior to the Council's decision.

Fiscal Impact

No fiscal impact is anticipated.

Compliance with City Council Strategic Plan or Budget Goals

Removal of fluoride from the water system will improve the City's ability to deliver projects on the City's Capital Improvement Plan by reducing the water system operations and maintenance budget.

Attachment

Resolution No. 2020-R-003

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRIDLEY ADOPTING THE REMOVAL OF
FLUORIDE DOSING FROM THE CITY'S DRINKING WATER SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the City of Gridley ("the Agency") desires to adopt a resolution for the removal of fluoride dosing from the City's drinking water system as previously approved by the City Council of the City of Gridley on February 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Agency intends to reverse the decision of Resolution No. 5, adopted on the 6th day of April, 1953, that provided for the addition of fluoride to the water supply by the water department of the City of Gridley to its customers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has made the following findings with respect to the Project:

1. The City Council approved Agenda Item #2, the argument for the removal of fluoride dosing from the drinking water system, on the 18th of February, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby adopt the removal of fluoride dosing from the City's drinking water system.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Gridley on the 17 day of March 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Paul Eckert, City Clerk

Bruce Johnson, Mayor

City Council Agenda Item #4
Staff Report

Date: March 16, 2020
To: Mayor and City Council
From: Paul Eckert, City Administrator/Finance Director
Subject: Approval of Fee Changes for Recreation Center Usage

X	Regular
	Special
	Closed
	Emergency

Recommendation - Staff respectfully requests the City Council consider and approve revisions to the City’s Master Fee Schedule relating to the rental/lease of the Recreation Center.

Background – Fees for a broad array of City Services are included in the City’s Master Fee Schedule. Currently, various Fees are updated on an as needed basis. As part of our Finance Department improvements, City staff intends to change our processes to review Fees on an annual basis as part of the City Council’s Budget review and approval process that occurs during the months of April through June. As part of an effort to be fully transparent, and this being the first year to include the Master Fee Schedule with the annual Operating Budget approval, staff intends to bring a variety of fees to the Council over the next several months prior to the adoption of the Budget with the Master Fee Schedule. The purpose of this City Council consideration item is recommended changes to the rental/lease of the Recreation Center.

Currently, the Apples to Zebra’s Pre-School is ran more or less as a City of Gridley Recreation Program with the City responsible for fee collections, providing supplies and insurance, and overall budgeting. Given that there are numerous options in the private sector for other similar Pre-Schools, staff recommends that the City as a local government agency no longer participate in the management and operations of the Pre-School. Staff recommends that the arrangement transition to a simple rental agreement and that the current Pre-School become legally responsible for all the business details of their Pre-School. The City will no longer be responsible for registrations and budgetary aspects of the Pre-School. City staff will work closely with the current Pre-School to assist them with the transition to a simple Rental Agreement effective with the new school year in August/September.

City Facilities		
Recreation Center – Multipurpose Room and Kitchen	\$125 Plus \$100 Deposit	Per Day
Recreation Center – Class Room	\$400.00	Per Month

Financial Impact – Revenues associated with this proposed action will help support Recreation Programming.

Compliance with the City Council Strategic Plan or Budget Goals

This recommendation is consistent with our ongoing efforts to be fully transparent and compliant with all legal standards and financial reporting obligations.

Attachment – None

City Council Agenda Item #5
Staff Report

Date: March 16, 2020
To: Mayor and City Council
From: Paul Eckert, City Administrator/Finance Director

X	Regular
	Special
	Closed
	Emergency

Subject: Approval of Fees for Code Enforcement and Property Maintenance

Recommendation - Staff respectfully requests the City Council consider and approve revisions to the City’s Master Fee Schedule relating to Code Enforcement and Property Maintenance.

Background – Fees for a broad array of City Services are included in the City’s Master Fee Schedule. Currently, various Fees are updated on an as needed basis. As part of our Finance Department improvements, City staff intends to change our processes to review Fees on an annual basis as part of the City Council’s Budget review and approval process that occurs during the months of April through June. As part of an effort to be fully transparent, and this being the first year to include the Master Fee Schedule with the annual Operating Budget approval, staff intends to bring a variety of fees to the Council over the next several months prior to the adoption of the Budget with the Master Fee Schedule. The purpose of this City Council consideration item is to focus on possible Fee changes associated with Code Enforcement and Property Maintenance. Staff will bring additional Fee revisions to the City Council over the next several months.

The following Fees are intended to encourage property owners to more proactively maintain vacant properties as well as blighted and unsafe properties and assist with overall City Code Enforcement efforts. As always, City staff will work closely with our residents and businesses to avoid the actual charging of the following charges for services or fines. Charges and fines are typically assessed as a last resort.

Code Enforcement, Weed Abatement, and Property Maintenance		
Vacant Building Monitoring Annual Fee (after 90 days vacant)	\$360.00	Per Year
Vacant Building Utility Base Fee Charges	Buildings Vacant longer than 90 Days will be charged the monthly Base Rate for Sewer, Water, and Electric Utility for their respective building type.	Monthly
Forced Vacated (Red Tag) - Do Not Enter, Unsafe to Occupy	\$400-First; \$1,000-Second; \$2,000-Third	Each Occurrence
Removal of Refuse on Public Property or on Private Property of Another	\$250 Admin Plus Actual Costs	Each Occurrence

Removal of Accumulation of Refuse on Property of Owner or Occupant	\$250 Admin Plus Actual Costs	Each Occurrence
Shopping Cart Retrieval	\$25.00	Each Shopping Cart
Fire Weed Abatement	\$75 Admin Plus Actual Costs	Each Occurrence
Yard Sale Sign Removal from Public Poles or Right of Way	\$36.00	Each Sign
Refuse Bins left in Public Right of Way 24 Hours after Pick-up	\$36.00	Per Bin and Each Occurrence

Financial Impact – Revenues associated with this proposed action will offset current expenditures associate with the City’s Code Enforcement and Property Management efforts.

Compliance with the City Council Strategic Plan or Budget Goals

This recommendation is consistent with our ongoing efforts to be fully transparent and compliant with all legal standards and financial reporting obligations.

Attachment – None

City Council Agenda Item #6
Staff Report

Date: March 16, 2020
To: Mayor and City Council
From: Paul Eckert, City Administrator/Finance Director
Subject: Appointment of Police Chief

X	Regular
	Special
	Closed
	Emergency

Recommendation

Staff respectfully requests the Council appoint Rodney Harr to the position of Police Chief with the Gridley-Biggs Police Department effective April 20, 2020.

Background

Over the past few months, staff has been working with Council on the recruitment process to fill the upcoming Police Chief vacancy. An in-house recruitment was posted and two applications were received. Interviews were conducted by the Council on March 9th and staff received direction to make an employment offer to Rodney Harr. With Council’s approval tonight, Mr. Harr’s appointment becomes official and the orientation process will begin. He will assume the position of Police Chief effective April 20, 2020.

Financial Impact

There no changes required to our Police Department Budget. The City Council previously reduced the salary and benefits of the Police Chief position following the resignation of the past full-time Police Chief.

Compliance with the City Council Strategic Plan or Budget Goals

This recommendation is consistent with our ongoing efforts to be fully transparent and compliant with all legal standards and financial reporting obligations.

Attachment

Police Chief Employment Agreement