

Gridley City Council – Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 7, 2025; 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

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

Staff Present: Elisa Arteaga, City Administrator
Todd Farr, Police Chief
Anthony Galyean, City Attorney
Martin Pineda, Finance Director
Chip Fowler, Fire Chief
Ross Pippitt, Utility Director
Dave Harden, City Engineer
Carmen Santana, Deputy City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION – None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW OR PROMOTED EMPLOYEES

City Administrator Elisa Arteaga introduced the newly promoted Carmen Santana as Deputy City Clerk.

Finance Director Martin Pineda introduced the newly promoted Patricia Taverner as Assistant Finance Director.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM

Brenda Narayan reintroduced herself to the Council as the Local Government Representative for PG&E and expressed her availability to serve as a liaison between PG&E and the City of Gridley.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Minutes

City Council review and approval of regular meeting minutes for the March 3, 2025

Recommended Action(s):

- a. Approve Council meeting minutes: March 3, 2025

2. City Expenditure Reports

City Council review and approval of City Expenditure Reports for January and February 2025

Recommended Action(s):

- b. Approve Expenditure Reports: January and February 2025

ROLL CALL

Motion: Johnson

Second: Roberts

Action: to approve consent agenda as presented

Ayes: Roberts, Calderon, Farr, Sanchez, Johnson

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion passed, 5-0

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

3. Informational Presentation – Strategic Issues Planning

The City Council will receive a presentation on the Strategic Issue Plans, outlining key challenges, priorities, and proposed actions to address critical areas impacting the community

Recommended Action(s):

- a. Receive and review the Strategic Issue Plans presentation.
- b. Provide feedback and direction to staff on priorities and next steps.

City Administrator Elisa Arteaga provided an overview of the strategic issue planning sessions that will be conducted by various departments over the coming meetings. These sessions will continue until all necessary departments have presented their updates and priorities.

Finance Director Martin Pineda delivered a presentation on the Gridley Feather Flyer transit service, explaining that it is currently supported by multiple funding sources—some of which are

also designated for streets and road maintenance. He noted that due to the Feather Flyer operating at a financial loss, these funds are being used exclusively to subsidize the service. Pineda proposed potential adjustments to improve sustainability, including expanding the service route, possibly to include the City of Biggs, and increasing fare prices.

Fire Chief Chip Fowler provided an extensive overview of the Gridley Fire Department's activities over the past year, highlighting key accomplishments, incident responses, and overall department performance. He reported on the volume and nature of service calls received, as well as the deployment and utilization of the City's fire equipment. Chief Fowler also emphasized the department's ongoing commitment to public outreach and community engagement through various annual programs and initiatives.

All information was received by Council, no reportable action.

4. Treasury Consulting Services

City Council to consider the approval of Treasury Consulting Agreement with Patterson to assist with the RFP process for Banking Services

Recommended Action(s):

- a. Authorize the Finance Director to sign the Treasury Consulting Agreement to assist with the RFP process for Banking Services for an amount not to exceed \$5,000; and
- b. Select a council member to sit with City Staff in the Banking RFP

Finance Director Martin Pineda requested City Council approval of the Treasury Consulting Agreement and emphasized that a Treasury Consultant is essential to ensuring a thorough, informed, and strategic selection process as the City of Gridley explores options for a new banking partner. Pineda also requested that participation of one Councilmember during the Banking RFP process. Mayor Farr recommended Vice Mayor Johnson and Johnson accepted the appointment.

ROLL CALL

Motion: Calderon

Second: Roberts

Action: Approval of the Treasury Consulting Agreement, authorize the Finance Director to sign agreement and the appointment of Vice Mayor Johnson to participate it the RFP process for Banking.

Ayes: Roberts, Calderon, Farr, Sanchez, Johnson

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion passed, 5-0

5. Job Reclassification

City Council to consider the reclassification of the Community Service Officer (CSO) position to a Records and Property Technician

Recommended Action(s):

- a. Authorize reclassification of the current CSO position to a Records and Property Technician
- b. Authorize the adjustment of salary to reflect the increased responsibilities, required skills and market standards.

Police Chief Todd Farr respectfully requested that City Council consider authorizing the reclassification of the current Community Service Officer position to a Records and Property Technician with an adjusted salary to reflect the increased responsibilities, required skills, and market standards. The adjusted salary would set the Records and Property Technician at the same salary level as the Animal Control Officer and Public Safety Dispatcher positions within the Police Department.

ROLL CALL

Motion: Roberts

Second: Sanchez

Action: to approve the reclassification of the Community Service Officer (CSO) position to a Records and Property Technician and authorize the adjustment of salary to reflect the increased responsibilities and required skills and market standards.

Ayes: Roberts, Calderon, Farr, Sanchez, Johnson

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion passed, 5-0

6. Service Agreement with ABC Nicks Towing

City Council to consider the approval of the attached service agreement with ABC Nick's Towing for services related to the City's Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program

Recommended Action(s):

- a. Approve the contract agreement with ABC Nick's Towing

City Administrator Elisa Arteaga cited staff report and recommended City Council approve the contract agreement between the City of Gridley and ABC Nick's Towing for continued participation in the City's Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) Program to remove abandoned and inoperable vehicles from public and private property. ABC Nick's Towing is

the only towing company in the local area that participates in the AVA Program. The City most recently renewed its agreement with ABC Nick's Towing in 2023 for a two-year term.

ROLL CALL

Motion: Johnson

Second: Sanchez

Action: Approve the service agreement with ABC Nick's Towing for a two-year term.

Ayes: Roberts, Calderon, Farr, Sanchez, Johnson

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion passed, 5-0

7. Copier and Printer Lease Agreement

The City Council will consider approving a lease agreement with Global Office Inc. for the replacement of multiple copiers and printers. The proposed agreement includes a monthly lease payment of \$571.00.

Recommended Action(s):

- a. Approve the 60-month lease agreement with Global Office Inc.; or
- b. Provide direction to staff regarding the selection of the company for the copier and printer lease agreement

City Administrator Elisa Arteaga cited staff report and requested Council approval of the lease agreement with Global Office Inc. for the replacement of multiple copiers and printers. The proposed agreement includes a monthly lease payment of \$571.00.

ROLL CALL

Motion: Johnson

Second: Calderon

Action: Approval of the lease agreement with Global Inc. for the replacement and ongoing maintenance for multiple copiers and printers.

Ayes: Roberts, Calderon, Farr, Sanchez, Johnson

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion passed, 5-0

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Calderon provided an update on his recent participation in several regional meetings, including the Behavioral Health Meeting, the Homeless Circle of Care, and the Butte

County Association of Governments meeting. He also informed the public of upcoming community events, including Healthy Alternatives to Fentanyl scheduled for April 29th and the Cinco de Mayo celebration, which will take place at Daddow Park on May 4th.

Councilmember Roberts reported on his attendance at the Chamber of Commerce, Red Suspenders Day meeting.

Mayor Farr reported on his attendance of the NCPA meeting in Roseville.

Vice Mayor Johnson informed Council of his attendance at Butte County LAFCo meeting.

Councilmember Sanchez informed the public of an upcoming event she facilitated, Gridley Earth Day Block Party to be held at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church on April 12th 11am-2pm.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

City Administrator Elisa Arteaga provided a report on several meetings she attended, including the NCCSIF meeting, which involved discussions related to tree and sidewalk ordinances. She also met with labor negotiators for the IBEW and the GPOA, as well as with California Consultants regarding potential recreational grant opportunities for a proposed community building in the industrial park. Additionally, Administrator Arteaga informed the Council of a prospective Student Government Day, which would offer local students the opportunity to shadow elected officials and gain insight into the municipal legislative process. Administrator Arteaga also reported that the Free-Fishing Derby is scheduled for May 10th.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE REPORTS

Fire Chief Chip Fowler provided a brief report on Fire Department Activities for the month of March.

Police Chief Todd Farr gave a brief report on the recent incident at the Gridley High School and commended CHP for their support and ability to apprehend the suspect quickly.

Finance Director Martin Pineda informed the Council that City Finance staff is currently working on finalizing 3 separate audits. Pineda also provided an update on the City's current investments with Meeder.

Ross Pippitt, Utility Director informed Council that Public Works is currently preparing for Red Suspenders Day.

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

Travel Policy	4/21/2025
Energy Efficiency Contract Review	4/21/2025
Hazel Hotel – CHIP Homes	4/21/2025
Planning 101 – Joint Session	4/21/2025

CLOSED SESSION

8. Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiator, Elisa Arteaga, City Administrator, for discussion of progress of collective bargaining discussions with City Employee represented classes – IBEW and GPOA

At 7:40 pm, City Attorney Tony Galyean announced closed session. At 8:13 pm City Council adjourned closed session with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:14 pm, Mayor Farr adjourned to the next regular meeting to be held on April 21, 2025.

Approval: 
Elisa Arteaga, City Clerk

