

Gridley City Council – Special City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 5th, 2025; 5:00 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 Special Meeting to order at 5:00 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
Patricia Taverner, Assistant Finance Director
Chip Fowler, Fire Chief
Ross Pippitt, Utility Director
Dave Harden, City Engineer
Carmen Santana, Deputy City Clerk

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. Recognition and Commendation of Utility Director, Ross Pippitt

Presentation Honoring Ross Pippitt for his dedicated service and contributions to the City of Gridley upon his retirement.

- a. Reading of Biography Honoring Ross Pippitt’s Service and Contributions by Mayor Farr

Mayor Farr read a biography of Ross Pippitt, highlighting his many accomplishments and the career journey that shaped him into the respected leader he is today.

- b. Presentation and Remarks by City Council

Each Councilmember took a moment to share their personal reflections on Ross Pippitt, expressing their appreciation and thanking him for his many years of dedicated service.

c. Reflections by City Administrator Arteaga

City Administrator Elisa Arteaga shared heartfelt remarks about Ross Pippitt, and she reflected on their years of collaboration and friendship. She expressed her sincere gratitude for his service and wished him all the best in the future.

d. Acknowledgements from City Staff and members of the Public

Several employees spoke to express their well wishes to Ross Pippitt, thanking him for his steady, patient leadership. They acknowledged his supportive approach and noted that he always made others feel respected and valued, never making anyone feel inadequate.

Lynne Spencer thanked Ross for his years of service on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce.

Terri Debose, representing Congressman Doug LaMalfa's office, presented Ross Pippitt with a Certificate of Congressional Recognition in honor of his dedicated years of service to the City of Gridley. She extended warm wishes on behalf of the Congressman for a happy and well-deserved retirement.

Ross Pippitt addressed the Council and City staff, expressing his gratitude for the opportunity to work alongside them. He also extended a heartfelt thank you to his family for their support and understanding, especially during times when work responsibilities extended beyond the office and into his home life.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items left to discuss, Mayor Farr adjourned to the next regular meeting on May 5th, 2025.

Approved:


Elisa Arteaga, City Clerk