

Gridley City Council – Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 16, 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

ROLL CALL

Present: Johnson, Roberts, Calderon, Farr, Sanchez

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
Christopher Smith, Principal Planner
Jerry Cox, Interim Public Works Director
Carmen Santana, Deputy City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Calderon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION – None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW OR PROMOTED EMPLOYEES

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Minutes

City Council review and approval of City Council meeting minutes.

Recommended Action(s):

- a. Approve regular Council meeting minutes dated: June 2nd, 2025

- b. Approve special Council meeting minutes dated: June 26th, August 5th, August 12th, September 9th, October 21st, November 18th, 2024, and January 6th, 2025

2. Expenditure Reports – March, April, May 2025

Council to review and approve the expenditure reports.

Recommended Action(s):

- a. Approve Expenditure reports dated: March, April and May 2025

3. Maintenance Assessment Districts

Council to review and approve the three assessment district resolutions.

Recommended Action(s):

- a. Approve Resolution 2025-R-013: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gridley to Levy Assessment District No. 2 (Eagle Meadows) on Butte County 2025-2026 Tax Roll
- b. Approve Resolution 2025-R-014: A Resolution of The City Council of the City of Gridley to Levy Assessment District No. 3 (Heron Landing) on Butte County 2025-2026 Tax Roll
- c. Approve Resolution 2025-R-015: A Resolution of The City Council of the City of Gridley to Levy Assessment District No. 3 (Parkland Estates) on Butte County 2025-2026 Tax Roll

ROLL CALL

Motion: Sanchez

Second: Johnson

Action: to pull item #3 from the consent agenda for discussion, and approve items #1 and #2

Ayes: Roberts, Calderon, Farr, Johnson, Sanchez

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion passed, 5-0

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

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Councilmember Sanchez requested that the item be pulled in order to clarify that the assessments for residents within these maintenance districts will remain unchanged from what currently appears on their property tax bills.

ROLL CALL

Motion: Johnson

Second: Roberts

Action: to approve the Maintenance District Resolutions as presented

Ayes: Roberts, Calderon, Farr, Johnson, Sanchez

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion passed, 5-0

4. FY 2025/2026 Draft Budget Review

Staff respectfully requests the City Council review and adopt the Annual Operating Budget and establish the appropriations limit for FY 2025/2026

Recommended Action(s):

- a. Approve Resolution No. 2025-R-016: A Resolution of the City of Gridley City Council Establishing the FY 2025-2026 Appropriations Limit for the City of Gridley
- b. Approve Resolution No. 2025-R-017: A Resolution of the City of Gridley Council Adopting the Annual Operating Budget for FY 2025/2026

Finance Director Martin Pineda presented the budget, which closely reflected his prior presentation at the June 2nd meeting, with minor requested edits incorporated for review. He requested approval of the referenced resolutions.

Councilmember Sanchez requested that the \$10,000 donation to the Chamber of Commerce be included in the Annual Operating Budget.

ROLL CALL

Motion: Sanchez

Second: Roberts

Action: to approve Resolution No. 2025-R-016 and Resolution 2025-R-017 and include the \$10,000 donation to the Chamber of Commerce

Ayes: Roberts, Calderon, Farr, Johnson, Sanchez

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion passed, 5-0

5. Single Audit Report and Gann Appropriations Limit Report for FY 23/24

City staff respectfully requests that the City Council review and accept both the Single Audit reports and Gann Appropriation Limit Report.

Recommended Action(s):

- a. Review and approve both reports as presented.

Finance Director Martin Pineda requested City Council approval of the Single Audit Reports and the Gann Appropriations Limit. He informed the Council that there are currently four repeat audit findings the City has been actively working to address over the past several years. He anticipates that three of the four findings will be resolved and removed in the current audit cycle.

In response to an inquiry from Councilmember Calderon regarding the next steps following approval, the Finance Director provided a brief overview of the post-approval process, explaining how the audit is submitted to the appropriate requesting agencies.

ROLL CALL

Motion: Roberts

Second: Calderon

Action: to approve both the Single Audit Report and Gann Appropriation Limit Report

Ayes: Roberts, Calderon, Farr, Johnson, Sanchez

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion passed, 5-0

6. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - Butte County Department of Behavioral Health and the Gridley Police Department

Memorandum of Understanding Between the Butte County Department of Behavioral Health and the Gridley Police Department for providing Mobile Crisis Team Response Program services to the citizens of Gridley

Recommended Action(s):

- a. Authorize Chief Todd Farr to renew the MOU agreement with Butte County Dept. of Behavioral Health

Police Chief Todd Farr requested City Council approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Gridley Police Department and Butte County Behavioral Health for the provision of Mobile Crisis Team Response Program services to Gridley residents.

Chief Farr outlined the department's protocols when responding to calls that may require the involvement of the Mobile Crisis Team. He emphasized that the program enables the Gridley Police Department to partner with Butte County Behavioral Health in providing appropriate support to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.

ROLL CALL

Motion: Calderon

Second: Sanchez

Action: approval of the MOU between Gridley Police Department and Butte County Behavioral Health

Ayes: Roberts, Calderon, Farr, Johnson, Sanchez

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion passed, 5-0

7. Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement Renewal for FY 25/26 – CalFire and the City of Gridley

Staff respectfully request the City Council to approve the contract with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE) for services from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, contract agreement number 2CA07233 for a maximum amount not to exceed \$1,427,237

Recommended Action(s):

- a. Approve Resolution No. 2025-R-018: A Resolution of the City of Gridley approving agreement number 2CA07233 with CalFire for services from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026 for an amount not to exceed \$1,427,237

Fire Chief Chip Fowler presented the proposed FY 2025–26 fire protection services contract between CAL FIRE and the City of Gridley. He explained that the contract amount assumes all

personnel are at the top salary step; however, as it is unlikely that all employees are at that step, the final contract cost is expected to be lower than the amount proposed.

Councilmember Sanchez inquired about the potential cost savings referenced by Chief Fowler. Finance Director Martin Pineda stated that any savings cannot be determined until after the FY 2025–26 fiscal year concludes.

Finance Director Pineda further noted that he is working with Fire Chief Fowler to pursue the SAFER Grant, which could fund the cost of a firefighter position for three years.

ROLL CALL

Motion: Johnson

Second: Sanchez

Action: to approve Resolution 2025-R-018 approving agreement #2CA07233 with CalFire for services from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026 for an amount not to exceed \$1,427,237

Ayes: Roberts, Calderon, Farr, Johnson, Sanchez

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion passed, 5-0

8. Approval of Law Enforcement Services Agreement with the City of Biggs

Staff respectfully recommends that the City Council approve the proposed agreement between the City of Gridley and the City of Biggs

Recommended Action(s):

- a. Approve the service agreement with the City of Biggs for the five-year period beginning July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030

Police Chief Todd Farr respectfully recommends that the City Council approve the proposed five-year Agreement for Law Enforcement Services between the City of Biggs and the City of Gridley, covering the period from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030. He explained that in May 2025, the City of Gridley submitted a proposal to provide law enforcement services to the City of Biggs. Following a review by the Biggs City Council, the contract was awarded to Gridley, with police services scheduled to resume effective July 1, 2025.

ROLL CALL

Motion: Roberts

Second: Sanchez

Action: to approve the proposed agreement for law enforcement services between the City of Biggs and the City of Gridley for the five-year period

Ayes: Roberts, Calderon, Farr, Johnson, Sanchez

Noes: None

Absent: None
Abstain: None
Motion passed, 5-0

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice Mayor Johnson reported on his attendance at the Mosquito Vector Control District meeting.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

City Administrator Arteaga provided an update on her recent meetings, which included discussions with MOU labor negotiators, Management staff, and various local agencies and development teams, including Waste Management and the City's auditors.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE REPORTS

Police Chief Todd Farr addressed Council regarding questions raised at the previous meeting concerning animal control statistics.

The Public Utility Director Jerry Cox reported on the positive progress made with Steffen Estates.

Police Chief Chip Fowler reported on ongoing efforts, in coordination with Butte County and Avatar Foods, to ensure adequate fire suppression water pressure is achieved.

Electric Director Ryan Carlson reported on substation maintenance for both Gridley and Biggs.

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

Laurel Street Extension	7/21/2025
Website Redesign	7/21/2025
Banking RFP	7/21/2025
Travel Policy	7/21/2025
Energy Efficiency Contract Review	7/21/2025

CLOSED SESSION –

9. 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, MMU, and GPOA
10. Closed session discussion with City Attorney and City Administrator pursuant to Government Code 54956.68 regarding potential charge or complaint involving information protected by federal law

Council went into closed session at 7:10 pm and came out with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items left to discuss, Mayor Farr adjourned to the next regular meeting on July 21, 2025.

Approve: 
Elisa Arteaga, City Clerk