

# **Gridley City Council – Regular Meeting Minutes**

Monday, July 17, 2023; 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**

### **Councilmembers**

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

Staff Present: Cliff Wagner, City Administrator  
Rodney Harr, Police Lieutenant  
Tony Galyean, City Attorney  
Ross Pippitt, Public Works Director  
Jake Carter, Utility Director  
Donna Decker, Planning Director  
Elisa Arteaga, Finance Director

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Vice Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**INVOCATION – None**

## **PROCLAMATION**

**Mayor Farr read the 2023 National Night Out proclamation.**

## **INTRODUCTION OF NEW OR PROMOTED EMPLOYEES**

**Lieutenant Farr introduced the new police department employees: Ashley Carson, Police Officer and Jennifer Weiss, Animal Control Officer.**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. City Council Minutes Dated June 19<sup>th</sup>, June 20<sup>th</sup>, June 21<sup>st</sup>, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, and June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

2. Resolution Number Correction of Previously Adopted Resolution from 2023-R-021 to the corrected number of 2023-R-027
3. Second Reading of Ordinance 847-2023 by Title Only: An Ordinance to Rezone Approximately 14.8-Acres from Residential Suburban (R-S) to Single Family Residential District (R-1) and to Rescind the Existing Agriculture Overlay Zoning Designation, for a Proposed Density of 4.9 Du/Ac Located on the South Side of Sycamore Street and at the Terminus of Laurel Street. (APN 010-270-121)
4. Second Reading of Ordinance 848-2023 by Title Only: An Amendment to Ordinance No. 844-2023 Adopted by the City Council on March 20, 2023, Removing the Open Space Designation as Shown on APN 022-210-095, 80.48 Acres, APN 022-210-087, 4.5 Acres, and APN 022-210-051, 10.5 Acres Totaling Approximately 95.5 Acres and Replacing it with R-1 Single Family Residential, and R-2, Medium Density Residential District.

**Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilmember Roberts, seconded by Councilmember Calderon.**

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Ayes: Calderon, Johnson, Roberts, Farr**

**Motion passed, 4-0**

#### **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

5. Informational Item - General Plan Annual Report

**Planning Director, Donna Decker gave Council an update on the General Plan Annual Report that tracks the City's progress in the implementation of the General Plan goals and policies. This item was informational only, no motion was required.**

6. Firework and Noise Restrictions within the City (Vice Mayor Johnson)

**City Administrator, Cliff Wagner, presented the City's current ordinance regarding the use of fireworks and requested direction from Council on amending our current ordinance to include ways that the use of illegal fireworks and excessive noise could be addressed in the future. City Council agreed to continue the discussion to amend the ordinance.**

7. Consideration of Proposal to Authorize City Administrator to Negotiate Final Settlement of Funds Due to City of Gridley Under Assignment for Benefit of Creditors Filed by Rio Pluma Company LLC, Dated February 25, 2022

**City Administrator Wagner and City Attorney Galyean informed Council that after receiving Rio Pluma Co, LLC's Chapter 7 filing notice, their recommendation for the City would be to settle to recover the outstanding water, sewer discharge and electric services costs only. Rio Pluma Co. has spent over \$800,000 decommissioning the onsite wastewater pond to bring it to compliance.**

After brief Council discussion, motion to approve the final settlement was made by Councilmember Roberts, seconded by Councilmember Calderon.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ayes: Farr, Johnson, Calderon, Roberts  
Motion passed, 4-0

**COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM**

Sunny Dhami addressed Council requesting instructions on how a property is annexed into the City of Gridley and asked that remote participation be made available for Council meetings.

Steve Stapley, S & S Construction, had questions regarding the Housing Element Report.

Steve Welch, S & S Construction, requested to be able to start on construction at Eagle Meadows, the Village, before paying the City's fees.

Mike Visinoni, M & D Construction, expressed continued concerns about what he believes to be excessive plan-check fees.

**CITY STAFF AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Councilmember Roberts informed Council of his attendance at the National Night Out Conference with the Chamber of Commerce.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS - None**

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

Weed Abatement Reports	8/7/2023
Cost of Services Study Findings and Recommendations	8/7/2023
Military Use Policy and Inventory Annual Update	8/7/2023
2022 Power Source Disclosure Report	8/21/2023
Gridley Housing Pipeline Tracking Sheet Update	8/21/2023
Finance Policies	8/21/2023

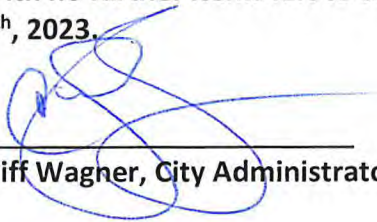
**CLOSED SESSION**

- 8. Closed session conference with legal Counsel pursuant to California Government Code 54956.9 to discuss potential anticipated litigation: One (1) Potential Case

**Council went into closed session at 7:05 and came out with no reportable action.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further items left to discuss Mayor Farr adjourned to the next regular meeting on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**



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**Cliff Wagner, City Administrator**