

Gridley City Council – Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 5th, 2019; 6:00 pm
Gridley City Hall, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley, CA 95948

Approved as Submitted

“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 Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers

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

Staff present: Paul Eckert, City Administrator
Tony Galyean, City Attorney
Al Byers, Police Chief
Daryl Dye, Utilities Director

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Johnson

PROCLAMATIONS – None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW OR PROMOTED EMPLOYEES

- New Police Officer Ruben Quihuiz

Chief Byers introduced Officer Quihuiz to the Council and Staff. Officer Quihuiz comes to Gridley with over 13 years’ experience at the Oroville Police Department where Chief Byers worked with him for eight years. Officer Quihuiz thanked Council for the opportunity to work in Gridley.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM

Mayor Johnson opened the forum and seeing no one present wishing to speak, the forum was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council minutes dated July 1, 2019
2. Appointment of two new Planning Commissioners

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Councilmember Torres, seconded by Vice Mayor Williams

Motion passed, all in favor

PUBLIC HEARING – None

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

- 3. Approval of Letter to Butte County Board of Supervisors Opposing Hemp Farm

Administrator Eckert reviewed the letter expressing Council’s and the community’s dismay and concern over the Agriculture Commissioner’s approval of a hemp farm directly adjacent to 1/3 of the Gridley community, Gridley High School and Orchard Hospital and it’s senior housing.

Motion to approve sending the letter by Councilmember Torres, seconded by Councilmember Borges.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Johnson, Torres, Borges, Williams

Motion passed, 4-0

- 4. Presentation of new software program Crime Graphic Citizen RIMS

Chief Al Byers briefly demonstrated how to use the new Citizen RIMS and explained the benefits of the program. He encouraged all to use the program when they have an inquiry regarding an incident in progress (or in the past) and also to register their personal security systems to be able to assist the Gridley-Biggs Police Department in criminal cases.

- 5. Swearing in and seating of new Council Member Quintin Crye

City Attorney Tony Galyean administered the Oath to Quintin Crye and Crye was seated with City Council.

Attorney Galyean announced that a Speaker Card had been turned in late and the Mayor could choose to re-open the Community Participation Forum to hear the public comment.

Mayor Johnson re-opened the Forum and Kay Ball of 1680 West Biggs Gridley Road addressed Council expressing her ongoing concern about the number of stray cats in the area.

CITY STAFF AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Johnson reported on the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District meeting he attended.

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

Potential Cessation of Net Metering Program	8/19/2019
Police Department Digital radio system	9/3/2019

CLOSED SESSION

6. Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code 54957.6 to meet and confer with International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and Gridley Police Officers Association

Council went into Closed Session at 6:40 p.m. and came out of Closed Session at 7:41 p.m. with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

With no items for further discussion, Council adjourned at 7:41 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on August 19, 2019.



Paul Eckert, City Clerk

