

# Gridley City Council – Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 20, 2021; 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.”*

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## Notice of Temporary City Council Meeting Procedures

This meeting is being held in accordance with the Brown Act as currently in effect under the State Emergency Act, Governor Gavin Newsom’s Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and Council, City staff and the public to participate and conduct the meeting by teleconference and to participate in the meeting to the same extent as if they were present. Comments from the public on agenda items will be accepted until 4 pm on September 20, 2021, via email to [jmolinari@gridley.ca.us](mailto:jmolinari@gridley.ca.us) or via the payment/document drop box at Gridley City Hall and will be conveyed to the Council for consideration. The Mayor and Council appreciate the public’s adaptation and patience during this crisis.

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

### Council Members

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

**Staff present:** Cliff Wagner, City Administrator  
Landon Little, City Attorney  
Elisa Arteaga, Finance Director  
Rodney Harr, Police Chief  
Danny Howard, Electric Utility Director  
Ross Pippitt, Public Works Director  
Ruben Quihuiz, Lieutenant  
Donna Decker, City Planner  
Dave Harden, City Engineer

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Sanchez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION - None

PROCLAMATIONS – None

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW OR PROMOTED EMPLOYEES - None**

**COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM**

The Mayor opened the forum and seeing no one present wishing to speak, closed it.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. City Council minutes dated September 7, 2021
2. Second Reading Adoption of Ordinance 834-2021: An ordinance to rezone approximately 8.66 Acres from Residential Suburban (R-S) to Single Family Residential District (R-1) located at the south side of Little Avenue at the Corner of Richins Avenue and Little Avenue (APN 021-250-008)

**Motion to approve the consent agenda by Council member Calderon, seconded by Vice Mayor Farr.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Ayes: Calderon, Johnson, Torres, Farr, Sanchez**

**Motion passed, 5-0**

**ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

3. Request to Purchase Drone for Electric Utility Work

**Electric Utility Director Danny Howard explained the proposed uses of the drone and the benefits to the City in terms of speed and efficiency in performing preventative maintenance and inspections, detecting potential hotspots before they become an issue, as well as saving on wear and tear of equipment typically used to do the same work.**

**Motion to approve item #3 by Council Member Calderon, seconded by Vice Mayor Farr.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Ayes: Johnson, Torres, Calderon, Sanchez, Farr**

**Motion passed, 5-0**

4. Review and Approval of Resolution No. 2021-R-032: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gridley Approving the Application for Rural Recreation and Tourism Program Grant Funds

**Engineer Dave Harden reviewed the staff report stating this resolution is to approve submittal of the grant application and authorizing the City Administrator as representative for the City. He reviewed options in line with the Master Plan for development of the Industrial Park Sports Complex. This along with additional features at Manuel Vierra Park would give Gridley a competitive edge in this grant opportunity.**

Pat Coghlan, 852 Idaho Street, stated his concern that the City was making plans without public input. Harden reiterated this item is to approve submission of an application. Public meetings to obtain public input in addition to this Council meeting will be held in the future.

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-R-032 by Council Member Calderon, seconded by Vice Mayor Farr.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Ayes: Johnson, Farr, Torres, Sanchez, Calderon**

**Motion passed, 5-0**

**5. Consideration and Approval of proposed revision to the City's Position Classification Plan**

**Administrator Wagner presented Council with the recommendation of adding a Human Resources Assistant Director to the City's Classification Plan. He explained the many reasons this position is important including managing future expansion of City staff, increasing personnel training and compliance requirements, and the complex COVID-19 response management plans.**

**There was discussion among Council regarding the possible option of hiring a consultant for the position as well as if the pay scale was appropriate.**

**Patrick Coghlan, 852 Idaho Street, expressed his thought that the City would do better to hire a Human Resources Manager.**

**Staff was directed to bring this item back to Council with more information on the options discussed.**

**Council Member Torres left the meeting.**

**6. Review and Approval of Resolution No. 2021-R-033: A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Gridley Authorizing The City Administrator To Execute Categorical Investments In Accordance With H.R. 1319 The American Rescue Plan Act**

**Administrator Wagner reviewed the staff report. Specific dollar amount caps were presented in each of the five spending categories. Wagner explained that every dime must be accounted for and reported to the US Treasury on a regular basis.**

**Council Member Sanchez expressed her desire to have more detailed input by Council prior to each expenditure as opposed to authorizing the Administrator.**

**Patrick Coghlan, 852 Idaho Street, expressed his opposition to the recommendation.**

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-R-033 by Vice Mayor Farr, seconded by Council Member Calderon.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Ayes: Farr, Calderon, Johnson**

**Nays: Sanchez**

**Motion passed, 3-1**

**Mayor Johnson reported on his attendance at the meeting with the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District.**

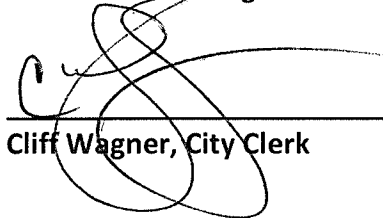
**POTENTIAL FUTURE CITY COUNCIL ITEMS - (Appearing on the Agenda within 30-90 days):**

Chandler Park Subdivision GPA/RZ/TSM/MND	10/18/2021
CJIS Radio Compliance Program for Police Dept	10/18/2021
Edler Estates	12/6/2021
Award Contract for Municipal Services Review	12/20/2021

**CLOSED SESSION -None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**With not items for further discussion, Council adjourned at 8:00 pm to the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 4, 2021.**



Cliff Wagner, City Clerk