

Gridley City Council – Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 5, 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, Roberts, Calderon, Sanchez
Absent: None
Arriving after roll call: None

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Calderon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION – None

PROCLAMATION – None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW OR PROMOTED EMPLOYEES - None

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Calderon requested that item number 1 be removed from the consent agenda and placed on items for consideration. Councilmember Sanchez requested the same for item number 2.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. City Council Minutes Dated August 21, 2023 Minutes

Pat Coghlan, Gridley resident, requested that his comment on item #3 be changed to better summarize what he said.

Motion to correct minutes was made by Councilmember Calderon, seconded by Councilmember Roberts.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Farr, Calderon, Roberts, Johnson, Sanchez

Motion passed, 5-0

2. Gridley Housing Pipeline Tracking Sheet

Councilmember Sanchez requested clarification on the tracking sheet and recommended City staff include the addresses and years of when units would be available. Planning Director Donna Decker offered to attach the map showing all proposed developments.

Motion to accept the Housing Pipeline Tracking Sheet was made by Councilmember Roberts, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Farr, Calderon, Roberts, Johnson, Sanchez

Motion passed, 5-0

3. Orchard View Apartments Phase II Update

Planning Director Donna Decker presented the informational update for the approval of Orchard View Apartments Phase II and showed the elevations via PowerPoint. Phase II will bring an additional 36 units to the current project.

4. Highway 99 Pedestrian Improvements Update

City Engineer Dave Harden provided Council with an update on the Highway 99 SHOP project and informed Council that staff had obtained additional funding for the City's portion of the project. Harden also requested direction to begin creating a cost estimate and design to move the City's water main that is under the area of construction which is a cause for concern. After Council agreeing the pipe would need to be moved, Harden explained he will formally bring this item to a Council meeting in October.

5. Supplemental Apprenticeship Agreement

Utility Director, Jake Carter, requested the approval of the agreement that will require apprentices to match years trained with years of employment with the City after receiving their journeyman card. Motion to approve the agreement was made by Councilmember Roberts, seconded by Councilmember Calderon.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Farr, Calderon, Roberts, Johnson, Sanchez

Motion passed, 5-0

6. IML Pole Tester Purchase Review

Utility Director, Jake Carter, presented the benefits of obtaining an IML Pole Tester and requested Council approve the purchase. Carter explained that traditional outsourced pole testing was not only more expensive and labor intensive, but more damaging to the City utility poles.

Motion to approve the purchase was made by Councilmember Roberts, seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Farr, Calderon, Roberts, Johnson, Sanchez

Motion passed, 5-0

7. Electric Utility Rates Policies Proposal

City Administrator, Cliff Wagner, presented the Electric Utility Rates Policy to provide a comprehensive framework for managing rates, ensuring financial stability, equitable pricing, and a balanced approach to meeting revenue requirements.

Councilmember Calderon acknowledged the need for the policy but shared concerns of raising rates.

Councilmember Sanchez suggested the policy be re-reviewed and presented after the upcoming special meetings.

After Council discussion, Councilmember Roberts motioned to approve the policy, seconded by Mayor Farr.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Farr, Roberts, Calderon

Noes: Johnson, Sanchez

Motion passed, 3-2

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM

Dino Visinoni, M & D Construction, shared continued concerns for his development Steffen Estates.

Steve Welch, SnS Construction, asked why The Village at Eagle Meadows subdivision was left out of the Housing Pipeline tracking sheet.

CITY STAFF AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Calderon reported on his attendance at the Behavioral Health Advisory Council meeting.

Councilmember Sanchez reported on her attendance at the NCPA meeting.

Police Chief, Rodney Harr, briefly spoke on the success of the Butte County Fair. He stated no fair related arrests were made.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS.

City Administrator, Cliff Wagner, stated that he will be attending a Butte County sponsored evacuation planning meeting Thursday, September 7th and has invited Police Chief Harr to join him.

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

Council Study Session – Electric Rates	9/12/2023
Council Study Session – Water/Wastewater Rates	9/14/2023
2022 Power Source Disclosure Report	9/18/2023
Finance Policies	9/18/2023
Soccer Park Plan Review	9/18/2023

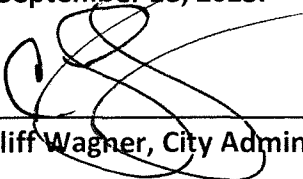
CLOSED SESSION –

- 8. Closed Session Discussion Pursuant to Government Code 54957 – Public Employee Employment/Evaluation – Position: City Administrator

Council went into closed session at 8:20 pm and came out with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

With no items left to discuss, Mayor Farr adjourned to the next regular Council meeting on September 18, 2023.



Cliff Wagner, City Administrator