

# Gridley City Council – Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 7, 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.”*

## 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 Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-29-20 issued March 17, 2020 that allows attendance by City 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 7, 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.

## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

## ROLL CALL

### Councilmembers

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

### Staff present:

Cliff Wagner, City Administrator  
Tony Galyean, City Attorney  
Ross Pippitt, Public Works Director  
Elisa Arteaga, Finance Director  
Danny Howard, Electric Utility Director  
Rodney Harr, Police Chief  
Donna Decker, City Planner  
Dave Harden, City Engineer

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Farr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## INVOCATION - None

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

**Mayor Johnson read and presented the Gridley Lions 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Proclamation to Mike Dahl of the Gridley Lions. Mr. Dahl thanked Council for the support and invited all to attend the celebration.**

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

## **COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM**

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

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. City Council Minutes dated August 11 and August 16, 2021
2. Consideration and review of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement relating to the California Municipal Finance Authority to participate in the Bond Opportunities for Land Development (BOLD) program
3. Second reading and adoption of Ordinance 833-2021: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Gridley to Pre-Zone Approximately 19.95-Acres; 3.55 Acres to Residential Suburban (RS) and 16.4-Acres to Single Family Residential District (R-1) Located on the West Side of West Biggs-Gridley Road (009-290-006)

**Councilmember Sanchez requested to have a separate roll call vote on item #3.**

**Motion to approve consent items #1 and #2 by Vice Mayor Farr, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez.**

### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

**Motion passed, 5-0**

**Motion to approve consent item #3 by Councilmember Sanchez, seconded by Mayor Johnson.**

### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

**Motion passed, 5-0**

## **ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

4. Steffen Estates Subdivision: Resolution No. 2021-R-029: A Resolution of the Gridley City Council to Amend the General Plan Land Use Designation of Approximately 8.66 Acres from Residential, Very Low Density to Residential, Medium Density and to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration Pursuant to CEQA Finding There is Less Than Significant Environmental Impact (APN 021-250-008)

Resolution No. 2021-R-030: A Resolution of the Gridley City Council Approving Tentative Subdivision Map 2-21 to Subdivide One Parcel Consisting of Approximately 8.66 Acres into Forty-six (46) Parcels Located on the South Side of Little Avenue at the Corner of Richins Avenue and Little Avenue (APN 021-250-008)

Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance 834-2021: An ordinance to rezone approximately 8.66 Acres from Avenue 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)

**Planner Donna Decker presented the staff report to Council and reviewed the history of the project. A tentative map with 26 lots was approved in 2005. The map presented today has an additional 20 lots to provide for the housing needs in the area. The project includes a General Plan amendment and a rezone.**

**Public comments were received from Mike Dahl, Juanita Thomas, and Robbie Hunzeker regarding drainage, fencing, the park area, traffic and relocation of mailboxes. Herb Votaw, the project engineer of Rolls, Anderson and Rolls made himself available to answer questions.**

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-R-029 by Councilmember Calderon, seconded by Vice Mayor Farr.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

**Nays: Torres**

**Motion passed, 4-1**

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-R-030 by Councilmember Calderon, seconded by Mayor Johnson.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

**Nays: Sanchez**

**Motion passed, 4-1**

**Introduction and first reading by title only of Ordinance 834-2021 by Mayor Johnson, seconded by Vice Mayor Farr.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

**Nays: Sanchez**

**Motion passed, 4-1**

5. Resolution No. 2021-R-031: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gridley Accepting a Report of Weed Abatement Costs and Assessing Liens on Affected Parcels for Said Costs

**Administrator Wagner briefly reviewed the staff report and there was little discussion and no public comment.**

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-R-031 by Councilmember Calderon, seconded by Vice Mayor Farr.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

**Motion passed, 5-0**

6. Status of potential property purchases at 235 Virginia and 57 East Gridley Road (Mayor Johnson)

**Mayor Johnson and Administrator Wagner reported that the contract for the purchase of property at 235 Virginia has been signed and escrow has been opened. Negotiations are still underway with 57 East Gridley Road. This was an informational item; no action was taken.**

7. Discuss the potential for the development of park and recreation facilities at the City of Gridley boat ramp on the Feather River. Staff is seeking direction from Council to begin scoping the project's potential for further development. (Mayor Johnson)

**Mayor Johnson explained his desire to see the Feather River Boat Ramp Access developed further to become a larger recreational area for uses more than boat launching.**

**Motion to direct staff to explore the feasibility of future development of the Feather River Boat Ramp Access by Mayor Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Torres.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

**Motion passed, 5-0**

8. Update to Council on the Día de Los Muertos cultural celebration on November 2 (Council Member Calderon)

**Councilmember Calderon reviewed the activities and the meaning of such that are planned for the event. This was informational only; no action was taken.**

#### **CITY STAFF AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Councilmember Calderon reported on the meeting he attended with Butte County Air Quality.**

**Vice Mayor Farr reported on his meeting with the Butte Subbasin Advisory Board.**

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

Chandler Park Subdivision GPA/RZ/TSM/MND	9/20/2021
Revision to City's Position Classification Plan	9/20/2021
CJIS Radio Compliance Program for Police Dept	10/18/2021
Award Contract for Municipal Services Review	10/18/2021
Edler Estates	10/18/2021



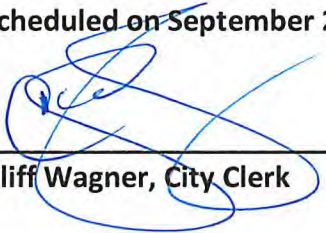
## **CLOSED SESSION**

9. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: Scott McMillan, et al vs. City of Gridley, Butte County Superior Court, Case No 21CV000451
10. Conference with City Administrator and City Attorney pursuant to Government Code 54956.9 RE – ANTICIPATED/POTENTIAL LITIGATION – single matter.

**Council came out of closed session with the following reportable action: In regard to item #10 on the agenda the City Council has ratified the agreement between the City of Gridley and the Stenzel Family Trust dated June 12, 2020.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**With no items for further discussion, Council adjourned at 9:07 pm to the next regular meeting scheduled on September 20, 2021.**



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Cliff Wagner, City Clerk

