

Gridley City Council – Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 8, 2020; 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 2 pm on September 8, 2020, via email to 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.

You may attend via teleconference:

- Dial 1-888-204-5987
- Enter the Access Code 5767603#

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6pm

ROLL CALL

Council Members

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

Staff present: Paul Eckert, City Administrator/Finance Director
Tony Galyean, City Attorney
Danny Howard, Electric Utility Director
Ross Pippitt, Public Works Director
Rodney Harr, Police Chief

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance

INVOCATION - None

PROCLAMATIONS – None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW OR PROMOTED EMPLOYEES - None

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM

Jessica Ramos-McElroy requested that Council consider some form of live streaming Council meetings.

CONSENT AGENDA – None

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

1. Electric Department Update to the City Council

Electric Utility Director, Danny Howard, provided an update of the current financial standing of the Electric Department. A summary of the current staff, staff training, and current projects was also provided along with the previous years' accomplishments in Biggs and Gridley.

This was informational only; no action was taken.

2. City of Gridley Website Overview

Administrator/Finance Director Eckert gave an overview of the various communication efforts and the desire of City Council to be engaged with the Community. The public was encouraged to share any concerns and reach out to the Council using the contact information on the City of Gridley website, or through the Recreation Facebook page, and the Gridley Police Department Facebook page. Using the overhead screens in Council Chambers, Eckert went online and provided a visual review of the City's website.

This was informational only; no action was taken.

3. City of Gridley Water, Sewer, and Electric Utility Rate History and Status

Administrator/Finance Director Eckert reviewed the staff report giving an overview of the City's various utility departments. Items discussed included the oversight of utilities, establishing utility rates, water and sewer rate comparisons and the efforts made thus far to address the 2016-17 electric fund crisis. Current electric rates and efforts to maintain the City's low rates were also reviewed.

There were brief comments from the public; this was an informational item only and no action was taken.

CITY STAFF AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Stenzel General Plan/Prezone/Annexation	9/21/2020
Police Department Digital Radio System Budget Review	10/5/2020
Garbage Services RFP Approval	10/5/2020
Introduction General Plan/Prezone/Annexation for north 400 ac.	10/5/2020

CLOSED SESSION – None

ADJOURNMENT

With no items for further discussion, the Council adjourned at 8:20pm to the next Regular Council meeting on September 21.



Paul Eckert, City Clerk

