

## **Gridley City Council – Regular Meeting Minutes**

Monday, June 2, 2025; 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**

Present: Johnson, Roberts, Calderon, Farr, Sanchez

Absent: None

Arriving after roll call: None

Staff Present: Elisa Arteaga, City Administrator  
Todd Farr, Police Chief  
Anthony Galyean, City Attorney  
Martin Pineda, Finance Director  
Patricia Taverner, Assistant Finance Director  
Chip Fowler, Fire Chief  
Christopher Smith, Principal Planner  
Jerry Cox, Interim Public Works Director  
Carmen Santana, Deputy City Clerk

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Sanchez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PROCLAMATION** – None

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

### **COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM**

The community participation forum was opened, and seeing no one was present to speak, was closed.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **1. City Council Minutes**

City Council review and approval of City Council meeting minutes.

*Recommended Action(s):*

- a. Approve regular Council meeting minutes dated: May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## **2. Parkland Maintenance Assessment District Resolution Amendment**

Council to review and approve the amending resolution to correct the title from “Tax Collector” to “Butte County Auditor Controller”

*Recommended Action(s):*

- a. Approve Resolution 2025-R-012: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gridley amending Resolution No. 2025-R-005 to correct the title of the “Tax Collector” to “Butte County Auditor Controller”

### **ROLL CALL**

Motion: Johnson

Second: Roberts

Action: to approve consent agenda as presented.

Ayes: Roberts, Calderon, Farr, Johnson, Sanchez

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion passed, 5-0

### **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

## **3. FY 2025/2026 Draft Budget Review**

Staff respectfully requests the City Council conduct Operating and Capital Budget Study Sessions that will allow for budgetary review, discussion, as well as consideration of public input

*Recommended Action(s):*

- a. Review the draft budget and provide direction/recommendations to the Finance Director as needed

Finance Director Martin Pineda presented the draft budget, providing a detailed review of each department and highlighting major changes. For each significant adjustment, he offered a brief explanation to provide context. The City Council and City staff engaged in open discussion throughout the review, asking questions and offering input on specific items.

Key discussion points included the possibility of implementing subsidized utility payment plans for Gridley residents in need, an idea brought forward by Councilmembers Sanchez and Calderon.

Additionally, Councilmember Sanchez recommended a future study session focused on Recreation Department programs and the Feather Flyer, in order to evaluate ongoing public interest and engagement.

During the continued discussion, Finance Director Pineda clarified that while the current budget reflects a deficit, it is not a true deficit. He explained that a large portion of the funds are allocated to Capital Improvement Project (CIP) accounts and have not yet been expended.

The Finance Department will incorporate adjustments as directed by Council, and the final budget is scheduled for adoption at the next regular City Council meeting on June 16, 2025.

#### **4. Gridley Sports Complex Ph 1 – Construction Management and Inspection Services Task Order**

City Council to review and approve the task order no. 4 with UNICO Engineering for construction management support, inspection services and materials testing for Gridley Sports Complex Ph. 1

*Recommended Action(s):*

- a. Authorize the City Administrator to execute Task Order No. 4, with UNICO Engineering in the amount of \$99,614.03, with a budget not to exceed \$109,600 to allow for 10% contingency

City Administrator Elisa Arteaga presented the staff report, requesting authorization to execute the Task Order No. 4 with Unico. City staff requested proposals for construction management and inspection from all four firms on the City on-call list. After review by a committee, it was determined that Unico was the most responsive and provided more flexibility for performing the work, considering the other projects they are assigned to in the area. Although they are not the lowest bidder, which is based on a set number of working days, it was taken into consideration that the flexibility of not having to charge for a full day could be more cost-effective for the project.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Motion: Calderon

Second: Roberts

Action: to authorize the City Administrator to execute Task Order No. 4, with UNICO Engineering in the amount of \$99,614.03, with a budget not to exceed \$109,600

Ayes: Roberts, Calderon, Farr, Johnson, Sanchez

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion passed, 5-0



## COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Calderon provided a report on his attendance at both the Behavioral Health Meeting and the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) meeting. He expressed concern regarding comments made about the City of Gridley during the recent BCAG meeting. City Administrator Arteaga addressed the concerns, explaining that the comments were in reference to a previous period when the City was delayed in submitting its audits due to impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. She noted that Gridley was not alone in facing such delays during that time. Administrator Arteaga further clarified that the City is now current with all required audits and has submitted all necessary documentation to BCAG.

Vice Mayor Johnson shared a video reporting on the SBFCA Feather River West Levee project that is now underway.

## CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

City Administrator Arteaga reported on her continued meetings with labor negotiators for IBEW, GPOA and Management Employees.

## DEPARTMENT UPDATE REPORTS

Fire Chief Chip Fowler reported on the Fire Department's activities for the month of May.

Principal Planner Christopher Smith provided a brief update to the Council on the Steffen Estates development and his recent work with PlaceWorks on the City's Housing Element update.

Public Works Director Jerry Cox informed Council of the housing developments who have begun construction around the City.

Finance Director Martin Pineda informed the Council that the Fiscal Year 2024–2025 audit is scheduled to begin the week of June 9th to allow for an early start to the process.

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

Single Audit Report	6/16/2025
GANN Limit Report	6/16/2025
Maintenance Assessments	6/16/2025
Banking RFP	6/16/2025
Budget Draft Review	6/16/2025
Travel Policy	7/21/2025
Energy Efficiency Contract Review	7/21/2025

## CLOSED SESSION –

5. Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiator, Elisa Arteaga,

City Administrator, for discussion of progress of collective bargaining discussions with City Employee represented classes – IBEW, MMU, and GPOA

Council went into closed session at 8:10 pm and came out at approx. 9:15 with no reportable action.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items left to discuss, Mayor Farr adjourned to the next regular meeting on June 16, 2025.

**Approve:**

  
Elisa Arteaga, City Administrator