

# Gridley City Council – Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 20, 2024; 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, Roberts, Calderon, Johnson, Sanchez

Absent: None

Arriving after roll call: None

Staff Present: Elisa Arteaga, City Administrator  
Todd Farr, Interim Police Chief  
Tony Galyean, City Attorney  
Martin Pineda, Finance Director  
Ross Pippitt, Utility Director

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Sanchez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## PROCLAMATION – None

## INTRODUCTION OF NEW OR PROMOTED EMPLOYEES - None

## COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM

Mayor Farr opened the forum, and seeing as there was no one present to speak, was closed.

## CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Minutes Dated May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024
2. Resolution 2024-R-014: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gridley Amending the Previously Approved Resolution 2023-R-038 to Correct the Title of the Grant Program from Outdoor Equity Grants Program (Round Two) to the Correct Title of Gridley MVP Outdoor Program Part 2

3. FY 23/24 Street Reports – State Controllers Office Contract

**Motion:** to pull item #4 from consent agenda and place it on items for consideration and approve items 1-3 as consent agenda.

**MOTION:** Sanchez

**SECOND:** Roberts

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 5-0

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

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

4. Butte County Developmental Services Contract Extension

**Councilmember Sanchez** stated she pulled item number 4 from the consent agenda to inquire about the costs and services provided by Butte County Developmental Services.

**City Administrator Elisa Arteaga** informed Council of the reports she received from Butte County showing the fees associated with the permits pulled within City limits. Arteaga also explained that contracting with Butte County for these services was a cost savings to the City.

**Motion:** to approve the contract extension with Butte County Developmental Services.

**MOTION:** Johnson

**SECOND:** Sanchez

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 5-0

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

5. Abandonment of Right-of-Way for a Portion of Vermont Street for the Benefit of Gridley Unified School District

**Administrator Arteaga** requested that the City move forward with deeding the portion of Vermont St. for purposes to allow Gridley Unified School District to secure the area, making drop offs/pick up for student families safer. Administrator Arteaga explained that during a series of meetings, Gridley Unified School District stated they would bare 50% of the costs to the right-of-way abandonment. GUSD also explained that the area would serve as an extension of McKinley School in the future.

**Motion:** to approve the portion of Vermont St. abandonment.

**MOTION:** Roberts

**SECOND:** Calderon

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 5-0

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

6. Council Consideration to Initiate the Acquisition of Right-of-Way for the Capital Improvement Project to Extend Laurel Street from Randolph Avenue to Pacific Flyway Subdivision

Administrator Arteaga requested that Council review the numbers provided by our Engineering and Planning Consultants to move forward with the acquisition of the Laurel St. right-of-way in order to extend Laurel St. and provide access to future developments. Administrator Arteaga also informed Council that herself and Finance Director Martin Pineda have been meeting with possible funding sources.

Vice Mayor Johnson stated that without this extension, there would not be access to the developments.

**MOTION:** to authorize the City Administrator to move forward with the acquisition of the Laurel St. right-of-way.

**MOTION:** Sanchez

**SECOND:** Roberts

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 5-0

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

7. Resolution No. 2024-R-015: A Resolution to Enter into an Agreement with the State of California Department of Transportation for the Maintenance of Frontage Improvements, Lighting, Landscaping, Irrigation, and any Other Components on the West Side of SR99 State Right-of-Way Contiguous to APN 021-110-033; 03-BUT-099; PM R3.664-R3.744 – Orchard View I Maintenance Agreement

City Engineer Dave Harden requested Council approve the agreement with Caltrans for the maintenance of frontage improvements for the referenced properties. Harden explained that the maintenance agreement was similar to the previously approved agreement with Caltrans for the SHOPP project improvements on the East side of the highway.

In speaking of Caltrans, Councilmember Calderon reiterated a previous comment made that a crosswalk at the south end of town was necessary to ensure safety as more apartments are built. City Engineer Dave Harden explained that Caltrans was unable to find adding a cross walk a feasible option.

Councilmember Sanchez agreed with Councilmember Calderon and requested that City Administrator Arteaga follow up with Caltrans for the facts behind the cross walk being unfeasible.

Vice Mayor Johnson added that he would like Caltrans to also provide the facts regarding the waterline replacement.

**Motion:** to approve the maintenance agreement with Caltrans.

**MOTION:** Roberts

**SECOND:** Johnson

**ROLL CALL VOTE: 5-0**

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

In addition to the motion, directions were given by the Council for Administrator Arteaga to submit two separate letters to Caltrans. One: requesting facts about the unfeasibility of the south end crosswalk and the other: a letter requesting the facts related to the liability of the waterline replacement being solely on the City.

8. Purchase of Mower for Heron Landing, Eagle Meadows Maintenance Districts

Utility Director Ross Pippitt requested the approval of one of the three quotes provided for a mower intended for use in Heron Landing and Eagle Meadows Maintenance District and stated his recommendation was Baker Supplies and Repairs.

Finance Director Martin Pineda spoke to Council to update the financial impact section of the staff report and stated this expense would be drawn from the general fund, specifically the parks account.

**Motion: to award contract to Baker Supplies and Repairs.**

**MOTION: Johnson**

**SECOND: Roberts**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: 5-0**

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

9. Eagle Meadows Well Emergency Repair

Utility Director Ross Pippitt explained to Council complications that the Eagle Meadows Well was experiencing that has caused it's shut down for safety reasons. Pippitt requested to allow C&M to perform the diagnostic and emergency repair. C&M recently repaired the Liberty Well in a timely and professional manner.

**Motion: to allow C&M to perform a diagnostic and repair on the Eagle Meadows Well.**

**MOTION: Roberts**

**SECOND: Johnson**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: 5-0**

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

10. Resolution No. 2024 -R-016: A Resolution of the City of Gridley to Enter into an Agreement with the Law Firm of Jones Mayer, PLC for the Purposes of Exploring the Feasibility and Potentially Moving Forward with Commencement of Health & Safety Code Receiverships Concerning Abatement of Existing Nuisance and Dangerous Conditions of Private Property Existing Upon Two (2) Separate Properties Located within the City Limits of the City of Gridley, those being 110 Virginia Street and 390 Virginia Street, Respectively, and to

Authorize the City Administrator to Execute the Legal Services Fee Agreement Related Thereto

City Attorney Tony Galyean updated Council on their previous direction to investigate a Health and Safety Code Receivership for properties 110 and 390 Virginia St. Attorney Galyean explained that he has interviewed law firm Jones Mayer, PLC that has a firm dedicated solely to representing municipalities in such matters. Attorney Galyean requested that Council authorize Administrator Arteaga to execute the Legal Services Fee Agreement and move the efforts forward.

**Motion:** to approve the Administrator Arteaga to execute the Legal Services Fee Agreement and move forward with the Health and Safety Code Receiverships.

**MOTION:** Johnson

**SECOND:** Roberts

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 5-0

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

#### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilmember Roberts reported on the Red Suspender's Day Parade event and stated it went very well.

Mayor Farr informed the public of the Memorial Day Celebration taking place at the cemetery Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> from 10-11 am.

#### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND CITY STAFF REPORTS**

Administrator Arteaga reported on her attendance at the SMUD Utility Billing Seminar.

City Attorney Galyean informed Council of the received proceeds the City was due following the closing of escrow of the old Rio Pluma plant. The proceeds were presented to Finance Director Martin Pineda.

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

Budget Study Session	6/3/2024
Travel Policy	6/3/2024
Procurement Policy	6/3/2024
Unfunded Accrued Liability/Section 115 Trust	6/3/2024
FY 2022/2023 Financials	6/3/2024

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

11. Closed session discussion with legal counsel – Existing Litigation – Case: Tyrell Ford vs. City of Gridley, City Council of Gridley and Does 1- 100, Butte County Superior Court Case No. 24VC01420

Council went into closed session at 7:32 pm and came out with no reportable action.

#### ADJOURNMENT

With no further items left to discuss, Mayor Farr adjourned to the next regular meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.



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Elisa Arteaga, City Administrator