

Gridley City Council – Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 15, 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, Farr, Calderon, Sanchez

Absent: None

Arriving after roll call: None

Staff Present:

Elisa Arteaga, City Administrator

Tony Galyean, City Attorney

Todd Farr, Police Chief

Patricia Taverner, Assistant Finance Director

Chip Fowler, Fire Chief

Chris Smith, Principal Planner

Jerry Cox, Public Works Director

Carmen Santana, Deputy City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Calderon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Farr read the Retirement Proclamation Honoring Mark Orme, Butte Water District.

With Mark Orme unable to attend in person, Donnie Stinnett with Butte Water District, along with Mark Orme's son, Drew Orme, accepted the Proclamation on his behalf. They both also thanked Council for the inclusion of the proclamation.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW OR PROMOTED EMPLOYEES - None

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Expenditure Reports

City Council to review and approve the attached expenditure reports

Recommended Action(s):

- a. Approve July and August 2025 expenditure reports

2. Supplemental Appropriation Resolution

City Council to formally approve the supplemental appropriation resolution for the fire hydrant relocation that was approved at the August 18th regular Council meeting

Recommended Action(s):

- a. Approve Resolution 2025-R-024: a Resolution of the City of Gridley City Council authorizing a supplemental appropriation for the relocation of fire hydrants along Highway 99

ROLL CALL

Motion: Johnson

Second: Roberts

Action: to approve consent agenda as presented

Ayes: Roberts, Calderon, Farr, Johnson, Calderon

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion passed, 5-0

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION - None

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Calderon reported on his attendance at the Butte County Continuum of Care meeting.

Vice Mayor Johnson provided updates on his attendance at the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control meeting, as well as the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency meeting.

Councilmember Sanchez noted that she has been receiving calls from residents regarding the Highway 99 construction project.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

City Administrator Arteaga reported on her recent meetings with staff and representatives from our Sister City, Comala, as well as her attendance at the BCAG annual coordination meeting. She also provided an update on ongoing meetings with California Consulting, commending Finance Director Martin Pineda for leading these efforts and diligently working to secure additional funding for the City.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE REPORTS

Police Chief Todd Farr provided an update on the Police Department's statistics for August and noted that the new contract to provide services to the City of Biggs is progressing well.

Fire Chief Chip Fowler reported on the Fire Department's activities for August.

Public Works Director Jerry Cox stated that the Steffen Estates development is making significant progress and that the Feather River borings have been completed.

Principal Planner Christopher Smith briefly updated the Council on current developments and the progress of the Housing Element with HCD.

Recreation Coordinator Amanda Kaelin reported that soccer programs have begun and provided updates on program activities. She also highlighted the successful partnership with the Moose Lodge, which has contributed substantial food donations to the Recreation Department's food pantry for residents.

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

Sidewalk Ordinance Study Session	10/6/2025
Travel Policy	10/6/2025
Energy Efficiency Contract Review	10/6/2025
Tree Ordinance Study Session	10/6/2025
Randolph Lot Use Agreement – GUSD	10/6/2025

CLOSED SESSION –

3. 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

Present: Roberts, Johnson, Calderon, Sanchez

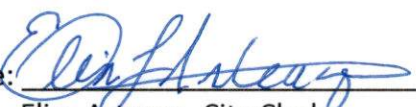
Absent: Farr

Staff: Arteaga, Attorney L. Little

City Council went into closed session at 6:30 and came out at 7:05 pm with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items left to discuss, Mayor Farr adjourned to the next regular meeting on October 6th, 2025

Approve: 
Elisa Arteaga, City Clerk