



MINUTES CITY OF GRIDLEY CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M., MONDAY
NOVEMBER 2nd, 2015

CITY HALL
685 KENTUCKY STREET
GRIDLEY, CALIFORNIA

Mayor, Frank Hall
Vice Mayor, Bruce Johnson
Council member, Jeff Draper
Council member, Owen Stiles
Council member, Ray Borges

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Council Members

Present: Draper, Borges, Johnson, Hall
Absent: Stiles
Arriving post roll call: None

Staff present: Dean Price, Chief of Police/Interim City Administrator
Tony Galyean, City Attorney
Matt Michaelis, Finance Director
Bruce Nash, City Engineer
Donna Decker, Planning Consultant

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was led by Vice Mayor Johnson

D. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM

There were many present to speak to the issue of the Council's "no" vote to approve the Butte County Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) at the prior Council meeting. Those who spoke included Kari Wheeler, Robert Wise, Eileen Burke-Trent, Amy Jernigan, Maria Espino, Peggy Harshbarger, Kathleen Turner, Steve Lambert and Tina Blenn. These expressed their disappointment and frustration with the negative vote and the lack of public representation, stating that this is a chance for Gridley to get on the map, begging Council to reconsider their vote.

Vice Mayor Johnson, not wanting to break his campaign promise of lower taxes, suggested as a solution to have the Gridley businesses pay the tax voluntarily. He stated there are other businesses who are willing to put up money as well.

Butte County Supervisor Lambert reiterated the only businesses that would be paying the tax are the two local motels, and they are doing it voluntarily. The County is merely a mechanism for collecting the monies.

Mayor Hall stated that the City isn't initiating a tax. We are just collecting it. We are not taxing anybody. This was met with applause from the audience.

Councilman Borges said it is still a tax. Just because someone else is paying for it doesn't mean it's not a tax. He stated he still doesn't understand what the draw is to Gridley. He said he's trying to be logical. Everyone has said that if the City passes the tax, everything will be great. He doesn't understand that. He likes Gridley but doesn't understand what everyone is talking about. He stated he doesn't see where this is going to make or break Gridley at all.

Councilman Draper stated that he voted no because he does not believe government should get involved in the private sector. He stated if this was such a grand idea, the

businesses would have gotten together on their own and not come to the government. He stated the funds are not used efficiently.

City Attorney Tony Galyean stated that since this item is not on the agenda for action, it would have to be requested by one of those who voted in the majority that the item be placed on the next agenda for action.

Mayor Hall asked if there was a desire to reconsider the item. There was no positive response from Council.

Attorney Galyean then stated if it is not brought back on the next agenda, the subject cannot be addressed again for a minimum of six months.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Fire Department monthly update, August 2015
2. Fire Department monthly update, September 2015
3. Participant Authorization – GHG Compliance Instruments
4. September and October report, Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District, as submitted to Council by Board Member Fichter
5. Homeless and Runaway Youth Awareness Month Proclamation, November 2015

Mayor Hall pulled item #5, read and presented the proclamation to Kristy Haber of Homeless Emergency Action Response Team (H.E.A.R.T.)

Kristy thanked Council for the recognition and spoke about the program and upcoming events.

Motion to approve the consent calendar by Councilman Draper, seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson

Motion passed, all in favor

F. ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

6. Approval of Resolution No. 2015-R-030: A Resolution of the Gridley City Council Approving the Second Amendment to the Renewable Power Purchase Agreement, the First Amendment to the Option Lease Agreement, the First Amendment to the Property Lease for a 2.5 Acre Solar Array Project Located Adjacent to the City's Waste Water Treatment Plant on East Gridley Road, a Portion of Assessor Parcel No. 024-220-023, State Clearinghouse No. 2010082046 and Authorizing the City Administrator to Sign and Execute all Documents listed and any other Documents Necessary to Execute this Project

Interim Administrator Dean Price briefly spoke to the item stating that this should be the final step in being able to start building the solar array. He stated the project represents a \$1.2 million savings over 25 years. It also contributes toward the City's green credits. He then introduced Tobin Booth, Founder and CEO of Blue Oak Energy. Booth reviewed the basic changes and updates to the agreements as outlined in the staff report. These changes include a revised start date, extended insurance coverage and administrative clarifications.

After little discussion, motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-R-030 made by Vice Mayor Johnson, seconded by Councilman Borges

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Draper, Borges, Johnson, Hall

Motion passed, 4-0

7. Approval of Resolution No. 2015-R-031: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gridley Authorizing the Gridley Fire Department to Receive a Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant

CAL Fire Battalion Chief Sean Norman briefly stated that they have access to this grant because of being in a small community. They use the monies to purchase firefighting gear. This is a 50% match grant.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-R-031 by Councilman Draper, seconded by Councilman Borges

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Draper, Borges, Johnson, Hall

Motion passed, 4-0

G. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports

H. CLOSED SESSION

8. Public Employment (GC: 54957 (b)(1))

Position: City Administrator, Finance Director, Chief of Police, Electric Superintendent

Council came out of closed session with no reportable action.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting on November 16th.



Dean Price, Interim City Clerk

