



MINUTES CITY OF GRIDLEY CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M., MONDAY
DECEMBER 15th, 2014

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

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

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Stiles

D. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM

There were no public comments

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of City Council minutes dated August 4, 2014
2. Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day 2014 Proclamation
3. Recreation Department monthly update, November 2014
4. City Engineer monthly update, November 2014
5. Public Works Department monthly update, November 2014
6. Electric Department monthly update, November 2014
7. Building Department monthly update, November 2014
8. Police Department monthly update, November 2014
9. Fire Department monthly update, November 2014
10. Information Technology monthly update, November 2014
11. Code Enforcement monthly update, November 2014
12. Planning Department monthly update, November 2014
13. International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) request to change two holiday observation dates
14. Authorization of Chief Dean Price to execute and submit the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) Agreement

15. Authorization of Chief Dean Price and City Attorney Brant Bordsen to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Chico, City of Oroville, City of Gridley and the Town of Paradise for AB 109 Grant funds
16. Approval of Resolution No. 2014-R-045: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gridley Authorizing Certain Elected and Staff Members to Sign all of the City's Wells Fargo Checking Accounts
17. Approval of Resolution No. 2014-R-046: A Resolution of the Gridley City Council to Amend and Restate the Health Reimbursement Arrangement Between Mid America Administrative & Retirement Solutions, Inc. and the City of Gridley
18. Adopt Resolution No. 2014-R-047 to authorize the City Finance Director, Matthew Michaelis, or his designee, as agent(s) to administrate Grant Number 3012-562 as required.
19. Adopt Resolution No. 2014-R-048 to authorize the City Finance Director, Matthew Michaelis, or his designee, as agent(s) to administrate Grant Number PS1509.
20. Adopt Resolution No. 2014-R-049 to, a) authorize the sale of surplus tools, equipment, and vehicles that are no longer in service currently part of the Public Works Department and Gridley Electric/Utility Department, b) authorize the disposal of said equipment if an item is determined unable to be sold.

Motion to approve consent items 1-20 made by Councilman Draper, seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Draper, Stiles, Borges, Johnson, Hall

Motion passed, 5-0

F. ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

21. Recommendation of Appointment to Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) Advisory (Ad Hoc) Committee

Interim Administrator Dean Price reviewed the staff report which highlighted the history of NCPA and its relationship with the City of Gridley. The recommendation made included appointing a commissioner and alternate commissioner from Council and an advisory committee consisting of Gary Davidson, Jack Slota and Tom Sanford.

Motion to appoint Ray Borges and Owen Stiles and to accept the rest of the recommendations of the Interim Administrator made by Mayor Hall, seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson

Councilman Stiles stated that according to recently revised by-laws of the NCPA, there may be certain situations where, in the absence of the Energy Commissioner, the Alternate Commissioner may have no voting power. He asked Mayor Hall who was being appointed as Commissioner and who as Alternate. When it was clarified that Borges was being appointed as Commissioner and Stiles as Alternate, Councilman Stiles declined to accept the appointment. Vice Mayor Johnson accepted the appointment of Alternate Energy Commissioner.

Motion to appoint Councilman Borges as Energy Commissioner and Vice Mayor Johnson as Alternate Energy Commissioner made by Mayor Hall, seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Draper, Borges, Johnson, Hall

Noes: Stiles

Motion passed, 4-1

22. Mayor Appointment and Council Acceptance of Committee Assignments

Appointments were made as follows:

- Butte County Abandoned Vehicle Service Authority
Councilman Borges
- Butte County Air Quality Management District (BCAMQD)
Councilman Borges primary/Councilman Draper alternate
- Butte Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCo)
Mayor Hall
- Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG)
Councilman Borges primary/Councilman Draper alternate
- Butte County Continuum of Care
None assigned
- Butte County Economic Development Corporation
Councilman Borges
- Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District
Jerry Fichter
- Butte County Solid Waste JPA/Task Force Representative
Vice Mayor Johnson
- League of California Cities (Sacramento Valley)
Councilman Draper primary/Mayor Hall alternate
- Loan Committee
Mayor Hall
- Northern California Power Association (NCPA)
Councilman Borges primary/Vice Mayor Johnson alternate
- Orchard Hospital JPA
Councilman Draper
- Public Works/Traffic Safety Committee
Vice Mayor Johnson/Councilman Borges
- Recreation Commission
Vice Mayor Johnson
- State of California City Representative
This item was removed
- Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency
Mayor Hall primary/Councilman Draper alternate
- Youth First/Guardians
None assigned
- 3CORE CEDS Advisory Board
Vice Mayor Johnson

Motion to accept the assignments made by Mayor Hall, seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Draper, Borges, Johnson, Hall

Abstain: Stiles

Motion passed, 4-1abstention

23. Status Report on use of Eagle Meadows detention basin/park

Planning consultant, Donna Decker, reviewed the staff report presented to Council. Among other things, she reviewed the intended use of the area highlighting the fact that it is considered a park and therefore any type of park use is allowed there. She also highlighted the use history of the park. The staff report listed three options the Council has regarding the use of the park moving forward.

Four people from the audience stood to address Council. Roy Sheppard of 2035 Eagle Meadows Drive, and Joe Fontes of 1617 Ban Drive spoke against the use of the park for rugby practice due to possible damage to the field, extra traffic, speeding and trash left by the attendees. Adam Bowers of 156 Blue Bird Lane and Cynthia Soares of 1743 W. Biggs Gridley Road spoke for the rugby team stating that the accusations of field damage are based on possibilities, not actual facts. It was stated that the rugby team has been good stewards of the field and appreciate the use. Mrs. Soares also mentioned the 2030 General Plan addresses Eagle Meadows park specifically as being used for ball fields and encouraged Council to keep that in mind.

Councilman Stiles motioned to accept the status report, recommendations 1 and 3 and added that the Recreation Coordinator create a “rainy day use” policy that both the team and the residents can agree to. Motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Draper, Stiles, Borges, Johnson, Hall

Motion passed, 5-0

24. Approval of Resolution No. 2014-R-050: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gridley Approving the Amendment of the Contract Between the City of Gridley and Renewable Energy Institute International

Finance Director Matt Michaelis reviewed the staff report stating that the City currently has a consulting agreement with Renewable energy Institute International (REII) to manage a grant from the US Department of Energy (DOE) allowing the City to complete a feasibility study to convert rice farm waste to renewable fuels. The commitment to complete the two-phase grant was made in 2008 when the funds were congressionally earmarked and made mandatory for Cities to spend. This feasibility study represents Phase 2 of the spending of these funds. The grant is 100 percent reimbursable. The DOE is requiring amendments to the agreement as laid out in the staff report that will create no fiscal impact.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-R-050 made by Councilman Stiles, seconded by Councilman Borges

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Draper, Stiles, Borges, Hall

Noes: Johnson

Motion passed, 4-1

25. Approval of Resolution No. 2014-R-051: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gridley Authorizing the Finance Director to Sign Agreements Between Benelect and the City of Gridley

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-R-051 made by Vice Mayor Johnson, seconded by Councilman Draper

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Draper, Stiles, Borges, Johnson, Hall

Motion passed, 5-0

G. DEPARTMENT REPORTS (verbal)

26. Building – Keith Gebhardt

Keith discussed issues the City is handling regarding water conservation.

27. Electric – Daryl Dye

The Electric Superintendent updated Council on the status of the substation upgrade as well as other projects the Electric Dept. is undertaking.

28. Finance – Matt Michaelis

Finance Director, Matt Michaelis reviewed the main priorities being addressed currently; specifically the transition from Bank of America to Wells Fargo Bank, the change of to a new health care provider and the completion of the 13/14 citywide audit.

29. Fire – John Sprague

Among other things, John spoke of a training structure fire the department attended and the different scenarios the firefighters encounter. He also spoke of the retirement of Mike Pikard after 30 years of service.

30. Information Technology – Mike Hensley

Mike spoke to three main areas he is currently involved in; pursuing the avenue of allowing credit/debit card purchases, looking into a fixed base avenue of reading meters and the purchase and installation of IP cameras.

31. Parks and Recreation – Malanee Montero

Malanee summarized the most recent programs focusing on the Breakfast with Santa program just recently held where over 300 meals were served and the children could take pictures with Santa and get involved in other activities.

32. Planning – Donna Decker

Donna briefly spoke to the short and long range projects as well as grant applications the City is working on.

33. Police – Dean Price

Chief Price introduced Officer Olsgaard and his police dog Zeke. They discussed the canine program and the success they have had.

34. Public Works – Randy Davis

Public Works Supervisor Randy Davis briefly reviewed the main components of the department; streets, sewer, water, parks and maintenance districts and the need for money to upgrade the streets.

H. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Stiles reported on the meeting with REII and Matt Michaelis, the NCPA meeting with Daryl Dye and Matt Michaelis and the BCAG and BCAQ meetings he attended.

Councilman Draper stated that he gave the welcome address at the tree lighting.

Mayor Hall presented the Pearl Harbor proclamation at the Veterans Memorial Hall.

I. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:23 p.m., Council adjourned to the next regular meeting of January 5, 2015



Dean Price, Interim City Clerk

