



# MINUTES CITY OF GRIDLEY CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 P.M., MONDAY  
AUGUST 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014

CITY HALL  
685 KENTUCKY STREET  
GRIDLEY, CALIFORNIA

**Mayor**, Jeff Draper  
**Vice Mayor**, Pedro Mota  
**Council member**, Frank Hall  
**Council member**, Jerry Ann Fichter  
**Council member**, Owen Stiles

## A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Draper called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

## B. ROLL CALL

### Council members

Present: Mota, Hall, Fichter, Stiles, Draper  
Absent: None  
Arriving post roll call: None

**Staff present:** Rob Hickey, City Administrator  
Brant Bordsen, City Attorney  
Matt Michaelis, Finance Director  
Bruce Nash, City Engineer  
Dean Price, Chief of Police

## C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Fichter

## D. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM

The Mayor opened the forum and seeing no one present wishing to speak, the forum was closed.

## E. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public hearing to solicit citizen input on the City's intent to levy the annual assessment for the Gridley Business Improvement District

**Councilwoman Fichter recused herself from this discussion stating a possible conflict of interest.**

**Administrator Hickey reported that every year at this time the Council considers whether or not to assess for the Gridley BID. At the last meeting, Council approved Resolution No. 2014-R-022 which declared the City's intent to levy and set tonight as a public hearing to discuss the matter and determine the level of protest there may be. To this point, there has been no comment received.**

**Mayor Draper opened the public hearing.**

**Roberto Rojas, spoke in favor of the assessment. He stated that even though the Chamber and BID have merged, they will not be "double-billing" people. If someone pays the Chamber due, they will not be assessed the BID, and vice versa.**

**During the discussion, a question regarding the BID / Chamber non-profit / legal status was brought up. Council directed the question to the City Attorney Brant Bordsen and directed staff to bring this item back after a legal opinion had been received.**

2. Approve Resolution No. 2014-R-023: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gridley Confirming the Annual Report of the Gridley Business Improvement District and Levying the Annual Assessment for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year

**There was no action taken on Resolution No. 2014-R-023: see above**

#### **F. CONSENT CALENDAR**

3. National Farmers Market Week Proclamation
4. Approval of minutes dated July 7, 2014

**Motion to approve the consent calendar by Councilman Hall, seconded by Vice Mayor Mota**

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Ayes: Mota, Hall, Fichter, Stiles, Draper**

**Motion passed, 5-0**

**Mayor Draper then presented the Farmers Market Week Proclamation to Teri Fichter**

#### **G. REPORTS AND MISCELLANEOUS**

5. Request to write off delinquent utility accounts

**Matt Michaelis addressed Council stating that over the last several years, old closed accounts with uncollected balances have not been removed from the system and have resulted in an unrealistic representation of accounts receivable. Successful recovery of these amounts is greater when collection proceedings are initiated after the amounts have been written off. He recommended that Council approve the balances to be written off and transfer them to a collection agency. The total amount of \$101,503.77 was detailed in the staff report.**

6. Council award of contract for a new City Hall generator and transfer switches

**Administrator Hickey stated that although the City Hall generator is functional, it does not supply power to the entire building. With City Hall being the Emergency Operations Center, this was cause for concern. The City worked with Rhonda Robins at David Ford Consulting Engineers, a contractor for the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency to successfully obtain a grant for a larger generator for City Hall. The grant is for \$150,000. The City advertised for sealed bids and received two. Cal Electro, Inc. was the lowest bidder at \$160,000. The City will need to contribute the additional \$10,000 from fund 50 which has a balance of \$500,000.**

**Motion to award contract and purchase generator in the amount of \$160,000 made by Councilman Stiles, seconded by Vice Mayor Mota**

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Ayes: Mota, Fichter, Stiles, Draper**

**Noes: Hall**

**Motion passed, 4-1**

7. Council Approval of the Performance Work Statement (Agreement) for Emergency Response and training Between the City of Gridley and Beale Air Force Base Regarding the Base's Electrical Systems

**Administrator Hickey briefed Council stating that the purpose of this agreement is to establish and define emergency response training requirements that can be provided by the City of Gridley to Beale Air Force Base and its personnel in support of operations and maintenance of Beale AFB's electrical infrastructure and systems.**

**The United States Congress passed the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2013, which included § 331 of the Act, *Intergovernmental support agreements with State and local governments*. The law stated that the Secretary concerned may enter into an intergovernmental support agreement with a State or local government to provide, receive, or share installation-support services if the Secretary determines that the agreement will serve the best interests of the department by enhancing mission effectiveness or creating efficiencies or economies of scale, including by reducing costs.**

**This agreement may provide an undetermined amount of additional revenues to the City. Should Beale AFB need work done under this agreement, they could, on a case-by-case basis, contact the City and request support. The City may, at its sole discretion, decide to accept the work needing to be accomplished. Beale AFB would pay the City for the work accomplished.**

**Beale would provide the City with a description of the work needed to address the training or emergency response, with the most urgent needs for assistance addressed first. The City would use reasonable efforts to schedule the assistance in accordance with Beale's request. However, the City would reserve the right to recall any and all personnel, material, equipment, supplies and/or tools at any time that the City determines necessary for its own operations; provided that the City will transfer back the work to Beale in a safe and orderly manner.**

**Motion to approve Performance Work Statement for Emergency Response and Training between the City of Gridley and Beale Air Force Base made by Councilman Stiles, seconded by Councilwoman Fichter**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Ayes: Mota, Fichter, Stiles, Draper**

**Noes: Hall**

**Motion passed, 4-1**

**H. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Councilwoman Fichter read a letter from Brud Soares thanking the City for the work done on Hazel Street. She then reported on the meetings she attended for Butte County Air Quality and Butte LAFCO. She reported that the Chili Cook-Off was a success and all had a good time. National Night Out is tomorrow.**

**Councilman Stiles thanked Chief Dean Price for the work being done by the officer on the motorcycle. He said that he has seen a decrease in the speed of traffic on Hwy 99.**

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further items, Council adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting.**

  
**Dean Price, Interim City Clerk**

