

Gridley City Council – Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 19, 2015; 6:00 pm
Gridley City Hall, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley, CA 95948

Approved as Submitted

“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.”

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, Stiles, Borges, Johnson, Hall
Absent: None
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
Sean Norman, Battalion Chief

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Borges

D. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM

Kevin Woody, potential buyer of City owned Kentucky Street property, addressed Council and amid other things, challenged the methodology of the tenant rent restriction document and asked Council to reconsider.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Council minutes dated October 5, 2015
2. Treasurer’s Report, July 2014–July 2015
3. Police Department monthly update, September 2015
4. Electric Department monthly update, September 2015

5. Recreation Department monthly update, September 2015
6. Feather Flyer monthly update, September 2015
7. Public Works monthly update, September 2015
8. City Engineer monthly update, September 2015

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Draper, Stiles, Borges, Johnson, Hall

Motion passed, 5-0

F. ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

9. Approval of Resolution No. 2015-R-029: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gridley Granting Consent to the County of Butte to Form the Butte County Tourism Business Improvement District (BCTBID)

Casey Hatcher, Principle Management Analyst, gave Council a review of the BCTBID and how it works. She explained the benefits to the City and mentioned that one of the two business owners affected actually asked for the support of the County to initiate the assessment.

Council member Borges felt that Chico would be the one to benefit and that Gridley has no draw, people have no reason to come here. Vice Mayor Johnson didn't think the return on the investment would be worth it. Council member Draper didn't want to see another tax be placed upon people.

Council member Stiles pointed out that people fill the motels during hunting season, the GIBT and similar events. Mayor Hall pointed out that this is not a tax on the residents, it would be only on those visiting.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-R-029 made by Mayor Hall, seconded by Council member Stiles

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Stiles, Hall

Noes: Draper, Borges, Johnson

Motion failed, 3-2

10. Consideration of Gridley Invitational Basketball Tournament Sponsorship

With little discussion, motion to sponsor the GIBT at \$500 made by Council member Borges. With no second, the motion died.

11. Authorization to support grant application of North State Rendering

Interim Administrator Price reviewed the staff report stating North State Rendering is applying for a grant to expand and improve its ability to receive organic materials at its anaerobic digester and is requesting a letter of support.

Motion to approve the letter of support made by Council member Draper, seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Draper, Stiles, Borges, Johnson, Hall

Motion passed, 5-0

12. Offer to Sell Lodi Energy Center Project Capacity & Associated Energy

Interim Administrator Price addressed Council stating that The City of Gridley currently has a Generation Entitlement Share (“GES”) of the Lodi Energy Center Project (“LEC”) of 1.9643%. The City has excess capacity from its share of the LEC and would benefit by selling or “laying off” this excess energy that it has agreed to purchase, but cannot utilize. Therefore, the City desires to sell or layoff an amount of LEC capacity and associated energy not to exceed 1.071% of Gridley’s GES for a term of three to five years. This letter is to offer the LEC generation entitlement share to LEC participants.

Motion to approve the letter made by Vice Mayor Johnson, seconded by Council member Borges

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Draper, Stiles, Borges, Johnson, Hall

Motion passed, 5-0

G. VERBAL DEPARTMENT UPDATES

13. Sean Norman, CAL Fire Battalion Chief

Chief Norman updated Council on the response to a request for comments on a Draft Environmental Report submitted to the City by Tesoro Refinery in Benicia. Tesoro is proposing to begin receiving two 50-car unit trains of crude oil per day seven days a week all year. This increases the risk of incidents in Gridley. He reviewed some of the training they have had as well as the preventative measures they have taken to reduce the effects of any potential incident.

H. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council member Draper thanked Daryl Dye for attending and speaking at Rotary

I. CLOSED SESSION

14. **Closed Session per Government Code 54956.8 – Real Property Transaction, 225-277 Kentucky Street, Butte County APN 010-122-012-000, discussion with**

Interim City Administrator Price, City Finance Director Michaelis, City Attorney Galyean

15. **Public Employment (GC: 54957 (b)(1))**
Position: City Administrator

Council came out of closed session with no reportable action.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned to the next regular meeting scheduled on November 2, 2015



Paul Eckert, City Clerk