

Gridley City Council – Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 16, 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.”

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. ROLL CALL

Council members

Present: Draper, Stiles, Johnson, Hall
Absent: Borges
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 of Allegiance was led by Councilman Draper

D. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM

Mr. Barend Venter of Blue Sky Utility addressed Council regarding a potential solar project at 540 Washington Street, Sav-Mor Market. It would consist of a shaded parking structure for patrons with roof mounted solar panels. His request is that the City allow his utility rate to be reduced from a C3 rate to a C1 rate.

Council requested that staff research the issue and return with information for consideration.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. City Council minutes dated April 6 and November 2, 2015
2. City Engineer monthly update, October 2015
3. Feather Flyer monthly update, October 2015
4. Electric Department monthly update, October 2015
5. Planning Department monthly update, October 2015

6. Public Works monthly update, October 2015
7. Recreation Department monthly update, October 2015
8. Resolution No. 2015-R-033: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gridley Adopting a Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

Councilman Draper pointed out an administrative error on the minutes for correction and motioned for approval of the consent calendar, seconded by Councilman Stiles

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Draper, Stiles, Johnson, Hall

Motion passed, 4-0

F. ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

9. Consideration to form Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA)

Donna Decker reported that on October 19, 2015, the City Council held a study session discussing the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA 2014) and how it relates to public agencies within Butte County. The process, the reasons the City may choose to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and the status of other applications in the Butte County area and how it may affect Gridley were discussed. One of the near-term actions is to establish one or more GSA's to take responsibility for developing and implementing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (Plan) for the four sub-basins in Butte County. Staff is returning to the City Council with a recommendation for the City to elect to become a GSA pursuant to Water Code Section 10723. Staff will return to the City Council with a resolution at the next regularly scheduled meeting for adoption.

10. Consideration of appointment of Primary Representative to the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District

Vice Mayor Bruce Johnson was appointed as the Gridley representative to the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District

11. Consideration of appointment of Alternate Representative to the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Committee

Mayor Hall was appointed as the Alternate Representative to the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Committee

12. Request to Advertise Planning Commission vacancies

Staff was directed to advertise in the Gridley Herald for the Planning Commission vacancy

13. Request by Property Owner to Increase Size of Solar Array Beyond that Allowed by Previously Approved Permit, 1078 Spruce Street, AP# 009-112-021-000

On June 23, 2015, Manuel Reyna, the owner of 1078 Spruce Street, applied for a permit to install 2.8 kilowatt photovoltaic system. The maximum size of a system is limited to 100% of the prior year's electrical usage for that account. On July 7, 2015, a permit authorizing the installation of a 2.34 kW A/C system was issued. The system passed final inspection on July 17, 2015. Mr. Reyna requested to increase the size of the solar array enough to reduce his anticipated monthly bill to at, or near, zero. Because the permit had been finalized, and because his request was not allowed per the guidelines of the City's solar program, the request was submitted to the Public Works Committee. After review, the Committee recommended that Mr. Reyna should be allowed to add two panels to his system with Council's approval.

Motion to approve two additional solar panels by Mayor Hall, seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Draper, Stiles, Johnson, Hall

Motion passed, 5-0

G. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice Mayor Johnson reported on the Public Works Traffic Safety Committee meeting

H. CLOSED SESSION

14. 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



Paul Eckert, City Clerk

