

# Gridley City Council – Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 21, 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 – Recording Secretary, Elisa Arteaga

### 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  
Donna Decker, Planning Consultant  
Bruce Nash, City Engineer

## C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilman Borges led the pledge of allegiance.

## D. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM –

Mayor Frank Hall, complimented Joel Bassett, Detective of the Gridley Police Department for their recent case in the City and also complimented Dean Price for his accomplishments in the city and his hard work and dedication and expressed that much has been accomplished while he was at the helm of City.

No one from the public wished to address Council.

## E. CONSENT CALENDAR - *All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and acted upon by one motion. Any Council member may request that an item be removed for separate consideration. The City Council may only make minor comments; otherwise the item*

*should be removed from the consent agenda and placed as the first item(s) under "Items for Council Consideration".*

Council member Stiles, complimented the City Electric Department staff for their recent work on the down power lines. They worked fast and efficiently.

**MOTION BY STILES, SECOND BY DRAPER, for approval of consent items #1 through #10:**

1. Council minutes dated April 20 and May 18, 2015
2. Adopt a Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed solar project located at the City of Gridley Wastewater Treatment Plant (APN 024-220-023)
3. Feather Flyer monthly summary, November 2015
4. Recreation Department monthly update, November 2015
5. Police Department monthly update, November 2015
6. Planning Department monthly update, November 2015
7. Electric Department monthly update, November 2015
8. Public Works Department monthly update, November 2015
9. Fire Department monthly update, November 2015
10. City Engineer monthly update, November 2015

**ROLL CALL**            **Ayes:** Draper, Stiles, Borges, Johnson, Hall

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Motion passes 5-0**

**F. ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

11. **Introduction and first reading of Ordinance No. 814-2015: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Gridley amending Title 13, Chapter 13.14 Water Efficient Landscape of the Gridley Municipal Code related to water conservation and landscaping development standards. (Citywide)**

The staff report was presented by Consultant, Donna Decker. Decker provided a verbal overview of the information presented to Council that was contained within the staff report. The ordinance was an effort to promote water conservation. The ordinance would have new requirements for new residential developments, industrial and commercial to have their plans signed off by a landscape architect. There were no questions from the public, however there was brief discussion between Council and Decker. Council asked for clarification inquired from Decker as to timeline for processing the application, staff reviewing and signing off on the documentation for the applications, and scope of requirements for the commercial landscaping requirements vs. residential requirements. Council expressed concern to having more requirements that would cause a hardship on the residents. It was clarified by Staff as to requirements for commercial developers vs. residential construction. Decker lastly reported that

there were also new measures for staff to report to the state to make sure the City is in compliance. Staff would be involved with the public as to providing adequate information as to requirements. Decker added they were interested in reducing costs by allowing smaller developments to have a landscape contractor sign off instead of a landscape architect. There was discussion regarding water conservation, enforcement measures, and percentage usage within the city residents and other facilities. With no additional concerns with adoption of the ordinance by the Council, the following motion was made.

**MOTION BY STILES, SECOND BY JOHNSON**, to resend Ordinance 790-2009 and approval of the Introduction and first reading of Ordinance No. 814-2015: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Gridley amending Title 13, Chapter 13.14 Water Efficient Landscape of the Gridley Municipal Code related to water conservation and landscaping development standards. (Citywide)

**ROLL CALL**            **Ayes:** Draper, Stiles, Borges, Johnson, Hall  
                              **Noes:** None  
                              **Abstain:** None  
                              **Motion passes 5-0**

**12. Planning Commission Letter of Interest**

Interim City Administrator Dean Price reported that two letters were received for interest for the two vacancies in the Planning Commission. Planning Consultant, Donna Decker provided a verbal report as to the letters of interest from William White and Maria Espino.

William White, 210 Haskell Street, introduced himself and provided a brief background and organizations he is currently involved in the City.

**MOTION BY HALL, SECOND BY STILES**, for appointment of William White and Maria Espino to Planning Commission:

**ROLL CALL**            **Ayes:** Draper, Stiles, Borges, Johnson, Hall  
                              **Noes:** None  
                              **Abstain:** None  
                              **Motion passes 5-0**

**G. VERBAL DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**13. Introduction of Scott Rolls as City Engineer successor (Bruce Nash)**

City Engineer, Bruce Nash introduced Scott Rolls to the Council and provided a brief verbal report about Scott Rolls professional achievements and experience with Gridley projects and lastly expressed that he would provide a great service to the City. Scott Rolls approached Council and told Council and staff he was looking forward to working for the City of Gridley. Interim City Administrator, Dean Price thanked Bruce Nash for his dedication, contribution and provided a summary of all the projects he has been involved in Gridley. Council thanked Bruce Nash for his service and welcomed Scott Rolls.

**H. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS - *Brief reports on conferences, seminars, and***

*meetings attended by the Mayor and City Council members, if any.*

**14. Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District Board of Trustees Agenda  
(submitted by Jerry Fichter)**

Jerry Fichter could not be present to provide an update on this matter. The Board of Trustees Agenda was distributed for Council update and information. Frank Hall directed Interim City Administrator Dean Price to send a thank you letter to Fichter for her service on the Board.

Mayor Hall provided a verbal update on the Flood Control Agency meeting and Council member Borges provided a verbal update on the Butte County Air Quality Control meeting and Butte County Association of Governments meeting.

**I. CLOSED SESSION**

At 6:30 p.m. Council announced under government code, the Council would adjourn into closed session

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

**A. Unrepresented Management**

**Positions:** City Administrator, Public Works Director, Chief of Police

**B. International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers**

**Positions:** Public Works Director, Electric Superintendent, Administrative Secretary, Community Development Assistant, Assistant Building Inspector, Senior Accounting Technician, Accounting Technician, Administrative Services Clerk I & II, Transit Operator, Maintenance Supervisor, Senior Maintenance Worker, Maintenance Worker II, Maintenance Worker I, Electrical Supervisor, Senior Electric Line Worker, Electrical Line Worker, Apprentice Line Worker, Customer Service Technician

**2. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9:  
1 potential case

**3. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (GC: 54957 (b)(1))**

Employee: Chief of Police

**Closed session minutes are as follows:**

- 1. City Council approved (5-0) City Administrator recruitment expenses not to exceed \$16,000.**

**ROLL CALL**     **Ayes:** Draper, Stiles, Borges, Johnson, Hall  
**Noes:** None  
**Absent:** None  
**Abstain:** None  
**Motion passes 5-0**

- 2. City Council approved (4-0, Stiles was absent by this time) Chief Price's performance evaluation as meeting standards and granted his salary increase from Step #4 to #5, effective immediately.**

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Draper, Borges, Johnson, Hall

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** Stiles

**Abstain:** None

**Motion passes 4-0**

**J. ADJOURNMENT** –to the next regularly scheduled meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

**Approved:**



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**Paul Eckert, City Clerk**

