

Gridley City Council – Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 16, 2023; 6:00 pm
Gridley City Hall, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley, CA 95948

“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.”

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Farr called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers

Present: Farr, Johnson, Roberts, Calderon, Sanchez
Absent: None
Arriving after roll call: None

Staff Present: Cliff Wagner, City Administrator
Rodney Harr, Police Chief
Tony Galyean, City Attorney
Jake Carter, Utilities Director
Elisa Arteaga, Finance Director

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Calderon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION – None

PROCLAMATION – None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW OR PROMOTED EMPLOYEES - None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Minutes Dated September 27th and October 2nd, 2023
2. Approval of City Administrator Employment Agreement

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilmember Calderon, seconded by Councilmember Roberts.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Calderon, Johnson, Farr, Roberts, Sanchez

Motion carried, 5-0

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

3. Resolution: 2023-R-034: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gridley Amending Gridley's Master Fee Schedule to Modify Title 13, Electric Charges

City Administrator Wagner and Mark Beauchamp of UFS, presented a PowerPoint that outlined the proposed electric rate increase as previously discussed at the September 12th study session.

Pat Coghlan shared his concerns and opposition about the rate increase.

After Council and staff discussion, motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilmember Roberts, seconded by Councilmember Calderon.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Roberts, Calderon, Farr

Noes: Johnson, Sanchez

Motion passed, 3-2

4. Local Roadway Safety Plan Draft

City Engineer Dave Harden presented the staff report and explained the adoption of a Local Roadway Safety Plan is required for Highway Safety Improvement Program funding.

Mark Doty, of TJKM presented a PowerPoint that highlighted findings of the recent studies and requested Council direction on implementations they would like to see in the final report.

Council agreed the intersection of Cherry St and Highway 99 is a main area of concern.

Pat Coghlan, Gridley resident, shared safety concerns about Highway 99.

This item was informational, no vote was necessary at this time.

5. Consideration of the MOU Between Butte County and City of Gridley for Participation in the Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP)

City Administrator Wagner requested Council approve the MOU with Butte County for participation in the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Local governments must adopt a LHMP to receive project grant funds under the Hazard Mitigation Grant program.

Motion to approve the MOU was made by Councilmember Calderon, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Calderon, Sanchez, Roberts, Johnson, Farr
Motion carried, 5-0

6. Consideration of 2024 F-150 Purchase for Electric Department

Electric Utility Director Jake Carter requested to replace the current 2012 Electric Supervisor truck to maintain reliability.

Councilmember Sanchez and Vice Mayor Johnson expressed their concerns about replacing an 11-year-old vehicle. Vice Mayor Johnson suggested a sealed bid be held for the sale of the 2012 Ford 150.

Motion to approve the purchase of the 2024 F-150 was made by Councilmember Roberts, seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Farr, Calderon, Roberts, Sanchez Johnson

Motion carried, 5-0

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM

Steve Welch of SnS Construction addressed Council to ask why Eagle Meadows was left off the recent Housing Pipeline.

CITY STAFF AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Calderon informed Council of the upcoming Day of the Dead Celebration on November 2nd at Daddow Park.

Vice Mayor Johnson reported on his attendance at the SBFCA meeting.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Administrator Wagner reported on another successful Free Dump Day in partnership with Waste Management.

POTENTIAL FUTURE CITY COUNCIL ITEMS - (Appearing on the Agenda within 30-90 days):

Water Resiliency Authorization Documents	11/6/2023
Finance Policies	11/20/2023
Water, Wastewater Rate Schedule Change	12/4/2023

CLOSED SESSION –

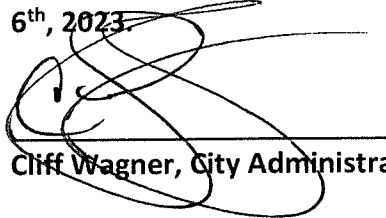
7. Closed Session Discussion and Conference with Legal Counsel pursuant to Government Code 54956.9 – Existing Litigation – “In Re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability

Litigation, 3M Class Action Case; United States District Court, District of South Carolina, Charleston Division, MDL No. 2:18-mn-2873-RMG; Case No. 2:23-CV-03147-RMG

Council went into closed session at 8:20 and came out at 8:42 with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

With no items further to discuss, Mayor Farr adjourned to the next regular meeting on November 6th, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cliff Wagner", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is somewhat stylized and scribbled.

Cliff Wagner, City Administrator