

# Gridley City Council – Regular City Council Meeting Agenda

Monday, October 5, 2020; 6:00 pm  
Gridley City Hall, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley, CA 95948

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**CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Johnson

**ROLL CALL** - Recording Secretary

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Council member Torres

**INVOCATION** - None

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2020 Proclamation

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW OR PROMOTED EMPLOYEES** - None

**COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM** - *Members of the public may address the City Council on matters not listed on the agenda. The City Council may not discuss nor take action on any community participation item brought forward by a member of the community. Comments are requested to be limited to three (3) minutes.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. City Council Minutes dated August 17 and September 8, 2020

2. Withdrawal of Request to Defer Improvements at 1201 Independence Place

**ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

3. Police Department Update

**CITY STAFF AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS** - *Brief updates from City staff and brief reports on conferences, seminars, and meetings attended by the Mayor and City Council members, if any.*

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

Introduction General Plan/Prezone/Annexation for north 400 ac.	11/2/2020
Garbage Services RFP Approval	11/2/2020
Stenzel General Plan/Prezone/Annexation	11/2/2020

**CLOSED SESSION – None**

**ADJOURNMENT** – adjourning to a Regular City Council meeting on November 2, 2020

**NOTE 1: POSTING OF AGENDA-** This agenda was posted on the public bulletin board at City Hall at or before 6:00 p.m., October 2, 2020. This agenda along with all attachments is available for public viewing online at [www.gridley.ca.us](http://www.gridley.ca.us) and at the Administration Counter in City Hall, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley, CA.

**NOTE 2: REGARDING UNSCHEDULED MATTERS** – In accordance with state law, it shall be the policy of this Council that no action shall be taken on any item presented during the public forum or on unscheduled matters unless the Council, by majority vote, determines that an emergency situation exists, or, unless the Council by a two-thirds vote finds that the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of this agenda.

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2020 Proclamation

**Whereas**, although progress has been made toward preventing and ending domestic violence and providing support to survivors and their families, important work remains to be done; and,

**Whereas**, domestic violence programs in California provide essential, lifesaving services for survivors, their children, and communities; and,

**Whereas**, there is a need to provide education, awareness and understanding of domestic violence and its causes; and,

**Whereas**, approximately 40% of California women experience physical intimate partner violence in their lifetimes; and,

**Whereas**, domestic violence affects people of all genders, sexual orientations, ages, racial, ethnic, cultural, social, religious, and economic groups in the United States and here in California; and,

**Whereas**, the marginalization of certain groups in society, including undocumented individuals, transgender individuals, and people living with disabilities, increases their vulnerability to domestic violence; and,

**Whereas**, domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness among families in the United States; and,

**Whereas**, the COVID-19 pandemic has led to additional barriers for survivors of domestic violence as they attempt to find safety; and,

**Whereas**, children exposed to domestic violence can experience long-term consequences including difficulty at school, substance abuse, behavioral problems in adolescence, and serious adult health problems; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bruce Johnson, Mayor of Gridley in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2020 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge all citizens to participate in the scheduled activities and programs sponsored by Catalyst Domestic Violence Services to work towards building healthy relationships and eliminating intimate partner violence.

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Bruce Johnson, Mayor



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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6pm

## ROLL CALL

### Council members

Present: Johnson, Williams, Torres  
Absent: Crye, Borges

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was led by Mayor Johnson

## INVOCATION - None

## PROCLAMATIONS – None

## COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM

The Mayor opened the forum and seeing no one present wishing to speak, Recreation Coordinator Trina Leishman then gave an update on the current status of Recreation programs.

**Danny Howard, Electric Utility Director, provided an update that included possible temporary curtailing of power to comply with State mandates.**

**With no further public comment, the forum was closed.**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. City Council minutes dated June 10, June 15, June 24, and July 8, 2020
2. Adopt Resolution Number 2020-R-017: A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Gridley Authorizing Application For, And Receipt of, Local Government Planning Support Grant Program Funds
3. Police Vehicle Surplus
4. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report FY 18-19
5. Intergovernmental Agency Agreement Between the City of Gridley and Regional Housing Authority for Housing Consultant Services
6. Authorizing Extension of Audit Services Firm
7. Approval of Resolution No. 2020-R-018: A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Gridley Authorizing the City Administrator to Represent the City for The Wilson Well Assessment

**Motion to approve the consent agenda by Council member Torres, seconded by Vice Mayor Williams.**

### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Ayes: Johnson, Torres, Williams**

**Motion passed, 3-0**

### **ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

8. Update - City Council's Quality Streets Initiative

**Administrator Eckert provided an update on the lack of funding availability for improving streets in the State of California and reviewed the steps taken by Council in recent years to improve the City's ability to upgrade the quality of City streets.**

**Public Works Director Ross Pippitt gave an update on the current paving projects in the City.**

**This was informational, no action was taken.**

9. Authorization to Purchase 15 Body Worn Cameras and Utilize the Technical Assurance Plan in Order to Maintain the Equipment

**Chief Harr reviewed the staff report and the need to update the current cameras utilized by the Department.**

**Motion to approve item #9 by Vice Mayor Williams, seconded by Mayor Johnson.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Ayes: Johnson, Williams, Torres**

**Motion passed, 3-0**

**10. Council Meeting Schedule Changes**

**Motion to accept the proposed meeting schedule by Vice Mayor Williams, seconded by Council member Torres.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Ayes: Williams, Torres, Johnson**

**Motion passed, 3-0**

**CITY STAFF AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Mayor Johnson reported on the meetings he attended with Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency and Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District.**

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

Police Department Digital Radio System Budget Review	9/21/2020
Stenzel General Plan/Prezone/Annexation	9/21/2020
Garbage Services RFP Approval	10/5/2020
Introduction General Plan/Prezone/Annexation for north 400 ac.	10/5/2020

**CLOSED SESSION – None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**With no items for further discussion, the Council adjourned at 7:10pm to the next meeting on September 8, 2020.**

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**Paul Eckert, City Clerk**

# Gridley City Council – DRAFT Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 8, 2020; 6:00 pm  
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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6pm

## ROLL CALL

### Council Members

Present: Johnson, Williams, Crye  
Absent: Borges, Torres  
Arriving after roll call: None

### Staff present:

Paul Eckert, City Administrator/Finance Director  
Tony Galyean, City Attorney  
Danny Howard, Electric Utility Director  
Ross Pippitt, Public Works Director  
Rodney Harr, Police Chief

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance

## INVOCATION - None



**PROCLAMATIONS – None**

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW OR PROMOTED EMPLOYEES - None**

**COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM**

Jessica Ramos-McElroy requested that Council consider some form of live streaming Council meetings.

**CONSENT AGENDA – None**

**ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

1. Electric Department Update to the City Council

Electric Utility Director, Danny Howard, provided an update of the current financial standing of the Electric Department. A summary of the current staff, staff training, and current projects was also provided along with the previous years' accomplishments in Biggs and Gridley.

This was informational only; no action was taken.

2. City of Gridley Website Overview

Administrator/Finance Director Eckert gave an overview of the various communication efforts and the desire of City Council to be engaged with the Community. The public was encouraged to share any concerns and reach out to the Council using the contact information on the City of Gridley website, or through the Recreation Facebook page, and the Gridley Police Department Facebook page. Using the overhead screens in Council Chambers, Eckert went online and provided a visual review of the City's website.

This was informational only; no action was taken.

3. City of Gridley Water, Sewer, and Electric Utility Rate History and Status

Administrator/Finance Director Eckert reviewed the staff report giving an overview of the City's various utility departments. Items discussed included the oversight of utilities, establishing utility rates, water and sewer rate comparisons and the efforts made thus far to address the 2016-17 electric fund crisis. Current electric rates and efforts to maintain the City's low rates were also reviewed.

There were brief comments from the public; this was an informational item only and no action was taken.

**CITY STAFF AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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**CLOSED SESSION – None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**With no items for further discussion, the Council adjourned at 8:20pm to the next Regular Council meeting on September 21.**

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**Paul Eckert, City Clerk**

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## City Council Agenda Item #2

### Staff Report

**Date:** October 5, 2020

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** City Administrator Paul Eckert

**Subject:** Withdrawal of Request to Defer Improvements at 1201 Independence Place

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency

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#### **Recommendation**

Staff respectfully requests the City Council cease any further action regarding the potential Deferred Improvement Agreement at 1201 Independence Place. No City Council action is required.

#### **Discussion**

During the September 21, 2020 City Council meeting, as recommended by City Planning staff, the City Council consider a potential Deferred Improvement Agreement at 1201 Independence Place. The item was deferred to the October 5<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

Staff has met with the property owner/developer and he has volunteered to build the necessary public improvements and has withdrawn his deferral request. No City Council action is required. The owner/developer underscored his appreciation of the City Council regarding its support of this project and several of his other recent projects.

#### **Financial Impact**

There are no direct or indirect costs to the City.

#### **Compliance with City Council Strategic Plan or Budget Goals**

This recommendation is consistent with the ongoing effort to be responsive and transparent regarding all financial matters and development projects.

**Attachments** - None



**City Council Agenda Item #3**  
Staff Report

**Date:** October 5, 2020  
**To:** Mayor and City Council  
**From:** City Departmental Leadership Team Members  
**Subject:** Police Department Update to the City Council

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<b>X</b>	Regular
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	Emergency

**Recommendation**

Staff respectfully requests that the Mayor and City Council permit the Police Chief to provide a brief update to the City Council regarding current Departmental efforts. No City Council action is required.

**Background**

The Mayor and City Council appoint and evaluate each of the City of Gridley's Department Directors. The Department Director's are entrusted with providing quality, cost-effective services with a long-term perspective. The Mayor and Council expects excellent leadership from each of its appointees. Department Directors are expected to occasionally provide the Mayor and City Council with updates regarding their Department's efforts.

**Compliance with City Council Strategic Plan or Budget Goals**

The City Council and City staff are committed to providing the highest possible transparency regarding all City of Gridley activities.

**Attachment**

None