

Gridley City Council – Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 20, 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
Martin Pineda, Assistant Finance Director
Sean Norman, Fire Chief
Ross Pippitt, Public Works Director
Ashley Ayala, Recreation Coordinator

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION – None

PROCLAMATION

After receiving general consensus from the Council accepting the proclamation, Mayor Farr read the Homeless and Runaway Youth Awareness Month Proclamation for November 2023.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW OR PROMOTED EMPLOYEES

Utility Director, Jake Carter introduced the new Lineman Apprentice, Collin Morey.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Minutes Dated November 6th, 2023
2. September & October 2023 Expenditure Report
3. July – September 2023 Treasurer’s Report
4. Butte County Fish & Game Commission Grant Application
5. Resolution 2023-R-037: Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the Gridley Fire Department to Receive a Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Vice Mayor Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Roberts.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Calderon, Johnson, Sanchez, Farr, Roberts

Motion passed, 5-0

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

6. Informational Presentation: Extension of Waste Management Contract for Collection of Solid Waste, Recyclables, Green Waste and Transfer Station Operation Services

Christian Garcia of Waste Management presented the contract extension proposal to Council and briefly explained that moving forward, Waste Management hopes to work with the City of Gridley to bring delinquent accounts current.

City Attorney, Tony Galyean, informed Council he would like to look at the contract proposal more in depth and will be requesting information from Waste Management to create a response.

A study session for this item is tentatively scheduled for the December 4th regular Council meeting.

7. Homeless and Runaway Youth Awareness Month, November 2023 – Butte County Homeless Youth Task Force

Mayor Farr presented the proclamation to Susan Feingold of the Butte County Homeless Youth Task Force.

8. SR99 Waterline Replacement Project – Bennett Engineering Task Order: 16-607-104

City Engineer, Dave Harden, requested the approval of the task order authorizing Bennett Engineering to manage and design the SR99 waterline replacement.

Vice Mayor Johnson expressed his concerns about the price and recommended the City enter a request for proposals (RFP) process for the design of the project.

Mayor Farr and Councilmember Roberts felt that submitting for RFP in the middle of a project would ultimately accumulate greater costs for the City.

Councilmember Calderon stated for the record that he trusts that our City Engineer and City staff have the City's best interest in mind and made a motion to approve the task order. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Roberts.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Sanchez, Calderon, Farr, Roberts

Noes : Johnson

Motion passed, 4-1

9. Resolution No. 2023-R-038: A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Gridley Approving the Application for The Outdoor Equity Grants Program Grant Funds Round Two

Recreation Coordinator, Ashley Ayala, requested Council approve the resolution allowing City staff to submit for the 2nd round of Outdoor Equity Grants program. Ayala highlighted some of the programs that were made available to Gridley residents from the grant's first round.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Vice Mayor Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Calderon.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Calderon, Farr, Roberts, Johnson, Sanchez

Motion passed, 5-0

10. City Hall, Police Department and Museum Building Painting

Public Works Director, Ross Pippitt, presented the two bids he received for the exterior repaint of City Hall, Police Department and Gridley Museum. He recommended Council approve the contract with Law's Custom Painting, Inc.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Calderon, Farr, Roberts, Sanchez, Johnson

Motion passed, 5-0

11. Auditing Services Contract FYE 2022-2027 – Chavan and Associates, LLP

Finance Director Elisa Arteaga requested Council approve the contract for auditing services with Chavan and Associates, LLP for fiscal years ending 2022-2027.

Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Sanchez, seconded by Councilmember Roberts.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM

The community participation forum was open and seeing there was no one to speak, was closed.

CITY STAFF AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Calderon reported on his attendance at the Butte County Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting.

Councilmember Roberts reported on his attendance at the Chamber of Commerce meeting and added that the Moose Lodge will be serving Thanksgiving Day meals for all the public.

Mayor Farr stated that the VFW has volunteered to serve the meals at the Moose Lodge.

Vice Mayor Johnson reported on his attendance at the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District meeting.

Utility Director Jake Carter mentioned to Council that he expects to bring a request for purchase of a bucket truck before the new year to avoid having to purchase a zero-emissions bucket truck in 2024.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

City Administrator Wagner invited Council to the City staff Holiday Party on December 19th and informed them that Avatar Foods has closed escrow on the old Stapleton Spence building.

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

Water Resiliency Authorization Documents	12/4/2023
Housing Element Review and Discussion	12/4/2023
Local Road Safety Plan Adoption (Consent Agenda)	12/4/2023
Proposal for Shared Fire Department Mechanic	12/4/2023
Finance Policies	12/18/2023
Water, Wastewater Rate Schedule Change	12/18/2023
Housing Element Adoption	12/18/2023

CLOSED SESSION

- 12. Closed Session Discussion with Legal Counsel Pursuant to Government Code 54957.8: Case Review/Planning, 2 Matters

- 13. Closed Session Discussion with Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6 For Unrepresented Employee, Position: Finance Director

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

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items left to discuss, Mayor Farr adjourned to the next regular meeting on December 4th, 2023.



Cliff Wagner, City Administrator

