

Gridley City Council – Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 18, 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, Roberts, Sanchez

Absent: Caldero, Johnson

Arriving after roll call: None

Staff Present: Cliff Wagner, City Administrator
Rodney Harr, Police Chief
Landon Little, Deputy City Attorney
Ross Pippitt, Public Works Director
Jake Carter, Utility Director
Elisa Arteaga, Finance Director
Dave Harden, City Engineer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Bishop Mclean, of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

PROCLAMATION – None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Police Chief Rodney Harr introduced the new Police Officer, Rollin Luntley.

RECOGNITION OF RETIRING CITY ADMINISTRATOR, CLIFF WAGNER AND RETIRING FIRE CHIEF, SEAN NORMAN

Mayor Farr recognized the retirement of current Fire Chief, Sean Norman and our City Administrator, Cliff Wagner. Both Administrator Wagner and Chief Norman expressed gratitude

for the City, City Council and staff. Newly appointed staff were introduced at that time: Fire Chief Chip Fowler, City Administrator Elisa Arteaga, and Finance Director Martin Pineda.

Council adjourned to a brief recess for refreshments.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Minutes Dated December 4th, 2023
2. Council Meeting Dates for 2024

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Roberts, Sanchez, Farr

Motion carried, 3-0

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

3. Resolution Nos. 2023-R-041 and 2023-R-042: Conduct a Public Hearing and Consider Water and Sewer Rate Adjustments

City Administrator Wagner addressed Council regarding the proposed increase that was tentatively approved at the September 14th regular meeting pending the Prop 218 requirements be met and pending confirmation that the City does not receive a majority vote against the rate adjustments. Administrator Wagner explained City staff implemented the Prop 218 process that requires a minimum 45-day notice be mailed to property owners and rate payers. City staff mailed 2,124 notices both in English and Spanish language that included the current and proposed rate schedules. A total of two protests were received. City Administrator Wagner respectfully requested that Resolution 2023-R-041 and Resolution 2023-R-042 be adopted, approving the proposed rate change.

Pat Coghlan submitted written comments and shared concerns of information being available to the public.

After a brief Council discussion, motion to approve the item was made by Councilmember Roberts, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Sanchez, Roberts, Farr

Motion carried, 3-0

4. Solid Waste Contract Extension

Christian Garcia of Waste Management presented a PowerPoint that highlighted important details of the proposed solid waste contract.

Councilmember Sanchez had questions for the Waste Management representatives as well for City staff. Pat Coghlan asked for clarification on how to register for discounted senior rates.

After discussion, a motion to approve the contract was made by Councilmember Roberts, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Sanchez, Roberts, Farr

Motion passed, 3-0

Administrator Wagner reminded Council and public that the Waste Management rate increase is also subject to Prop 218 noticing. This item is tentatively scheduled for the regular Council meeting of March 4th, 2024 after appropriate notice has been given to customers and property owners.

5. Bucket Truck – Terex TL60

Utility Director Jake Carter requested Council approve the purchase of a Terex TL60 bucket truck to replace their existing bucket truck.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Farr, Roberts, Sanchez

Motion passed, 3-0

CITY STAFF AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

City Administrator Wagner reminded Council of the Holiday Party scheduled for December 19th. Administrator Wagner also thanked Council for the opportunity to work for the City and with City Council.

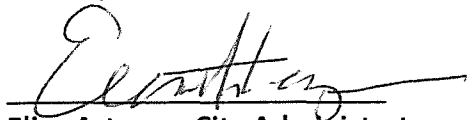
POTENTIAL FUTURE CITY COUNCIL ITEMS - (Appearing on the Agenda within 30-90 days):

Proposal for Shared Fire Department Mechanic	1/15/2024
Finance Policies	1/15/2024
Housing Element Review and Discussion	1/15/2024

CLOSED SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items left to discuss, Mayor Farr adjourned to the next regular meeting on January 16th, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elisa Arteaga', written over a horizontal line.

Elisa Arteaga, City Administrator