

Gridley City Council – Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 16, 2021; 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.”

Notice of Temporary City Council Meeting Procedures

This meeting is being held in accordance with the Brown Act as currently in effect under the State Emergency Act, Governor Gavin Newsom’s Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-29-20 issued March 17, 2020 that allows attendance by City Council, City staff and the public to participate and conduct the meeting by teleconference and to participate in the meeting to the same extent as if they were present. Comments from the public on agenda items will be accepted until 4 pm on February 16, 2021, via email to jmolinari@gridley.ca.us or via the payment/document drop box at Gridley City Hall and will be conveyed to the Council for consideration. The Mayor and Council appreciate the public’s adaptation and patience during this crisis.

You may attend via teleconference:

- Dial 1-888-204-5987
- Enter the Access Code 5767603#

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6 pm

ROLL CALL

Council Members

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

Staff present: Rodney Harr, Police Chief/Acting City Administrator
Tony Galyean, City Attorney
Ross Pippitt, Public Works Director
Danny Howard, Electric Utility Director
Ruben Quihuiz, Lieutenant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance

INVOCATION - None

PROCLAMATIONS - None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW OR PROMOTED EMPLOYEES - None

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM

Mr. William Bynum said he was happy we are having a Council meeting because other nearby Cities have canceled theirs due to COVID-19.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. February 1, 2021 City Council Minutes

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Vice Mayor Farr, seconded by Mayor Johnson

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Calderon, Johnson, Farr, Sanchez

Motion passed, 4-0

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

2. Invitation to Join Butte County Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BCBHB) Zoom Meetings

Acting Administrator Harr briefly reviewed the staff report. After brief discussion, motion to approve item #2 and appoint Vice Mayor Farr with Council member Sanchez as an alternate by Council member Calderon, seconded by Council member Sanchez.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Johnson, Calderon, Sanchez, Farr

Motion passed, 4-0

3. Request by Council Member Calderon to initiate a COVID-19 Local Intervention Program to address COVID-19 Concerns and Education to our Local Community

Council member Calderon went through a power point presentation expressing his desire to see the City initiate its own COVID-19 Local Intervention Program. Council was divided in their support of the proposal. Although some thought it was a good idea for the City to promote, others thought it should be done on an individual basis and not something the City should be attached to as Butte County Public Health is already providing all the necessary information.

Public comments were received from Kathy McKenzie, William Bynum and Steve Stark in support of the idea. Chris Williams said he doesn't want the City to overstep their bounds but does think they should help somehow.

Motion to approve item #3 by Council member Sanchez, seconded by Council member Calderon

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Sanchez, Calderon

Noes: Johnson, Farr

Item did not pass for lack of majority vote.

4. Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) Requesting Loan Forbearance and a Pause in Interest Accrual on the EDBG/CDBG Loan from the City of Gridley

Seana O’Shaughnessy, President and CEO of Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) addressed Council with the request. She gave a brief history of CHIP and what they do. There was discussion regarding the current commercial and residential rents and details were provided as to the amount of the requested forbearance.

Motion to approve item #4 by Council member Sanchez, seconded by Vice Mayor Farr

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Sanchez, Calderon, Johnson, Farr

Motion passed, 4-0

5. Request by Council (Johnson)(Farr)(Torres)(Sanchez) and (Calderon) regarding the Community interest in Livestreaming/Zoom style platforms for the City of Gridley Council meetings

Acting Administrator Harr reviewed the staff report. After brief discussion, Staff was directed to return with three different options as far as camera/audio setup and pricing for Council consideration.

Pat Coghlan and William Bynum made comments in favor of a new platform. Email comments from Grace Mahannah in support of item #5 were provided to all Council members prior to the meeting.

This was informational, no action was taken.

CITY STAFF AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Johnson reported on the meetings he attended with Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District and Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency. He also announced that Supervisor Todd Kimmelshue has an office in Gridley at the Veteran’s Building and is available 2-3 days a week.

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

Approval of Mid-Year Budget Adjustments	4/19/2021
Bernard Rezone	4/19/2021
Edler Estates Pre-Application	5/17/2021
Sphere of Influence Update	6/21/2021
Introduction General Plan/Prezone/Annexation for north 400 ac.	7/19/2021

CLOSED SESSION

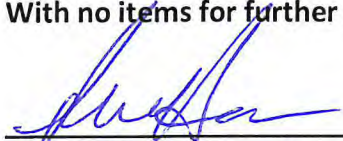
Council went into closed session at approximately 8 pm.

6. Closed Session to confer with legal counsel on existing litigation: "Marco Anthony Garcia-Padilla vs. City of Gridley, Gridley Police Dept, et al., United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, Case No. 2:21-CV-00206-TLN-DMC".
7. Conference with Labor Negotiators: Labor Negotiations – IBEW
Negotiator: Acting City Administrator, Rodney Harr
Positions: Electrical Supervisor, Senior Electric Line Worker, Electrical Line Worker, Apprentice Line Worker, Customer Service Technician

Council came out of closed session at 8:52 pm with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

With no items for further discussion, Council adjourned to a Regular meeting on March 1, 2021.



Rodney Harr, Acting City Clerk