

Gridley City Council – Regular City Council Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 18, 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 – Councilmember Borges

INVOCATION – Pastor Brad Roberts of the Calvary Chapel of Gridley

PROCLAMATIONS - None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW OR PROMOTED EMPLOYEES

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 – *Items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and acted upon by one motion. Any Council member may request that an item be removed for separate consideration. The City Council may only make minor comments; otherwise the item should be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed as the first item(s) under “Items for Council Consideration”.*

1. Regular City Council minutes dated February 3, 2020

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

2. Removal of Fluoride from the City’s Water System

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):

Police Department Digital Radio System	3/2/2020
IT Contract with Oroville	3/2/2020
Vacant Property Program	3/16/2020
Audit Approval	4/6/2020
Police Service Agreement	4/20/2020
Garbage Services RFP Approval	4/20/2020
Annual Budget FY 20-21 Introduction	4/20/2020
Grant Writer	5/4/2020
Budget Review	5/4/2020
Budget Review	5/18/2020
Budget Adoption	6/15/2020

CLOSED SESSION

3. Closed session to discuss with legal counsel potential/anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code 54956.9

ADJOURNMENT – adjourning to the next regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 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., February 14, 2020, in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2. This agenda along with all attachments is available for public viewing online at 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.

Gridley City Council – DRAFT City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 3, 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, Borges, Torres, Crye, Williams
Absent: None
Arriving after roll call: None

Staff present:

Paul Eckert, City Administrator/Finance Director
Tony Galyean, City Attorney
Al Byers, Police Chief
Daryl Dye, Utilities Director
Ross Pippitt, Public Works Director
Rodney Harr, Police Lieutenant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council member Torres led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Pastor Ed Lucas of the Gridley Christian Church provided the invocation.

PROCLAMATIONS

Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month, February 2020 - Accepted by Makayla Chacon, Catalyst Advocate

Mayor Johnson read and presented the Proclamation to Alyssa Cozine who attended in place of Makayla Chacon. Ms. Cozine spoke briefly regarding Catalyst’s programs and thanked Council for the recognition.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW OR PROMOTED EMPLOYEES

Introduction of new Police Department Employees:

- Officer Emmanuel Soto
- Officer Nou Lor

Chief Byers introduced both new officers and gave a brief history of their background. Both officers were pinned and welcomed to the Gridley-Biggs Police Department.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM

The forum was opened and, seeing no one present wishing to speak, was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Regular and Special City Council minutes dated January 21, 2020
2. Short-term Contract for Accounting Services

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Vice Mayor Williams, seconded by Council member Crye

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Johnson, Borges, Torres, Williams, Crye

Motion passed, 5-0

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION - None

CITY STAFF AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

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

Police Department Digital Radio System	2/18/2020
IT Contract with Oroville	2/18/2020
Grant Writer	2/18/2020
Police Service Agreement	2/18/2020
Fluoride Elimination	2/18/2020
Audit Approval	3/16/2020
Garbage Services RFP Approval	4/20/2020
Annual Budget FY 20-21 Introduction	4/20/2020
Budget Review	5/4/2020
Budget Review	5/18/2020
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CLOSED SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

With no items for further discussion, Council adjourned at 6:15 to the next regular meeting on February 18, 2020.

Paul Eckert, City Clerk

City Council Agenda Item #2
Staff Report

Date: February 18, 2020
To: Mayor and City Council
From: City Administrator Paul Eckert and City Engineer Dave Harden
Subject: Removal of Fluoride from the City’s Water System

X	Regular
	Special
	Closed
	Emergency

Recommendation

Staff respectfully requests that the Mayor and City Council officially approve the removal of fluoride dosing from the City’s drinking water system.

Background

The City is not required to fluoridate the water system pursuant to California Code of Regulations Section 64433. The City informally stopped adding fluoride to the water on October 14, 2019 due to equipment failures that could potentially dose unsafe amounts of fluoride into the Gridley drinking water system. Most systems in Butte County and the surrounding area are not fluoridated. The City of Gridley began fluoridating in May of 1954. The System was originally capable of adding fluoride to the drinking water at each of the seven wells throughout the City. The chemical feed equipment has had numerous ongoing operational problems due to aging equipment and manufacturer changes in the fluoride salts. Replacement of some of the feed system components, such as pumps, has not corrected problems with dosage levels to the system.

Argument for Fluoride - Studies have shown that fluoride may prevent tooth decay, protects all ages against cavities, saves money on dental treatment costs, and is considered a safe and effective method by numerous health organizations. Fluoride is a naturally occurring mineral that is most likely already present in the water system in smaller amounts. The State of California requires water systems that serve more than 10,000 connections (Gridley has less than 2,500 connections) AND that have available funding to add fluoride to their water per Section 64433 of the California Code of Regulations.

Argument Against Fluoride - Fluoride is the only chemical added to water for purposes of medical treatment. It’s one of the only medically provided treatments that does not required “informed consent”, a standard practice for all medications administered. Other Fluoride concerns include lack of control over dosages, which goes against the pharmacotherapy idea of individualized treatment. Fluoride is not an essential nutrient and is increasingly present in other items residents consume such as toothpaste and mouthwash. The additional sources of fluoride combined with other fluoridated items may result in dosages exceeding the EPA recommendation. The effects of too much fluoride can be dangerous, and studies have shown that it can cause arthritic symptoms, bone damage, and many other health problems. Most systems in Butte County and the surrounding area are not fluoridated. Dozens of cities have rejected the use of fluoride. The list of the communities rejecting fluoride can be found at:
http://www.cleanwatersonomamarin.org/california/cal-communities_a-to-z/

Fiscal Impact – Financials savings to the Water Fund will result from no longer acquiring and implementing fluoride.

Compliance with City Council Strategic Plan or Budget Goals - Removal of fluoride from the water system will improve the City’s ability to deliver projects on the City’s Capital Improvement Plan by reducing the water system operations and maintenance budget.

Attachments - None