

# Gridley City Council – Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 15, 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 March 15, 2021, via email to [jmolinari@gridley.ca.us](mailto: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, Farr, Calderon, Torres  
Absent: None  
Arriving after roll call: None

### Staff present:

Rodney Harr, Police Chief / Interim City Administrator  
Tony Galyean, City Attorney  
Ross Pippitt, Public Works Director  
Danny Howard, Electric Utility Director  
Elisa Arteaga, Finance Director  
Ruben Quihuiz, Lieutenant

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Farr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION - None**

**PROCLAMATIONS - None**

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

**COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM**

**Mayor Johnson opened the forum and seeing no one wishing to speak, closed it.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. March 1, 2021 City Council Minutes
2. City Council Committee Assignments
3. Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-R-006: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gridley Authorizing and Designating City Representatives to Vote the City's Interests in Governance Agreements Associated with City's Participation in Programs, Projects, and Services as a Member of the Northern California Power Agency

**Mr. William Bynum addressed Council stating his concern that there has been no presentation regarding the live streaming/video conferencing options.**

**Mr. Coghlan stated his concern that the minutes for approval tonight did not properly reflect the conversation held at the March 1 Council meeting in regard to, among other things, when and where the contract was approved and he asked that they be amended.**

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Ayes: Calderon, Johnson, Torres, Farr, Sanchez**

**Motion passed, 5-0**

**ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

4. New Electric Metering System

**Electric Utility Director Danny Howard gave a thorough overview of the need for an upgraded system and requested Council's direction to move forward in performing a cost analysis.**

**Motion to approve item #4 by Mayor Johnson, seconded by Vice Mayor Farr.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Ayes: Johnson, Torres, Calderon, Sanchez, Farr**

**Motion passed, 5-0**

5. Additional Engineering Services for the Feather River Sewer Crossing Project

City Engineer Dave Harden reviewed the staff report and explained the changed circumstances leading to the need for additional services.

After a few questions and discussion, motion to approve item #5 by Vice Mayor Farr, seconded by Council member Torres.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ayes: Johnson, Farr, Torres, Sanchez, Calderon

Motion passed, 5-0

**CITY STAFF AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Council member Calderon reported on his orientation with Butte County Air Quality.

Vice Mayor Farr reported on the NCPA Commission meeting.

Mayor Johnson reported on the meetings he attended at 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):**

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

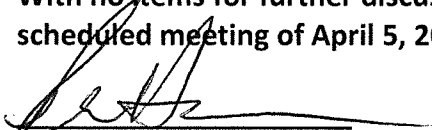
**CLOSED SESSION**

- 6. Government Code 54957 - Public Employee Performance: City Finance Director
- 7. Closed Session discussion with City Attorney pursuant to Government Code 54956.95 to discuss money damage claims presented to the City by Claimants Scott McMillan, Michael McMillan, Allison Woolbert and Tyrell Ford
- 8. Conference Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: “Scott McMillan et al vs. City of Gridley”, Butte County Superior court, case no. 21CV00451

Council went into closed session at 7:15 pm and came out at 8:11 pm with the following reportable action on item #7; Reject the claim in part and return the claim as untimely in part.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no items for further discussion, Council adjourned at 8:12 pm to the next regularly scheduled meeting of April 5, 2021.



Rodney Harr, Interim City Clerk

