

# Gridley City Council – Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 17, 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.”*

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## Notice of Temporary City Council Meeting Procedures

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

## ROLL CALL

### Council Members

Present:	Johnson, Sanchez, Calderon, Torres, Farr
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  
Donna Decker, City Planner

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Council Member Sanchez led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**INVOCATION - None**

**PROCLAMATIONS - None**

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

**VERBAL UPDATE**

- Update on Council Chambers Streaming Platform – Administrator Harr

**Interim Administrator Harr reviewed the progress on obtaining and installing the live stream platform for City Council meetings.**

**COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM**

**Mr. William Bynum, 1537 Lone Tree Rd., Palermo, thanked Council for the progress toward a live stream option for City Council meetings.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. City Council minutes dated April 29, 2021
2. City Tree Mistletoe Inspection Program
3. Selection of Volunteer Planning Commissioner

**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. Approval of City Administrator Employment Agreement

**Interim Administrator Harr briefly presented the item to Council. There was no public comment made.**

**Motion to approve item #4 by Vice Mayor Farr, seconded by Council Member Torres.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

**Noes: Sanchez**

**Motion passed, 4-1**

5. Review of The Potential Purchase of Property to Be Added to the Existing City of Gridley Corporation Yard Located at 235 Virginia Street (APN 010-123-010)

Planner Donna Decker briefly reviewed the staff report. There was concern among Council regarding possible contamination/exposure to environmental hazards and a Phase 1 Environmental Review was recommended.

Two public commenters encouraged the environmental review.

Motion to move forward with an offer including the Phase 1 Environmental Review made by Council Member Torres, seconded by Vice Mayor Farr.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

**Motion passed, 5-0**

6. Purchase of 25 Power Poles

Electric Utility Director Danny Howard addressed Council stating the need to order soon due to delays in delivery.

Motion to approve item #6 as presented by Council Member Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Torres.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

**Motion passed, 5-0**

**CITY STAFF AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

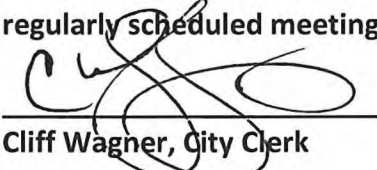
Finance Director Elisa Arteaga provided a brief update on upcoming budget study sessions. Council Member Torres reported on the success of Red Suspenders Day. Mayor Johnson reported on his attendance at Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency and Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District meetings.

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

General Plan Amendment and Rezone – Dhami	6/7/2021
Consideration of property purchase at 57 E Gridley Road	6/21/2021
CJIS Radio Compliance Program for Police Dept	6/21/2021
Bernard Annexation/GPA/RZ/TSM/MND	7/6/2021

**CLOSED SESSION - None**

**ADJOURNMENT - With no items for further discussion, Council adjourned at 6:51 pm to the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 7, 2021.**

  
Cliff Wagner, City Clerk

