

# Gridley City Council – Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 5, 2024; 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.”*

*Approved as submitted*

## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Farr called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

## ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: Elisa Arteaga, City Administrator  
Rodney Harr, Police Chief  
Tony Galyean, City Attorney  
Ross Pippitt, Utilities Director  
Martin Pineda, Finance Director

## COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM

Amy Jernigan addressed Council to invite them and the public to the Butte County Fair from August 22- August 25, 2024.

Larry Standridge, 355 Park St, expressed his concerns about drivers making it unsafe for disabled people to walk in the cross walks.

PROCLAMATION – None

RECOGNITION AND SWEARING IN OF POLICE CHIEF, TODD FARR

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES - None

## CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Minutes Dated July 15, 2024 and July 31, 2024
2. Employee Contract: T Farr
3. FY 21/22 Single Audit

4. Resolution 2024-R-025: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gridley to Levy Assessment District No. 2 on Butte County 2024-2025 Tax Roll (Eagle Meadows)

Resolution 2024-R-026: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gridley to Levy Assessment District No. 3 on Butte County 2024-2025 Tax Roll (Heron Landing)

5. Fire Mitigation Plan for FY 24/25
6. Resolution No. 2024-R-027: A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Gridley Approving the Attestation of Veracity for the 2023 Power Source Disclosure Report and Submission of The Report to The California Energy Commission
7. Review and Approval of Special Services Agreement with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore through the North State Employer Relations Consortium (ERC)

**Motion: to approve consent agenda items 1 and 3 through 7, moving item #2 to items for consideration.**

**MOTION: Sanchez**

**SECOND: Roberts**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: 4-0**

**Ayes: Calderon, Roberts, Sanchez, Farr**

#### **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

##### **2. Employee Contract: T Farr**

**City Administrator Elisa Arteaga respectfully requested that Council approve the employee contract for Todd Farr for the position of Police Chief.**

**Motion: approve the employee contract as presented.**

**MOTION: Roberts**

**SECOND: Calderon**

**ROLL CALL VOTE, 3-0-1**

**Ayes: Sanchez, Calderon, Roberts**

**Abstain: Farr**

**After the employee contract was approved, City Attorney Tony Galyean swore in Police Chief Todd Farr.**

**Previous Police Chief Rodney Harr presented Farr with his chief badge and invited Todd's son Brett to help pin his badge on. Harr also presented Farr with the Police Department flag.**

**Chief Todd Farr thanked his family for their support and thanked the City for the opportunity to serve his community at this new capacity.**

**Jeff Farr, Todd's brother, addressed Council to congratulate Chief Todd Farr.**

**Mayor Farr expressed gratitude for exiting Chief Rodney Harr.**

**8. 110 Virginia St and 390 Virginia St Properties: Informational Update by City Attorney**

**City Attorney Tony Galyean gave a verbal update on where the receiverships stand mentioning that Attorney Amanda Pope and her team were finishing up the abatement notices that will be posted at the sites and mailed to the property owners giving the owners 30 days to comply.**

**Robert Miller addressed Council to express his concerns of the conditions of each building.**

**This item was informational only.**

**9. General Plan Annual Report**

**City Administrator Arteaga briefly reported on the General Plan Annual Report and explained that this report is used as a guideline for future land development and uses.**

**After conversation, Councilmember Calderon and Councilmember Sanchez expressed they felt a study session was needed on the topic. Administrator Arteaga reiterated that this specific report was a routine annual report, and the complete General Plan update will be done with study sessions including Council and Planning Commission.**

**Steve Stapley, SnS Construction, spoke to Council to address his frustration with the plan review process for his previous submitted project, The Village at Eagle Meadows.**

**10. Public Funds Advisory: Informational Presentation**

**Finance Director, Martin Pineda, introduced Ben Sehy of Meeder Public Funds Advisory group to present to Council a hypothetical portfolio based on potential investments. Sehy thoroughly reviewed the portfolio, his company's processes and explained he would develop an investment policy for the City's review/adoption annually. The information was accepted by Council.**

**11. Authorize Contract with BMI Systems Group and Tyler Tech for Inventory Tracking Software**

**Finance Director Martin Pineda requested the approval of the contracts with BMI Systems Group and Tyler Tech and explained to Council the City was implementing an inventory tracking system for the public works and electric departments as a result of a recommendation from the auditors.**

**Motion: to approve both contracts.**

**MOTION: Calderon**

**SECOND: Sanchez**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: 4-0**

**Ayes: Calderon, Roberts, Sanchez, Farr**

**12. Sister City Agreement with Comala, Colima, Mexico**

**City Administrator Arteaga presented the Sister City Agreement that was first presented to Council by her predecessor Cliff Wagner. Administrator Arteaga informed Council of Comala**

representative’s plan to visit Gridley at the end of August to formally sign the agreement. Councilmember Calderon was appointed as the liaison between both Cities.

Motion: to approve the agreement.

MOTION: Roberts  
SECOND: Calderon

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4-0  
Ayes: Calderon, Roberts, Sanchez, Farr

**CITY STAFF AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilmember Calderon reported on his attendance at the Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting.

Councilmember Sanchez reported on her attendance at the monthly NCPA meeting.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

Administrator Arteaga reported on her meeting with the Butte County Oversight Board as well as her attendance at the NCPA LEC meeting.

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

Procurement Policy	8/19/2024
Travel Policy	8/19/2024
Energy Efficiency Contract Review	8/19/2024
Sports Complex	8/19/2024

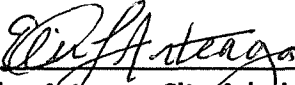
**CLOSED SESSION**

- 13. Closed Session Discussion with Legal Counsel Pursuant To Government Code 54956.95 – Liability Claim of Garrison Property and Casualty Insurance Company Against the City of Gridley Police Department

Council unanimously directed City Attorney Galyean to send a claim rejection notice.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items left to discuss, Mayor Farr adjourned to the next regular Council meeting on August 19, 2024.

  
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 Elisa Arteaga, City Administrator