

# **Gridley City Council – Regular Meeting Minutes**

Monday, August 7, 2023; 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.”*

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **ROLL CALL**

### **Councilmembers**

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

Staff Present: Cliff Wagner, City Administrator  
Rodney Harr, Police Chief  
Tony Galyean, City Attorney  
Ross Pippitt, Public Works Director  
Jake Carter, Utility Director  
Donna Decker, Planning Director  
Elisa Arteaga, Finance Director  
Dave Harden, City Engineer

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Councilmember Sanchez led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**INVOCATION – None**

**PROCLAMATION – None**

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

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. City Council Minutes Dated July 17, 2023
2. Treasurer’s Report Ending December 2022, March 2023, and June 2023
3. Expenditure Report April 2023, May 2023, and June 2023

After requesting to move items 4 and 5 to items of consideration, motion to approve consent agenda was made by Councilmember Sanchez, seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Ayes: Johnson, Sanchez, Calderon, Farr, Roberts**  
**Motion passed, 5-0**

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

4. Resolution No. 2023-R-028: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gridley Accepting a Report of Weed Abatement Costs and Assessing Liens on Affected Parcels for Said Costs

**Councilmember Sanchez stated she believed the payment due date being 10 days after the invoice date was insufficient. City Administrator Wagner informed Council of the steps outlined in our City ordinance that staff carefully takes in hopes to achieve compliance before any abatement is done by the City resulting in an invoice.**

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-R-028 was made by Councilmember Roberts, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Ayes: Farr, Johnson, Calderon, Sanchez, Roberts**  
**Motion passed, 5-0**

5. Annual Review of City Ordinance 838-2022, Gridley Police Department Policy #706 and Gridley Police Department Military Equipment Report 2022 and Inventory for 2023

**Councilmember Sanchez asked if there had been any changes to the GPD policy, to which Police Chief Harr informed her that no changes have been made to the previously adopted policy since 2021.**

**Motion to accept the annual review was made by Councilmember Sanchez, seconded by Councilmember Roberts.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Ayes: Farr, Johnson, Calderon, Sanchez, Roberts**  
**Motion passed, 5-0**

6. Electric, Water and Wastewater Cost of Services Study Findings and Recommendations presentation by Mark Beachamp, President, Utility Financial Solutions LLC

**City Administrator Wagner presented the staff report and introduced UFS President, Mark Beachamp, to present his findings and recommendations after concluding a cost-of-service study for sewer, water and electric utilities. Beachamp presented a thorough analysis of his recommendations and requested Council direction for preparing a new rate design for utility services. After extensive Council and City staff discussion, City Administrator Wagner suggested**

**Council schedule study sessions for each of the utilities with the guidance of Beachamp to which Council agreed.**

7. Fire Department Informational Update – Fire Chief, Sean Norman

**This item was postponed to a future Council meeting date.**

8. Gridley Industrial Park Complex Subdivision Map 2-22 (Book 207, Pgs 38-41)  
Consideration of a Proposal for the Development of Parcel 2 of the Industrial Park Complex (APN 021-240-027, 021-270-042)

**Planning Director, Donna Decker, presented the proposed mini storage development plan for parcel 2 of the Industrial Park Complex from Mr. Buljit Dhami. Mr. Dhami briefly spoke to Council and informed them that he owns Mallard Mini Storage in Gridley which is at capacity. Dhami feels there is a need for additional storage units within the City as well as RV and boat storage which he plans to incorporate in the development.**

**Councilmember Sanchez noted that she would like to see more power producing development at the Industrial Park and suggested the City hold off on selling the parcels.**

**Motion to approve the development was made by Vice Mayor Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Roberts.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Ayes: Johnson, Farr, Calderon, Roberts**

**Noes: Sanchez**

**Motion passed, 4-1**

9. Progress Update: 2023 Standard Details and Public Input

**City Engineer, Dave Harden, presented an update to the City Council approved task order for the design and construction standards update and provided Council with the first round of completed standards. This item was information only, no vote was necessary.**

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

**City Engineer Harden presented the staff report requesting City Council authorize City Administrator Wagner to execute the task order amendment allowing Bennett Engineering to proceed with additional engineering needed for the Feather River Sewer Crossing Project. These additional services are reimbursable to the City through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.**

**Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Roberts, seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

**Motion passed, 5-0**

11. Water Resiliency Project

City Engineer Harden informed Council that after DWSRF instated new policies, engineering staff is working to update the scope of work and combine all City water projects into one Water Resiliency Plan grant application as recommended by DWSRF.

12. Award of Contract for an Aluminum HD Dumping Flatbed

Utilities Director, Jake Carter, requested Council approve the purchase of a HD aluminum dumping flatbed from Royal Truck Body. Carter explained this project was previously approved in the 2022-2023 CIP projects but was unable to be completed due to supply, therefore it was pushed to the 2023-2024 CIP Budget.

Motion to approve the purchase was made by Councilmember Roberts, seconded by Councilmember Calderon.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

**Noes: Johnson**

**Motion passed, 4-1**

13. Amendment to the Budget Revenue Projections to Match Levy of Assessment Districts on the Butte County 2023-2024 Tax Roll

Finance Director, Elisa Arteaga, requested an amendment to the budget revenue projections in our adopted 23-24 budget to reflect revenue from the tax levy for the maintenance districts.

Motion to approve the amendment was made by Councilmember Calderon, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

**Motion passed, 5-0**

14. Review and Approval of the Consulting Services for Successor Agency of the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Gridley

Finance Director Elisa Arteaga recommended the approval of the consulting services contract with RSG, Inc. for the Successor Agency for the Redevelopment Agency. Arteaga explained that most recently the City had assistance with the specific reporting requirements from Eide Bailey but they have since lost their employee specializing in the reporting. Arteaga also explained that these consulting services costs will be recoverable through the ROPS annual reporting.

Motion to approve the consulting services contract was made by Councilmember Roberts, seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

**Motion passed. 5-0**

**COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM - None**

**CITY STAFF AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Councilmember Sanchez reported on her attendance for the NCPA Commission meeting. She also spoke for Amy Jernigan of the Butte County Fair to inform the public and Council of the Butte County Fair dates of August 24<sup>th</sup> – August 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**Councilmember Calderon informed Council of his attendance at the BCAG meeting.**

**Councilmember Roberts and Mayor Farr both attended National Night Out put on by the Gridley Chamber of Commerce. Councilmember Roberts thanked Ross and the Public Works Department for their great services for the event.**

**Vice Mayor Johnson reported on his attendance at the LAFCO meeting.**

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

**City Administrator Wagner reminded Council of the Annual League of California Cities Conference and advised that he will make arrangement for those who would like to attend.**


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

2022 Power Source Disclosure Report	8/21/2023
Gridley Housing Pipeline Tracking Sheet Update	8/21/2023
Finance Policies	8/21/2023
Soccer Park Plan Review	9/18/2023

**CLOSED SESSION - None**

**ADJOURNMENT –**

**With no other items left to discuss, Mayor Farr adjourned to the next regular meeting on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023.**

  
**Cliff Wagner, City Administrator**

