

Gridley City Council – Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 21, 2020; 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 2 pm on September 21, 2020, via email to 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.

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- Dial 1-888-204-5987
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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6pm.

ROLL CALL

Council Members

Present: Borges, Johnson, Williams, Crye, Torres
Absent: None
Arriving after roll call: None

Staff present:

Paul Eckert, City Administrator, Finance Director
Tony Galyean, City Attorney
Ross Pippitt, Public Works Director
Ruben Quihuiz, Lieutenant
Rodney Harr, Police Chief

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was led by Council member Crye

INVOCATION - None

PROCLAMATIONS – None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW OR PROMOTED EMPLOYEES - None

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Special Meeting Minutes dated August 14, 2020
2. Adopt Resolution Number 2020-R-019: A resolution authorizing the City Administrator to execute a Deferred Improvement Agreement to defer the construction of curb, gutter, and sidewalk and other improvements located at 1201 Independence Place
3. Consultant Contract Award for Central Gridley Pedestrian Connectivity and Equal Access Project

With item #2 pulled for discussion, motion to approve consent agenda by Vice Mayor Williams, seconded by Council member Borges.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Crye, Johnson, Borges, Torres, Williams

Motion passed, 5-0

Regarding item #2, Council member Borges expressed his desire to see the improvements done. This seemed to be the general consensus of Council.

Motion to table item #2 until the next regular meeting on October 5 by Council member Borges, seconded by Vice Mayor Williams.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Borges, Williams, Johnson, Torres,

Noes: Crye

Motion passed, 4-1

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

4. Resolution No. 2020-R-020: A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Gridley Granting Consent to The County of Butte to Renew the Butte County Tourism Business Improvement District (BCTBID)

Carolyn Denero, Executive Director of Explore Butte County, presented to Council, sharing the purpose of TBID, what the TBID has accomplished, and why they'd like Gridley to join.

Alex Camacho, Cathy Mills and Lynne Spencer of the Gridley Chamber spoke in support of joining the TBID. Bruce Spangler, President of Explore Butte County and Operator of Holiday Inn Express in Oroville also spoke in favor.

Motion to approve Resolution 2020-R-020 by Council member Torres, seconded by Vice Mayor Williams.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Johnson, Torres, Crye, Borges, Williams

Motion passed, 5-0

- 5. Electric Utility Rate Reduction of 3% and Elimination of Residential Tiers 4 and 5

Administrator Eckert addressed Council reviewing the staff report and the background of the item. Council has been clear in their direction to staff to find ways to reduce rates. Eckert outlined the steps taken by staff to comply with direction received and presented suggestions for Council to consider in order to accommodate a rate decrease.

Mr. Patrick Coghlan, Catalina Sanchez and Jessica Ramos-McElroy spoke in favor of the 3% reduction, but did not favor the elimination of the utility billing position or the 4th and 5th tier.

Motion to approve item #5 by Council member Borges, seconded by Council member Crye.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Johnson, Williams, Torres, Borges, Crye

Motion passed, 5-0

CITY STAFF AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS -None

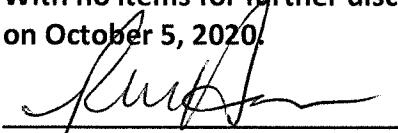
POTENTIAL FUTURE CITY COUNCIL ITEMS - (Appearing on the Agenda within 30-90 days):

Police Department Digital Radio System Budget Review	10/5/2020
Garbage Services RFP Approval	10/5/2020
Introduction General Plan/Prezone/Annexation for north 400 ac.	10/5/2020
Stenzel General Plan/Prezone/Annexation	11/2/2020

CLOSED SESSION – None

ADJOURNMENT – adjourning to a Regular City Council meeting on October 5, 2020

With no items for further discussion, Council adjourned at 6:50pm to the next Regular Meeting on October 5, 2020.


Rodney Harr, Interim City Clerk

