

# **Gridley City Council – Regular Meeting Minutes (Amended)**

Monday, March 4, 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.”*

## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **ROLL CALL**

### **Councilmembers**

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

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

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

## **PROCLAMATION – None**

## **INTRODUCTION OF NEW OR PROMOTED EMPLOYEES**

**Chief of Police Rodney Harr recognized Code Enforcement Officer Katie Hill for completing the necessary training and becoming a certified Code Enforcement Officer.**

## **COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM**

**The forum was opened, and seeing no one was present to speak, was closed.**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. City Council Minutes Dated February 20, 2024
2. Updated Cal-Card Policy

3. Escheatment Policy

**Motion: to approve consent agenda as presented.**

**MOTION: Calderon**

**SECOND: Roberts**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: 5-0**

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

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

4. Conduct a Public Hearing Regarding Solid Waste Rate Adjustments

City Administrator Arteaga addressed Council regarding the proposed increase that was tentatively approved at the December 18<sup>th</sup> regular meeting pending that all Prop 218 noticing requirements be met without a majority vote against the rate adjustments. The City received zero written protests against the rate adjustments. City Administrator Arteaga respectfully requested that Resolution 2024-R-007 be adopted, approving the proposed rate change.

Vice Mayor Johnson had concerns about who will be responsible for the regular billing and collection of funds. City Administrator Arteaga confirmed that Waste Management will continue to do their own billing and collection of fees.

**Motion: to approve resolution 2024-R-007, approving the solid waste rate adjustments with Waste Management.**

**MOTION: Calderon**

**SECOND: Sanchez**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: 5-0**

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

5. Award of Contract to Commercial Pump and Mechanical (CPM) for Liberty Well Repairs

Utility Director Ross Pippitt presented the staff report explaining the breakdown that occurred in January at the Liberty Well. Pippitt explained that this well has historically been one of the more reliable wells and deemed it an emergency once it was compromised. Pippitt respectfully requested the proposal from CPM to complete the repair.

Mayor Farr shared his concerns about how young the well is.

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**Motion: to approve the CPM contract.**

**MOTION: Johnson**

**SECOND: Roberts**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: 5-0**

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

6. Concrete Removal on Electric Department Property at 57 E Gridley Rd.

Utility Director Ross Pippitt presented the three proposals to Council and recommended the award of contract be rewarded to the lowest bidder, Kegan Waite.

Motion: approve the award of contract to Kegan Waite.

MOTION: Roberts

SECOND: Calderon

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5-0

Ayes: Calderon, Johnson, Roberts, Sanchez, Farr

#### CITY STAFF AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Calderon reported on his attendance at the Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting and Butte County Air Quality Management meeting.

#### CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

City Administrator Arteaga informed Council of her recent meetings with multiple local agencies.

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

Gridley Unified School District Land Dedication (Laurel Street)	3/18/2024
Utility Write Offs	3/18/2024
Fire - Calendar Year End	3/18/2024
Second Amendment to Cooperation Agreement - Groundwater Sustainability Agencies in the Butte Subbasin	3/18/2024
Chandler Subdivision	3/18/2024
CalTrans Presentation of Highway 99 Project	3/18/2024

#### CLOSED SESSION

Council went into closed session at 7:00 pm.

7. Closed session discussion with legal counsel pursuant to Government Code 54957.8: Case Review/Planning, 1 matter

No reportable action for item #7.

8. Closed Session discussion with City Administrator Elisa Arteaga pursuant to Government Code 54957 – PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT – Gridley Police Department, Sworn Peace Officer Position

Motion: approval of establishing an "Investigator-Retired Annuitant Reserve Officer" position and authorize staff to amend the GPOA Salary Schedule to add the position.

Motion: Roberts  
Second: Calderon

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5-0

Ayes: Calderon, Sanchez, Roberts, Johnson, Farr

Council came out of closed session at 7:28 pm with no further reportable action.

#### ADJOURNMENT

With no other items left to discuss, Mayor Farr adjourned to the next regular meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

  
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Elisa Arteaga, City Administrator