**Minutes**

**City of Gridley**

**Council Meeting**

**Wednesday**

**October 4,** **2023**

**6:00 PM.**

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Mayor Lynn Osburn called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. City Council Members in attendance were Greg Yotz, Les Stone, Stella Eccles, and RJ Snovelle. City Attorney Rustin Kimmell, City Water and Sewer Maintenance Operator Brian Isch, City Clerk Teresa Budd, and Gridley Sr. Citizens members Linda Birk and Denny Birk.

RJ Snovelle made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 6,2023 City Council meeting, Greg Yotz seconded, and all were in favor

Greg Yotz made a motion to approve the September / October 2023 bills, Les Stone seconded, and all were in favor.

Greg Yotz made a motion to approve the amended agenda with one addition, yard nuisance. Stella Eccles seconded, and all were in favor.

Senior Citizens officer Linda Birk spoke on behalf of the Senior Citizens group. The Senior Citizens purchased and installed blinds for the Community Center.

Titan Soccer will play for two more weeks. The Titan Minors are undefeated.

The Gridley Lake is open for fishing and camping. The bathrooms will close the week of the first predicted freeze warning.

The Community Building is open for events. A new diaper changing station has been installed. October events, Senior Citizens meeting October 6, 2023, Hebron Masons lunch October 8, 2023, Eastern Star Banquet October 9, 2023, Pumpkin Fest October 22, 2023 GCC Youth Lunch October 27,2023 and the annual Trunk or Treat 4H dinner on October 31, 2023

**Old Business**

* + - 1. The Gridley Housing Committee is currently working with Coffey County Housing Ronda Gilbert to build 2 homes in the City of Gridley. City Attorney Rustin Kimmell is working on a written agreement between the City and the Housing Authority. The City Council will invite Ronda Gilbert to the Nov 1, 2023 City Council meeting. Bids Director for construction will take place October 10, 2023.
      2. The City received a generous donation from Christine Chitwood in memory of her father Robert Winterschied. The donation has been designated to do upgrades to the

Community Center. Christine Chitwood expressed her father was a practical man, he

enjoyed attending the many events at the Community Center and would be pleased with the City’s choice to upgrade the appliances. The city will donate the existing appliances, tables and chairs to the United Methodist Church, Christian Church, Fire Station & SCC Schools.

**New Business**

1. Les Stone made a motion to except the estimate from Kurt Kraft Construction to repair and paint the front of the Community Center. RJ Snovelle seconded and all were in favor.
2. The City of Burlington increased the water rates to the City of Gridley, New Strawn and the Rural Water department #2. Greg Yotz made a motion to pass Ordinance #351 increasing the water rates to the water customers in Gridley. Stella Eccles seconded and all were in favor. The increase will take effect on the November 2023 billing cycle.
3. The City Council agreed with the recommendation Mayor Lynn Osburn made for DeeAnn Goertzen to fill the vacant City Council position.
4. The City Council entered into a ten-minute executive Session to discuss matters deemed privileged under the attorney – client relationship, specific to a yard nuisance. Members present were the Mayor, the City Council, City employees Brian Isch, Teresa Budd and City Attorney Rustin Kimmell. Executive session began at 6:26pm and came out of session at 6:36pm. The property owner will be notified of the Yard nuisance.
5. City Clerk Teresa Budd reported Sales & Use Tax income for August 2023 recorded for $5,627.52 Hog man’s Bar-B-Que will make his last visit to Gridley this year on Friday October 20, 2023 at 4:30 pm. Burlington free dump days is October 16-21, 2023. The CCHD Nurse visits will be the first Monday of the month at the Gridley Library at 8:00 am. Drive thru Flu Shots will be at the Gridley Fire Station on October 16, 2023 at 5:30pm. Third Quarter reports are due October 31,2023. The Gridley United Methodist Church is ringing their church bell every day at 12:00pm this is a call to stop and pray for much needed rain. The city will send a thank you card to Christine Chitwood for her generous donation. The next City Council meeting is November 1,2023 at 6pm.

Greg Yotz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Stella Eccles seconded, and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Teresa Budd,

City Clerk