**Minutes**

**City of Gridley**

**Council Meeting**

**Wednesday**

**October 2, 2024**

**6:00 pm**

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Mayor Steven Fuqua called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. City Council Members in attendance were Greg Yotz Les Stone, RJ Snovelle, Stella Eccles, and Dee Ann Goertzen. Also in attendance were City Water and Sewer Maintenance Operator Brian Isch, City Clerk Teresa Budd, and GCA members Fred Goertzen, Jan Kraft, and Greg Bashaw. Senior Citizen representatives Denny Birk, Linda Birk County Commissioner Wade Thomsen, and Gridley resident Johnny Freeman. Attending a video Zoom conference was City Attorney Clark Allemang.

Greg Yotz made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 4, 2024 Governing Body meeting. Les Stone seconded, and all were in favor.

Les Stone made a motion to approve the September / October 2024 bills, RJ Snovelle seconded,

and all were in favor.

Stella Eccles made a motion to approve the agenda as written Les Stone seconded, and all were in favor.

Fred Goertzen requested the City Council consider working with Shane Lamb of the Rural Asset Development group. Mr. Lamb is in rural development, and a letter of support from the City of Gridley would be invaluable to our community revitalization efforts. Senior Citizen member Linda Birk asked the City Council if seniors could leave leftover ice in the Community Center freezer. The council agreed, provided the freezer was not needed for another event.

The upcoming events in Gridley are as follows: October 4, 2024, Senior Citizens meet at 12:00 p.m.; October 20, 2024, is the UMC Pumpkinfest; October 31, 2024, is Trunk or Treat; and November 5, 2024, is the Presidential Election.

The Gridley Lake is open to the public for fishing and camping. The bathrooms and water supply to the campsites will be closed and winterized for the winter season beginning

October 15, 2024.

Titan Recreation Soccer and Flag Football Season is ongoing.

**Old Business**

Johnny Freeman submitted water samples to the city for testing on September 4, 2024, because of a substance he observed in his bathtub. Johnny Freeman spoke to the City Council about the lab results and indicated they were inconclusive. Water specialist Pat McCool spoke with City Water & Sewer Maintenance Operator Brian Isch, who suggested that the city take three samples of water from different areas of the home and property. The City Council asked Johnny Freeman to price a water filtration system and bring the quote to the next City Council meeting.

GCA member Jan Kraft stated the GCA has started a beautification project in Gridley and will begin placing planter boxes in key locations on Main Street and the city park. Permission from the highway department has been granted, contingent on the city's approval of the location.  
Fred Goertzen and Greg Bashaw provided a quote to the City Council to run electricity on the power poles for Christmas lights. At the GCA's request, Les Stone made a motion to pay half the cost of the repairs. Greg Yotz seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Fred Goertzen then provided a quote to purchase new lights for the Pickle Ball courts and Basketball courts. Greg Yotz made a motion to pay for both courts to receive lights. Stella Eccles seconded the motion. City Council members RJ Snovelle and Dee Ann Goertzen were in favor, and City Council member Les Stone was opposed. The motion is approved.

Dee Ann Goertzen informed the City Council that she is waiting for a response from the Disc Golf company to see if the City can purchase the portable Disc Golf setup that is currently being used at the city park. The City Council agreed they would like the portable unit if possible.

The 493 Highway 58 home has been painted. The water and sewer lines have been installed.

The 408 Atherly St property closed escrow on September 6, 2024. The 409 Main Street property closed escrow on September 6, 2024. Council member Stella Eccles will file the paperwork for tax exemption.

Stella Eccles is still getting information on a splash pad for the city park. The council will revisit when the information is available.

The city-wide LED and Copper surveys have been turned into City Hall. The city will finish phase one before the October 16, 2024 deadline. Phase two must be completed by November 16, 2024.

**New Business**

At the request of Mayor Steven Fuqua, Greg Yotz to made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a nuisance property. The purpose of the session was to consult with City Attorney Clark Allemang on a matter that would be considered privileged under the attorney-client relationship, per K.S.A. 75-4319(b) Dee Ann Goertzen seconded and all were in favor. Executive Session members in attendance were the full council City Water & Sewer Operator Brian Isch, City Clerk Teresa Budd & County Commissioner Wade Thomsen. Executive session to be 20 minutes starting at 6:56 pm.

The executive session ended at 7:16 pm. No action was taken. Brian Isch will speak to the property owner and the City Council will revisit at the November 6, 2024 Governing Body meeting.

Mayors Report

At Mayor Steven Fuqua’s request, Stella Eccles made a motion to sell the former city truck and the city dump on Big Iron auctions. Greg Yotz seconded and all were in favor.

Mayor Steven Fuqua read the city clerk's report. Recorded on September 26, 2024, for August 2024. The Sales and use tax totaled $7497.98. The 3rd and final Led and Copper survey notice Survey letters have been turned in. Phase two is due November 16, 2024 The Veterans banners are up on Main St. Third quarter reports are due October 3, 2024. The new city truck has arrived. Coffey County free landfill days are October 14-19 2024. The next City Council meeting is November 6, 2024, at 6:00 pm. The meeting will include employee evaluations and a pay increase request for city employees.

Stella Eccles made a motion to adjourn the meeting Greg Yotz seconded, and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Teresa Budd

City Clerk