**Minutes**

**City of Gridley**

**Council Meeting**

**Wednesday**

**March 1, 2023**

**6:00 PM.**

**City** **Hall**

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City Council President Greg Yotz called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. City Council Members in attendance were Les Stone, RJ Snovelle, Stella Eccles, Owen Redding, City Water and Sewer Maintenance Operator Brian Isch, City Clerk Teresa Budd. Also in attendance SCC School Superintendent Matt Thomsen, Coffey County Economic Director Bobby Skipper, Gridley Community Association members Fred Goertzen and Jan Kraft.

RJ Snovelle made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2023 City Council meeting, Les Stone seconded, and all were in favor.

Owen Redding made a motion to approve the February 2023 bills, RJ Snovelle seconded, and all were in favor.

There were no additions to the March 1, 2023 agenda.

Voices of the Community heard from SCC School Superintendent Matt Thomsen. The SCC Schools have formed a facility Committee. The committee’s goal is to come up with a bond to grow the school district. Mr. Thomsen is encouraging the cities in the SCC district to grow their communities and fully supports a new housing development that would attract families to the community.

Gridley Community Association member Fred Goertzen updated the council on the GCA building. The GCA fundraiser movie night and bake sale in the gymnasium on February 5, 2023 was successful. The GCA is currently talking with developers and seeking grant approvals.

Titan Recreation had no report.

The Gridley Lake is open for fishing and camping. The Bathrooms and showers are closed for the winter. Water to the campsites has been turned off due to cold weather. City Water and Sewer Maintenance Operator Brian Isch said there is a potential Beaver problem and may have to contact the State of Kansas for assistance. City Clerk Teresa Budd is looking into new pay envelopes for the 2023 camp season.

The Community Building is open for events. The Gridley Senior Citizens group gifted the community building with new lights and new ceiling tiles. The lights have been installed and the ceiling tiles have been ordered.

The city has 2 upcoming community events. April 1st is the City-Wide Garage Sales and a SCC school fundraiser at Jones Park. They are having a Cornhole and Pickleball tournament. Food will be served in the Community Building.

April 8 is the annual Easter in the park celebration. There will be a Liberty 4-H breakfast followed by the arrival of the Easter Bunny and Easter egg gifts from the Gridley local business and sponsors.

**Old Business**

1**.** Gridley Housing Committee member Owen Redding told the City Council he has reached out to Coffey County Housing Director Ronda Gilbert. The committee is ready to start building new housing. Ronda Gilbert is going to schedule a meeting with the committee to discuss the first steps, the style of homes and their location.

Coffey County Economic Director Bobby Skipper spoke to the City Council about the new CHIP project happening in Coffey County. The project will create several thousand jobs over the next 3 years. Mr. Skipper agreed new housing development is essential to the County and is encouraging the County Commissioners to work with cities to help fund the infrastructure costs.

 2. The untagged vehicles on the City of Gridley’s streets were removed on February 27, 2023 by the County Sheriff’s Department and Jeff’s Towing.

**New Business**.

 1. Due to the rising costs and availability The City Council has decided to go with a new fireworks supplier for the 2023 Gridley Independence Day Celebration.

 2. The 2023 Spring Cleanup Day in Gridley will be Wednesday April 12, 2023. This will coincide with the County’s free landfill days offered April 10-15, 2023. Residents are encouraged to contact City Hall to be put on a pickup list. The city will not dispose of any Hazardous Waste items or large tree limbs and brush.

 3. The SCC elementary school is asking for sponsors to donate to the 2023 elementary school Play Day. The city will donate $150.00

 4. City Clerk Teresa Budd reported January 2023 Sales and Use Tax income totaled $11,158.44. Love LeRoy has purchased City School signs for LeRoy & Gridley. The city donated $500.00 toward the purchase. The Seniors will meet on March 3, 2022. The Hebron Lodge is having a fundraiser luncheon March 12, 2023 at the Community Center the proceeds will benefit the SCC Band Camp. The city audit is March 23,2023 at City Hall. City Water and Sewer Maintenance Operator Brian Isch will be attending the KRWA yearly training sessions on March 28, 29 and 30th 2023.

 Les Stone made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Owen Redding seconded, and all were in favor. The meeting

 adjourned at 7:10pm.

Teresa Budd,

City Clerk.