**Minutes**

**City of Gridley**

**Council Meeting**

**Wednesday**

**August 7, 2024**

**6:10pm**

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Mayor Steven Fuqua called the meeting to order at 6:10pm. City Council Members in attendance were Les Stone, RJ Snovelle, Stella Eccles, Dee Ann Goertzen and Greg Yotz. Also in attendance were City Water and Sewer Maintenance Operator Brian Isch, City Clerk Teresa Budd, Event Director/City Treasurer Alexandria Kraft, Titan Recreation Director Laurie Goracke, Gridley residents Fred Goertzen, Thomas Wright, Ashly Blackburn and Jan Kraft by telephone.

Stella Eccles made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 3, 2024 Governing body meeting. Dee Ann Goertzen seconded, and all were in favor.

RJ Snovelle made a motion to approve the July / August 2024 bills, Les Stone 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.

Gridley resident Thomas Wright introduced himself to the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Wright is starting a Food Truck business and will be serving City’s in Coffey County. His goal is to serve Gridley two times a week from 11:00am – 7:00pm and for special events. The Food truck will sale specialty sandwiches and baked goods. The Food Truck should be operational by September 2024. The City Council welcomed his service to the community.

The Gridley Lake is open for fishing and camping. Repair work to the fishing docks is ongoing.

The German Dinner committee donated 2 24lb Roasters, 2 pair of kitchen shears 24 kitchen towels, 1 scoop for German potato salad, 4 tongs, 1 Cast Iron Dutch Oven, 2 Heavy Duty Can Openers, 5 Silverware Organizer’s and 16 dish cloths totaling $400.00

Gridley Event Director Alex Kraft reported on the Gridley Independence Day Celebration. The event was very successful and well attended. The weather was great. The venders were all happy with their sales and have booked for next year. The Car Show had 100 Cars in attendance. Beyer Motors celebrated their 75th anniversary with an open house and were the Grand Marshalls of the Gridley Plus More in 2024 Parade. The evening ended at the Gridley Lake with a record crowd in attendance that enjoyed a spectacular Firework show, live music and a dance. The City Council is Very Happy with Event Directors Alexandria Kraft and Anna Kraft and will discuss a pay increase at the September 4,2024 City Council meeting.

The Gridley Library is sponsoring a Dynamic Disc Golf Clinic August 30, 2024 at Jones Park. Sign up at the Gridley Library.

Titan Recreation Director Laurie Goracke reported 22 Pre-K kids signed up to play little kickers soccer. 1st and 2nd grade 14 kids. 3rd and 4th grade 9 kids and 5th thru 8th 10 kids. Soccer sponsors are Brian Isch, Nancy’s Groceries, Crandall Ranch M&M Pest Control, Gleue Farm, Counter Top Trends and Rising Sun Waygu. Flag Football 1st and 2nd grade 10 kids signed up and 3rd and 4th grade have 7 kids playing. Ludolph Trucking sponsoring, making and covering 100% of the cost of football shirts. Due to generous sponsors, donations and fundraising all kids will play for free this season. Titan Rec will be ordering all new soccer balls, footballs, flag footballs 2 (4 x 6) soccer goals for Lil Kickers with Grant Money.

**Old Business**

1. GCA member Jan Kraft spoke to the City Council by phone. The GCA applied for a Grant to have a Mural painted in Gridley in February of 2024. The City of Gridley donated $1000.00 toward the cost. The GCA was a finalist in the Grant selection but was not chosen to receive the Grant. The GCA is still interested in having a Mural painted in Gridley and is asking if the City of Gridley would allow them to use the donated funds to buy materials. The GCA has asked Mayor Steve Fuqua to paint the Mural. The City Council and Mayor Steve Fuqua will speak with City Attorney Clark Allemang to address legal issues of allocation of donated funds and Conflict of Interest with a City Official before proceeding.
2. Construction on the new home being built in Gridley has resumed. RJ. Snovelle made a motion to approve payout #4 in the amount of $4,513.52 Les Stone seconded and all were in favor. Dee Ann Goertzen made a motion to approve payout #5 in the amount of $15,000.00 Greg Yotz seconded and all were in favor. The total payout to date is $45,667.69

3. The City of Gridley is borrowing a portable Disc Golf unit from the Dynamic Disc Golf Company in Emporia that is setup at Jones Park. The City Council likes the idea of the portable Disc Golf setup because it is mobile and can be use in other areas of Gridley. The City Council asked for more time to think about making a purchase. The discussion for purchase is tabled until the next City Council Meeting.

4. Johnnie Freeman has the test bottles to take water samples to be tested for a substance seen in his bathtub from his water system. The City is waiting on the results from the lab.

**New Business**

1. City Council Member Dee Ann Goertzen encouraged the City Council to look at the new City Website Page. The website gridleyks.org has recently been updated. Dee Ann would like the City to promote the site on Social media and to order magnets with the City Logo, website and social media information to include City Contact numbers. Dee Ann and City Librarian Colleen Decker are working on Welcome packets for new residents to the City of Gridley. The City Council liked to the idea and asked her to proceed.

2. Les Stone made a motion for Mayor Steven Fuqua to attend the League of Kansas Municipalities Annual Conference October 10-12, 2024. RJ Snovelle seconded and all were in favor. The City will cover the cost of the Conference and his stay in Wichita Ks.

3. Greg Yotz made a motion to pass Ordinance #353 the 2024 Standard Traffic Ordinance 51st Edition. Dee Ann Goertzen seconded, and all were in favor.

4. Greg Yotz made a motion to pass Ordinance #354 the Uniform Public offense Code

40th Edition. RJ. Snovelle seconded, and all were in favor.

5. Greg Yotz made a motion to approve the Resolution 2024-2 GAAP Waiver. General Accepted Accounting Principles Pursuant to K.S.A.75-1120a Stella Eccles seconded, and all were in favor.

6. Concerns with vehicles going to fast on Railroad St. at Emmer Lane. Coffey County Road & Bridge Superintendent Ryan Durst will move the 40mph sign further out on Emmer Rd. and put a Children at Play sign on Railroad followed by a 30mph sign before leaving town.

7. Les Stone made motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing real property for 15 minutes. The Mayor, City Council and City Employees will be present. Stella Eccles seconded, and all were in favor. Executive Session stated at 7:14pm came out at 7:29. No action was taken. Les Sone made a motion to re-enter Executive Session for continued talk of real property for 30 minutes with City Council members and City employees. Stella Eccles seconded, and all were in favor. Executive Session began at 7:30 and ended at 8:00pm. Action taken. Les Stone made a motion to purchase the vacant property owned by Danny Redding located at 408 Atherly. RJ. Snovelle seconded and all were in favor.

8. Mayor Steve Fuqua had no report this month.

Mayor Steve Fuqua read the City Clerk report. Sales and Use Tax recorded for July 2024 was $4479.87 The year-to-date total is $39,149.09. All 2nd quarter reports have been filed. The GCC Wednesdays in the Park has concluded. VBS started this week at Gridley UMC for 3 nights. SCC school stars August 14,2024. City Hall will be closed September 2,2024 to observe the Labor Day Holiday. The next City Council meeting is September 4, 2024 at 6pm.

Greg Yotz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dee Ann Goertzen seconded, and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Teresa Budd,

City Clerk

Clerk Report - Mayor

August 7, 2024

1. Recorded July 31, 2024, for June 2024. Sales tax $3472.19 and Use tax $4479.87 totaling $7952.06 The Year-to-date total is $39,149.09
2. All 2nd quarter reports have been filed.
3. GCC Wednesday Night in the Park has finished.
4. Vacation Bible School August 7th -8th- 9th Gridley United Methodist Church.
5. 9. School Starts August 14, 2024
6. The gridleyks.org website has been updated.
7. Dee Ann Goertzen and Librarian Coleen Decker are putting together a welcome to Gridley information packet.
8. City Hall will be closed September 2, to observe the Labor Day Holiday.

The next City Council meeting is September 4, 2024 @ 6pm