**Minutes**

**City of Gridley**

**Council Meeting**

**Wednesday**

**November6, 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, Senior Citizen representatives Denny Birk, and Linda Birk, County Commissioner Wade Thomsen, Titan Recreation Director Laurie Goracke, and resident Brady Rand. Attending a video Zoom conference was City Attorney Clark Allemang.

RJ Snovelle made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 2, 2024, Governing Body meeting, Les Stone seconded, and all were in favor.

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

and all were in favor.

Stella Eccles made a motion to approve the agenda as written with the addition of the Titan Thunder - donation request, Les Stone seconded, and all were in favor.

No Voices of the Community spoke.

The upcoming events in Gridley are as follows: GCC Craft Fair on November 9, 2024, and the Veterans Day Bean Feed on November 11, 2024

The Gridley Lake is open to the public for fishing and camping. The bathrooms have been winterized and closed. The water supply to the campsites will be closed and winterized for the winter season before the first freeze warning.

Titan Recreation Director Laurie Goracke informed the City Council that Basketball season is starting. Gridley has three teams playing and seeking a 3 on 3 1st and 2nd-grade teams. Titan Rec will also offer Bitty Basketball and Itty-Bitty Basketball on Sundays. Titan Rec will host a Thanksgiving fundraiser meal on Sunday, November 24, 2024, at the Gridley Community Center.

**Old Business**

Water samples for the Johnnie Freeman residence were submitted on September 4, 2024, because of a substance he observed in his bathtub. The lab results indicated they were inconclusive. President Greg Yotz spoke with Water specialist Pat McCool who suggested that the city take three samples of water from different areas of the home and property. Greg Yotz also spoke with Pace Labs who recommended placing a filter to catch the manganese. Johnnie Freeman did not attend the meeting. The City Council has asked Johnny Freeman to price a water filtration system.

City Council member Dee Ann Goertzen returned the portable Disc Golf set. The company does not have a portable set available for purchase at this time. The City will ask the company again in the spring.

The 493 Highway 58 home is working on flooring, electrical, and cabinets. Dee Ann Goertzen made a motion to approve payout #5 for $11,364.74, Greg Yotz seconded, and all were in favor. Greg Yotz made a motion to approve payout #6 for $3,500.00, Dee Ann Goertzen seconded, and all were in favor. The total payout to date is $90,514.43

The city-wide Led and Copper survey phase one has been completed and approved. City-wide Led & Copper survey phase 2 has been turned in and is awaiting approval.

Greg Yotz 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, by K.S.A. 75-4319(b) Stella seconded, and all were in favor. Executive Session members in attendance were Mayor Steven Fuqua, City Council members Greg Yotz, Stella Eccles, Dee Ann Goertzen, RJ Snovelle, and Les Stone. Also in attendance were City Attorney Clark Allemang City Water & Sewer Operator Brian Isch, City Clerk Teresa Budd & County Commissioner Wade Thomsen. Executive session to be 15 minutes starting at 6:36 pm. The executive session ended at 6:51 pm. Action taken; Greg Yotz made a motion to have the City of Gridley take care of the nuisance property up to $6000.00. Dee Ann Goertzen seconded, and all were in favor. Mayor Steven Fuqua & City Water & Sewer Operator Brian Isch will speak with the homeowner and take bids for removing the nuisance property. City Attorney Clark Allemang will draft a legal contract for the homeowner and the City of Gridley to sign.

**New Business**

The Basketball and Tennis / Pickleball courts are in need of repair. The city council asked City Water and Sewer Operator Brian Isch to get an estimate for the repairs from Burlington Construction.

**Mayors Report**

Mayor Steven Fuqua reported the Pickleball and Basketball lights have been delivered. The Senior Citizens group made a $1500.00 donation toward the light pole repairs for Christmas lights to be installed. The repairs to the light poles should be completed by next week. The Electronic Pumphouse monitor was installed on October 31, 2024.

**City Clerk Report**

Mayor Steven Fuqua read the city clerk's report. Recorded on October 30, 2024, for September 2024. The Sales and use tax totaled $7785.12. The 3rd quarter reports have been turned in and recorded. The new City Truck is licensed and insured. Pumpkin Fest and Trunk or Treat were very well attended. City Hall will be closed on November 11, 2024, to observe Veterans Day and closed on November 28 & 29, 2024 to observe the Thanksgiving holiday.

Greg Yotz made a motion to enter into an Executive Session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. The purpose of the session was to discuss matters relating to employer-employee negotiations with the City Council and City Attorney Clark Allemang, by K.S.A. 75-4319(b) Dee Ann Goertzen seconded, and all were in favor. Members present were Mayor Steven Fuqua, City Council members Greg Yotz, Stella Eccles, Dee Ann Goertzen, RJ Snovelle, Les Stone, and City Attorney Clark Allemang. The executive session began at 7:05 pm and ended at 7:15 pm. No action was taken. Greg Yotz made a motion to re-enter the Executive Session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel for 15 minutes. Dee Ann Goertzen seconded, and all were in favor. The executive session started at 7:15 pm and ended at 7:30 pm. Action taken, RJ Snovelle made a motion for City employees Brian Isch and Teresa Budd to receive a four percent raise. Les Stone seconded, and all were in favor.

RJ Snovelle made a motion to donate $200.00 to Titan Thunder for new flags on the poles in LeRoy and Gridley, Stella Eccles seconded, and all were in favor.

Les Stone made a motion to adjourn the meeting, RJ Snovelle seconded, and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Teresa Budd

City Clerk