Minutes

City of Gridley

Council Meeting

Wednesday

May 7, 2025

6:00 pm

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Mayor Steven Fuqua called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Present at the meeting were City Council members Greg Yotz, Les Stone, R.J. Snovelle, and Dee Ann Goertzen. Also in attendance were City Water and Sewer Maintenance Operator Brian Isch, City Clerk Teresa Budd, County Commissioner Wade Thomsen, Senior Citizen representatives Denny Birk and Linda Birk, GCA representative Fred Goertzen, Rural Water board members Dale John and Richard Beyer, Coffey County Zoning and Subdivision Administrator Heidi Harris, and City Attorney Clark Allemang, who attended via video conference.

Greg Yotz motioned to approve the minutes of the Governing Body meeting held on March 5, 2025. RJ Snovelle seconded, and all were in favor.

Les Stone motioned to approve the bills for March 2025 and April 2025. RJ Snovelle seconded, and all were in favor.

Greg Yotz approved the agenda as written, Les Stone seconded, and all were in favor.

Voices from the community were heard from Coffey County Zoning and Subdivision Administrator Heidi Harris. She would like a member of the governing board to participate in the Comprehensive Plan Focus Group in order to better serve the City’s future needs and possibilities. The Gridley City Council agreed to hold a Town Hall Meeting led by the Coffey County Comprehensive Plan administrators. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 15, 2025, from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Gridley Lake is accessible to the public for fishing and camping. The bathrooms are open; water is available at the campsites. Brian will contact campgrounds in the area to compare daily rates. Rock gravel has been placed under the memorial benches for protection.

Titan Recreation, Wee ball, Tee-ball, and baseball have started.

Mayor Steven Fuqua announced the upcoming community events.

Old Business

The home at 493 Highway 58 is listed for sale on Zillow. A sidewalk and grass will be added. The City will purchase a larger for-sale sign and have brochures available at the home. There will be an Open House on May 24, from 1 to 4 p.m. The Chamber of Commerce Director, Chari Bauman, has offered to film a virtual tour of the home.

The survey on South Street has been completed. The City is awaiting the results.

New Business

City Water and Sewer Maintenance Worker Brian Isch received a quote from Killough Construction to repair the city streets. The City Council has concerns about the high cost of the repairs. City Council President Greg Yotz will review the City’s budget and advise the council. No action was taken. The discussion is tabled until the June 4, 2025, City Council meeting.

Rural Water District #2 board members Dale John and Richard Beyer informed the City Council that they are exploring the possibility of acquiring the City's Rural Water line to extend their water route. If the City remains interested, Rural Water plans to hire a hydraulic engineer to survey the line and advise them on how to acquire it. The City is indeed interested in their request.

Greg Yotz motioned to adopt Resolution 2025-2, which updates the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan. RJ Snovelle seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The City’s water bond payment is due on 6/22/2025 and must be paid by May 22, 2025. The council agreed to pay $16,100.00, leaving a balance of $172.000.00.

Les Stone motioned to donate $250.00 to the Floyd Lewis Foundation Golf Classic. Greg Yotz seconded, and all were in favor. The Foundation supports Coffey County educational scholarships, after-school programs, Veterans Banners, and Flags.

The Voice of the Mayor, Steven Fuqua, had nothing to report.

Greg Yotz motioned to adjourn the meeting, RJ Snovelle seconded, and everyone was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Teresa Budd

City Clerk