**Minutes**

**City of Gridley**

**Council Meeting**

**Wednesday**

**April 3**,**2024**

**6:00 pm.**

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Mayor Steve Fuqua called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. City Council Members in attendance were Les Stone, Stella Eccles, RJ Snovelle, Greg Yotz and Dee Ann Goertzen. Also in attendance were City Water and Sewer Maintenance Operator Brian Isch, City Clerk Teresa Budd, Coffey County Commissioner Wade Thomson, visitors Denny Birk, Linda Birk, Fred Goertzen & Brady Rand.

The March 6th minutes were amended under new business #6 Concerns to read; Greg Yotz will write down ideas for discussion in regards to modifications to the Gridley City Ordinances to align the stated duties of the Mayor with the understandings of the City Council. To properly state those duties and expectations such, that it is clear to the Mayor, Governing Body and Community. Stella Eccles made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Greg Yotz seconded and all were in favor.

Greg Yotz made a motion to approve the March / April 2024 bills, Dee Ann Goertzen seconded, and all were in favor.

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

There were no Voices From the Community.

Dee Ann Goertzen reported the Gridley Community Association is discussing the possibility of putting planter boxes on Main Street.

The Gridley Lake is full from the last weather event.  City Water Sewer and Maintenance Operator Brian Isch will open the bathrooms and water to the campsites next week, weather permitting.

The Community Building is open for events. The City Council decided no Gridley Community Center sign is necessary on or in front of the building. The electronic sign will say “Welcome to the Gridley Community Center.”

Mayor Steve Fuqua read the upcoming Community Events. April 3, 2024 City Wide Spring Cleanup, April 5,2024, Senior Citizens field trip to the Olpe Chicken House, April 13, 2024 Titan Thunder Smoke Off fundraiser and April 27, 2024 City Wide Yard Sales.

Titan Recreation Director Laurie Goracke had a written report for the City Council to view. The St. Patrick’s Day fundraiser on Sunday March 17,2024 profited over one thousand dollars. Baseball / Softball, T Ball, wee ball and Track are all able to play for free. The Junior Class or Food Trucks will provide concessions at the ball games.

**Old Business**

1. Construction on the New Home build in Gridley has started. The foundation has been poured. The City of Gridley has partnered with the Coffey County Housing Authority to build the home.

2. The City of Gridley is searching for a City Attorney. City Clerk Teresa Budd spoke with Attorney Michael Helbert’s secretary from Emporia Kansas and is awaiting a return call.

**New Business**

1**.**  Stella Eccles made a motion to accept the Republic 4% trash increase renewal. Greg Yotz seconded, and all were in favor. The notice of increase will be posted on the April utility bills and social media. The increase will take effect on the June billing meter read.

2. Stella Eccles made a motion to look into needed Sidewalk repairs in areas of the City of Gridley. Dee Ann Goertzen seconded, and all were in favor. Mayor Steven Fuqua will look into starting a sidewalk beautification project on Main Street. He will survey the city streets for needed repairs and look into grant possibilities.

3. Greg Yotz made a motion to pay $3900.00 toward the 2024 Gridley Independence Day Celebration Fireworks display. DeeAnn Goertzen seconded, and all were in favor. The Community Events account will pay the balance.

4. The City Council would like a sign posted at the Gridley City Lake stating water use is for paid camping only. No Bulk water shall be removed from the Gridley City Lake.

5. Gridley resident Denny Birk asked to purchase 6-8 of the previous used metal chairs in the Community Center. The City Council unanimously agreed that the chairs will remain in storage and be used for Community Events. The Chairs are not available for purchase.

6. The City Council held a discussion regarding the City equipment and City Truck. The City Council asked City Water & Sewer Maintenance Operator Brian Isch to get bids on a new City truck with a tow package and snowplow. Brian will check into the replacement cost of a new lawnmower and skid steer.

7. Clerk / Mayors Report given by Mayor Steven Fuqua stated Sales and Use Tax For February 2024 recorded on March 26, 2024 for $4,820.39. The City Audit was conducted on March 21, 2024. Second Quarter reports are due April 30, 2024. The 2024 Consumer Confidence report for year 2023 is due April 30,2024. The SCC Bond meeting will be May 6, 2024 at the SCC elementary School at 6:30pm. The Special Election for the School Bond will be May 14,2024. Hog-man Bar-B-Que returns May3,2024. The Farmers Market will return in July 2024.

President of the City Council Greg Yotz handed the City Council the requested list of questions discussed at the March 6, 2024 meeting to review. Mayor Steve Fuqua’s concerns are from article 2 of the Governing Body Code Book section 1-205 stating the Mayors Duties and section 1-114 Changing the Code Book verbiage. The paper listed ideas for discussion in regards to modifications to the Gridley City Ordinances that will align with the stated duties of the Mayor and understandings of the City Council so that it is clear to the Mayor, Governing Body and Community. The Council will discuss at the May 1,2024 scheduled Governing Body meeting.

Greg Yotz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. RJ Snovelle seconded, and all were in favor. The Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

Teresa Budd,

City Clerk.

\*March 6,2024 minutes amended. Page 3 #6 on April 3, 2024 Scheduled Governing Body meeting.