**Minutes**

**City of Gridley**

**Council Meeting**

**Wednesday**

**June 7, 2023**

**6:00 PM.**

**City** **Hall**

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Mayor Lynn Osburn called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. City Council Members in attendance were Greg Yotz, Stella Eccles, Les Stone, RJ Snovelle, and Owen Redding. City Water and Sewer Maintenance Operator Brian Isch, City Clerk Teresa Budd, City Attorney Rustin Kimmell, Community Event Directors Alexandria Kraft and Anna Kraft. Also, in attendance Coffey County Commissioner Wade Thomsen and Gridley Community Association member Denny Birk.

Owen Redding made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2023 City Council meeting, Les Stone seconded, and all were in favor.

Les Stone made a motion to approve the May / June 2023 bills, Owen Redding seconded, and all were in favor.

Greg Yotz made a motion to approve the amended agenda with three additions. Rural water customer request of a second city water meter, Sidewalk improvement project and a new commercial business in Gridley. Owen Redding seconded, and all were in favor.

Gridley Community Association member Denny Birk updated the council on the GCA building. The GCA has an interested party to purchase the building and property. The interested party plans to have Air B&B apartments along with an indoor / outdoor event center.

Titan Recreation Baseball is ongoing. Flag football and soccer registration has started.

The Gridley Lake is open for fishing and camping. New camp envelopes with permit tags have been ordered for the 2023 camp season.

The Community Building is open for events. The mural painted on the front of the building has begun to peel off. City Water & Sewer Maintenance Operator Brian Isch will look into the repairs. The city planted a Christmas tree in the park on June 7, 2023.

The June 2023 community events are, Hog Man Bar-B-Que food truck at the city park on Friday June 16,2023 at 4:30pm. Wednesdays in the Park, Food Fun & Fellowship, sponsored by Gridley Christian Church starts June 7, 2023 at 6:00pm. GCC camp fundraiser bake sale at the community building on Saturday June 17, 2023. The final GCC Rummage sale is Friday June 23, 2023 and Saturday June 24, 2023 located at the GCA building.

Community Event Directors Alexandria Kraft and Anna Kraft updated the City Council on the Gridley Independence Day Celebration. This year’s theme is, Gridley the place to be in 2023.The event will take place on Friday June 30, and Saturday July 1,2023. New events this year include a Car Show and Farmers Market. T-Shirt orders have started online. The Schedules are printed and will go out next week. Schedules are available online at the Gridley Independence Day Celebration website and Face Book page.

**Old Business**

1. Mayor Lynn Osburn along with City Council members RJ Snovelle and Les Stone have filed for re- election. Steve Fuqua has filed for City Mayor and DeeAnn Goertzen has filed for City Council in the upcoming election November 7, 2023.

2. Gridley Housing Committee member Owen Redding reported the housing committee is currently working with Coffey County Housing Director Ronda Gilbert. Approval has been granted to access a driveway entrance located on the empty lot at 493 HWY 58. Bobby Skipper is working on infrastructure plans for future building possibilities in Gridley.

**New Business**

1. The yearly Water Bond payment is scheduled to pay on June 7,2023 in the amount of $15,775.00

2. The Sewer Bond payment is due July28, 2023 in the amount of $54,331.00

3. The 2022 City Audit is completed and will be presented at the July 5,2023 City Council meeting along with the 2024 City Budget.

4. The City Council agreed to take the necessary action to annex in Rural St. and begin the process to move the speed limit sign further west for safety concerns when entering the City of Gridley on HWY58.

5. City Council members Greg Yotz and Owen Redding discussed forming a Main Street & Community Improvement Program with the city council. County Commissioner Wade Thomsen suggested city council president Greg Yotz talk to Coffey County Housing director Ronda Gilbert. RJ Snovelle agreed a committee should be formed and include the GCA board on the committee since their mission is to help improve merchants needs in the Gridley community.

6. Republic Trash services is raising their rates, in town residential and commercial rates will increase four percent. Rural Trash accounts will increase six percent. Greg Yotz made a motion to pass Ordinance #348 amending the fee schedule for collection of solid waste. Stella Eccles seconded, and all were in favor. All solid waste accounts will be notified on the June 20, 2023 bill cycle. The rate increase will take effect on the July 20, 2023 bill cycle.

7. City Clerk Teresa Budd reported April 2023 sales and use tax recorded for $7,547.19. The yearly EMC audit is complete. The fundraiser dinner and auction for baby Parker Kraft was successful and served over 250 meals. The highway 58 road repair is ongoing. The City of Gridley made a fifty-dollar donation to the Gridley library summer food program in memory of former council member, city treasurer and city librarian Pearl Purdy.

8. Discussion took place concerning permission for the additional city water meters to Rural customers for city water. No action was taken.

9. The Kansas Department of Transportation has finished the sidewalk improvements project.

10. The City Council discussed the possibility of a new commercial business interested in coming to Gridley. The business would be located at 403 Main St.

Greg Yotz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Les Stone seconded, and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Teresa Budd,

City Clerk.