Minutes

City of Gridley

Council Meeting

Wednesday

June 4, 2025

6:00 pm

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Mayor Steven Fuqua called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. In attendance were City Council members Greg Yotz, Les Stone, R.J. Snovelle, Stella Eccles, and Dee Ann Goertzen. Also present were City Water and Sewer Maintenance Operator Brian Isch, City Clerk Teresa Budd, Holiday Event Directors Alexandria Kraft and Anna Kraft, Coffey County Commissioner Wade Thomsen, Senior Citizen representatives Denny Birk and Linda Birk, Gridley residents Liz Dornes, Debra Everitt, and City Attorney Clark Allemang, who joined via video conference.

Greg Yotz motioned to approve the minutes of the Governing Body meeting held on May 7, 2025. RJ Snovelle seconded, and all were in favor.

Stella Eccles motioned to approve the bills for May 2025 and June 2025. RJ Snovelle seconded, and all were in favor.

Greg Yotz approved the agenda as written with the addition of Cemetery Flags, Les Stone seconded, and all were in favor.

No voices of the community

Gridley Lake is accessible to the public for fishing and camping. The bathrooms are open, and water is available at the campsites. Due to recent weather events, the lake is full.

Titan Recreation, Wee ball, Tee-ball, and baseball are finishing up. Soccer and Flag Football registration forms will be available in July. Titan Recreation is holding a BINGO fundraiser Friday evening, July 4, at the Independence Day celebration.

Community Event directors Alexandria Kraft and Anna Kraft informed the City Council that the Independence Day Celebration will host the Gravel Grind this year on Friday, July 4th, in the morning. The Sips and Bites food vendor will be available that morning. The car show is scheduled for Friday evening this year. Entertainment for the event, along with the food vendors and community fundraising events, is booked.

**Old Business**

The home at 493 Highway 58 is listed for sale on Zillow. A sidewalk and grass will be added. The open house on May 24, 2025, was well attended.

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

Les Stone motioned to have Killough Construction carry out the city’s street repairs for $141,211.00. Stella Eccles seconded, and all were in favor. A letter will be sent to all households asking that trash carts be placed on the street, not the curb, for pickup.

**New Business**

The Gridley City Lake camping fee will stay the same this year. An RV site costs $15.00 per night, and a tent site is $5.00 per night.

City resident Elizabeth Dornes discussed with the city council the approval to build a Tiny House on her property for her mother to live in. The city council tabled the discussion until more details were available. The city council also recommended that they talk to senior housing about a home to move into.

RJ Snovelle motioned to donate $750.00 to the Lamont Wesleyan Church for their Back-to-School giveaway. Les Stone seconded, and all were in favor. The Gridley Back-to-School giveaway will be on July 30, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Gridley Community Center.

RJ Snovelle made a motion to donate $100.00 to the annual Smoke on the River Barbeque in Burlington. Les Stone seconded, and all were in favor. The event is scheduled for August 30 and 31, 2025.

The City’s Sewer bond payment is due on July 28, 2025, and must be paid by July 8, 2025. The council agreed to pay $54,331.00, leaving a balance of $1,567,362.14.

Mayor Steven Fuqua is working on a 50/50 matching grant to enlarge the community center. He is also exploring a grant for a walking trail to Gridley Lake. The council agreed to submit a letter of support and commitment to help develop a plan at no cost to the city.

The Floyd Lewis Foundation has donated six flags to the city for the Gridley Cemetery. The City Water and Sewer Maintenance Operator, Brian Isch, will install them.

Les Stone motioned to adjourn the meeting, RJ Snovelle seconded, and everyone was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Teresa Budd

City Clerk