Minutes

City of Gridley

Council Meeting

Wednesday

March 5, 2025

6:00 pm

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Mayor Steven Fuqua called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The City Council members present included Greg Yotz, Stella Eccles, Les Stone, and R.J. Snovelle. Also in attendance were City Water and Sewer Maintenance Operator Brian Isch, City Clerk Teresa Budd, City Holiday Event Director Anna Kraft, Titan Rec Director Laurie Goracke, County Commissioner Wade Thomsen, Coffey County Housing Authority Director Rhonda Gilbert, Senior Citizen representatives Denny Birk and Linda Birk, Brady Rand, Dale Isch, Janiece Isch, Darin Isch, Taggart Isch, Judy Reece and City Attorney Clark Allemang, who also attended via video conference.

Mayor Steven Fuqua and the City Council presented City Water and Sewer Maintenance Operator Brian Isch with a plaque in recognition of his 30 years of service to the City of Gridley.

Greg Yotz motioned to approve the minutes from the February 5, 2025, Governing Body meeting. R.J Snovelle seconded, and all were in favor.

Stella Eccles motioned to approve the February 2025 / March 2025 bills, Greg Yotz seconded, and all were in favor.

Greg Yotz approved the agenda as written.

Voices of the Community heard from Dale John of Rural Water District #2. Mr. Dale asked the City Council if the City of Gridley would be interested in having Rural Water #2 take over the city’s rural water line. Rural Water #2 proposed that they maintain the line and pump house and pay the City of Gridley for the pumped water. The City Council stated that they would consider the request but requested additional information.

Gridley Lake is open to the public for fishing and camping. The bathrooms have been winterized and closed, and the water supply to the campsites has also been shut off and winterized for the winter season.

Holiday Event Director Anna Kraft reported that planning for the 2025 Independence Day Celebration is underway. The year 2025 marks the 50th anniversary of the event. The Gridley Library will feature a display of memorabilia from the past 50 years. This year's event theme is "Worth the Drive, Gridley, 2025." Vendors have been contacted, and a new band will perform at the lake this year. Additionally, a new sponsor is needed to host the Car Show.

Easter in the Park is set for April 19, 2025, and May 3 is the tentative date for this year's Gridley City-Wide Yard Sales.

Titan Recreation Director Laurie Goracke said Basketball has ended. Softball, T-Ball, Wee Ball,

and Track are starting soon.

**Old Business**

Coffey County Housing Director Rhonda Gilbert stated that the home at 493 Highway 58 is listed for sale on Zillow. A sidewalk and grass will be added.

The City of Gridley applied for the Towns Grant but did not receive it. The City plans to apply for a different grant with assistance from the South East Regional Planning Committee.

The City of Gridley is seeking clarification on whether it is legally required for owners of unconventional vehicles to obtain a city permit tag and provide proof of liability insurance. According to state law, owners of unconventional vehicles are required to possess a valid Class C driver’s license and liability insurance. They must present proof of these if an incident occurs in the presence of law enforcement. The City Council has decided to adhere to state law. There will be no change to the City of Gridley Ordinance #342, and no further action will be taken.

**New Business**

Les Stone made a motion to survey South Street to determine the location of the City's property lines. Greg Yotz seconded the motion. In favor was Stella Eccles. RJ Snovelle abstained from voting per the advice of City Attorney Clark Allemang.

Mayor Steve Fuqua presented the City Council with the appointments for 2025, which they approved. Upcoming events in Gridley include a Senior Citizens meeting on March 7, 2025, at noon. The Gridley Community Food Pantry will hold a grocery giveaway on March 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SCC Spring Break is scheduled for March 17-20, 2025. The Coffey County Health Department visits the Gridley Library on the first Monday of every month to conduct blood draws and nurse checks.

City Clerk Teresa Budd reported that the Sales and Use Tax for January 2025 amounted to $6,679.09. The city audit for 2024 is scheduled for April 16, 2025. A metal storage rack has been added to the vault for extra storage. The City of Gridley requested that the City of LeRoy pay half of the Titan Recreation Director's salary for 2025. The previous Chamber of Commerce has dissolved, and the City of Gridley received a reimbursement check for $1,316.17. A city page has been established on the Chamber of Commerce website. The page will promote Gridley and advertise our upcoming events. Brian Isch will attend the KRWA conference on March 25-27, 2025, for his continuing education certification hours. Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 9, 2025.

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2025, at 6 pm.

RJ Snovelle motioned to adjourn the meeting, Les Stone seconded, and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Teresa Budd

City Clerk