**Minutes**

**City of Gridley**

**Council Meeting**

**May 13, 2020**

Mayor Lynn Osburn called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Due to Covid-19 the meeting took place at the Gridley Community Center. In attendance were Council Members Greg Yotz, Stella Eccles, Les Stone, Gennifer Birk and RJ Snovelle. City Clerk Teresa Budd, City Water & Sewer Maintenance Operator Brian Isch, and in attendance by phone conference, City Attorney Tom Robrahn

Greg Yotz made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2020 meeting, RJ Snovelle seconded, and all were in favor.

Stella Eccles made a motion to approve the bills. Greg Yotz seconded, and all were in favor.

The Voices from the Community were asked to be added to the agenda 48 hours prior to the meeting. There were no additions.

Gennifer Birk spoke for Recreation Director Steve Dunaway. The season will take on a different format due to Covid-19. All games will be played in Burlington and registration fees are waived this year. Practices will begin May 26, 2020. The four-week season begins June 15, 2020 with no games being played July 2nd to July 4th, 2020.

The Fourth of July update was given by Gennifer Birk. She stated the Fourth of July Festival will take place this year as long as the Governments Phases of Opening continue moving forward. The Venders are booked, and the fireworks have been reserved. There will be Hand Sanitizing Stations Located around the park for everyone to use as needed. Due to Covid-19 and the time constraint the German dinner has been cancelled.

Gridley Lake is open for fishing. The Campground, Playground and Gazebo are open and following the State of Kansas guidelines set forth for the Covid-19.

The City Code Books were delivered and addressed in new business

Greg Yotz made the motion to approve additions to the agenda. Stella Eccles seconded, and all were in favor.

1. City Water & Sewer Maintenance Operator Brian Isch spoke for BG Consultants. The Sanitary Sewer System Improvement project is up to date and scheduled to begin soon.
2. City Water & Sewer Maintenance Operator Brian Isch submitted an estimate from Sensus to obtain a new updated Handheld & Touch Meter Reader.

Stella Eccles made a motion to purchase the new Handheld & Touch Meter Reader. RJ Snovelle seconded, and all were in favor.

1. Cheryl Johnson would like to put a memorial in remembrance of Stan Johnson in the form of a bench or fish cleaning station at the Gridley Lake. The Council agreed.
2. City Clerk Teresa Budd reported that all First Quarter reports have been completed and filed. The Water Consumer Confidence report for 2020 is completed and available on the City website, City Hall and the Post office for viewing. The office is currently working with the Auditor to complete the 2019 Audit and start on the 2021 Budget. The new Governing Body Handbooks arrived and will be given to each Council member. Covid-19 is now at the 1.5 stage out of 3 stages for reopening the State of Kansas.
3. City Attorney Tom Robrahns report recommended the City postpone the approval of the City codebook.
4. Les Stone made a motion to postpone approving the City Code Book for a month. Stella Eccles seconded, and all were in favor. City Water & Sewer Maintenance Operator Brian Isch and City Attorney Tom Robrahn will look over the book to update and prepare for submission.
5. Due to Covid -19 The purchase price of fireworks for the July Fourth Celebration has increased. Stella Eccles made a motion to increase the Fireworks budget to $2600.00 Greg Yotz seconded and all were in favor.
6. Stella Eccles would like to sponsor a “Lawn of the Month.” The winner will be recognized on the Gridley Facebook page and receive a free pizza and 2 Liter soda from Nancy’s Grocery. The Council had no objection.
7. Gennifer Birk made a motion to enter into Executive Session for five minutes for the purpose of consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in attorney -client relationship regarding litigation of Health Nuisances pursuant to Chapter VIII of the City Code of Gridley. Greg Yotz seconded, and all were in favor. Executive session began at 6:39 ended at 6:44 Stella Eccles motioned to re-enter a ten-minute Executive session for further discussion of health nuisances pursuant to Chapter VIII of the City Code book of Gridley. RJ Snovelle seconded, and all were in favor. Executive session started at 6:45 and ended at 6:55pm.
8. Gennifer Birk announced her resignation effective at the close of the May 13, 2020 City council Meeting. She is no longer living in city limits. Stella Eccles made a motion to except her resignation Greg Yotz seconded thanking her for her years of service and all were in favor.

Gennifer Birk made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 pm Greg Yotz seconded, and all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Teresa Budd

City Clerk