**Minutes**

**City of Gridley**

**Council Meeting**

**April 08, 2020**

Mayor Lynn Osburn called the meeting to order at 6:00 Pm. In attendance through a telephone conference were Council Members Greg Yotz, Stella Eccles, Les Stone and Gennifer Birk and RJ Snovelle. Also, in attendance, City Attorney Tom Robrahn, City Clerk Teresa Budd, Maintenance Operator Brian Isch. The meeting was also streamed live on our Facebook page Gridley, Kansas.org

Mayor Lynn Osburn addressed the Council, staff and community on the Covid-19 virus.

Gennifer Birk made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2020 meeting, Les Stone seconded, and all were in favor.

Stella Eccles made a motion to approve the bills. RJ Snovellle 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 due to Covid-19 Baseballs tentative start date is June 1st, 2020 thru July 30th, 2020 Registration forms are now available. Steve Dunaway will be contacting coaches this week to start online meetings and online practices. Steve Dunaway will meet with Burlington Recreation on May 1st, 2020 to make a final decision for the Summer League.

Fourth of July update was given by Gennifer Birk. The Fourth of July Festival is on hold do to Covid-19 The Venders are booked but none have been paid. A final decision will be made by June 1, 2020.

Gridley Lake is open for fishing. Social distancing rules are in place. The Campground, Playground and Gazebo are currently closed due to Covid-19.

The City Code Books have been delivered. The Mayor and each Council Member received a copy of the ode Book. The Council was asked to look over the book and voice any changes or concerns at the next Council meeting.

The City Skateboard Ramps sold on Purple Wave. The Auction was March 24, 2020 the Skateboard Ramps sold for $1200.00

Spring Cleanup day was cancelled due to Covid-19. The Coffey County Landfill is planning to be open for free dumping April 13th, to May 1st, 2020

The City voted last month to donate to the SCC after prom. The City will wait to make the donation since the after prom was cancelled due to Covid-19.

The City had Welnitz come and remove the hazardous part of the tree that hung over onto City property.

Greg Yotz made the motion to approve the agenda. Gennifer Birk seconded and all were in favor.

1. Brian Isch spoke for BG Consultants. The Sanitary Sewer System Improvement project is up to date and scheduled to begin soon weather permitting.
2. The council was given a proposal to start taking online Bill Payments for the Water Sewer and Trash utility. The Council unanimously decided to table the proposal until more information was available and they could meet in person.
3. The City Clerk reported that the office purchased a new computer and technical equipment.
4. City Attorney addressed the Council about the Covid-19 Emergency Family and Medical Leave Act. Greg Yotz made a motion to exempt all Gridley City employees from the Covid-19 Emergency Family and Medical Leave Act as all such employees are considered Emergency Responders pursuant to said act. Gennifer Birk seconded, and all were in favor.

Mayor Lyn Osburn asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Less Stone made a motion to Adjourn the meeting RJ Snovelle seconded all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.

Teresa Budd

City Clerk