**Minutes**

**City of Gridley**

**Council Meeting**

**Wednesday**

**December 4, 2024**

**6:00 pm**

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Mayor Steven Fuqua called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. City Council Members in attendance were Stella Eccles, Dee Ann Goertzen, Les Stone, and Greg Yotz by telephone. Also in attendance were City Water and Sewer Maintenance Operator Brian Isch, City Clerk Teresa Budd, Senior Citizen representatives Denny Birk, and Linda Birk, GCA spokesperson Fred Goertzen and Titan Recreation Director Laurie Goracke.

Stella Eccles made a motion to approve the minutes from November 6, 2024, the Governing Body meeting, Dee Ann Goertzen seconded, and all were in favor.

Stella Eccles made a motion to approve the November / December 2024 bills, Dee Ann Goertzen seconded, and all were in favor.

Stella Eccles made a motion to approve the agenda as written with the addition of Resolution 2024-3 KPERS Life Insurance affiliation approval, Dee Ann Goertzen seconded, and all were in favor.

Voices of the Community heard from GCA member Fred Goertzen concerning the balance of the bill from Thweatt Electric. The GCA was gifted a $1500.00 donation from the Senior Citizens towards the cost of repairing the electrical to the power poles. The City Council agreed to pay the remaining balance of the repair bill. Fred Goertzen told the City Council the GCA will pay the cost to repair and replace the lights on the power pole Christmas decorations with new LED lights. Fred Goertzen will do the work at his shop.

The upcoming events in Gridley are as follows: Senior Citizens will meet December 6, 2024, Christmas in the Park is December 14, 2024, Gridley businesses window decorating contest, GCA sponsored home decorating contest, and a Community Coffey fundraiser December 20, 2024, to raise money to start a community diaper drive hosted by Gifts for Gridley and the GCA.

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

Titan Recreation Director Laurie Goracke informed us the City Council Basketball practice has started. Bitty Basketball and Itty-Bitty Basketball on Sundays have been well attended. Titan Recreation hosted a Thanksgiving fundraiser meal on Sunday, November 24, 2024, at the Gridley Community Center. The proceeds will help cover the sports registration fees. Titan Recreation is selling T-shirts to the public.

**Old Business**

Water samples for the Johnnie Freeman residence were submitted on September 4, 2024, because of a substance he observed in his bathtub. The lab results indicated they were inconclusive. President of the City Council Greg Yotz spoke with Water specialist Pat McCool who suggested that the city take three samples of water from different areas of the home and property. Greg Yotz also spoke with Pace Labs who recommended placing a filter to catch the manganese. The City Council has asked Johnny Freeman to price a water filtration system. Johnnie Freeman was not in attendance therefore no action was taken.

The 493 Highway 58 home is in the final stage of construction. The City Council has been invited to attend Coffey County Housing Authority Executive Ronda Gilbert, Architect Alan Atha, and Mayor Steven Fuqua to do the final walk-through. Les Stone made a motion to approve payout #7 for $2,100.00, Stella Eccles seconded, and all were in favor. The total payout to date is $92,614.23

The nuisance property located near 213 First St. has been demolished and the cleanup is underway. The Coffey County Commissioners have waived the landfill fees.

Stella Eccles made a motion to approve the cost of the basketball court repairs. Les Stone seconded and all were in favor. City Water Sewer Maintenance Operator Brian Isch will contact Justice Painting LLC to do the repairs.

**New Business**

Les Sone made a motion to donate $500.00 to Titan Recreation. Dee Ann Goertzen seconded, and all were in favor of Titan raising money to buy T-shirts with the Titan logo for all SCC students and staff.

The Coffey County Chamber of Commerce has a new director, Callie Zirkkle. The City Council would like to invite her to the January 8, 2024 meeting before renewing the City’s membership.

Due to the New Year's Day Holiday Les Stone made a motion to reschedule January 1, 2025, City Council meeting to January 8, 2025. Stella Eccles seconded, and all were in favor.

**Mayors Report**

Mayor Steven Fuqua reported the Senior Citizens group made a $1500.00 donation to the GCA toward the light pole repairs for Christmas lights installed on Main Street. Stella Eccles made a motion for the city to pay the balance of the Thweatt Electrical invoice for the repairs. Dee Ann Goertzen seconded, and all were in favor.

**City Clerk Report**

Mayor Steven Fuqua read the city clerk's report. Recorded on November 26, 2024, for October 2024. The Sales and use tax totaled $6790.12. City Hall has started the yearend filing and will set a date for the 2025 Audit. The Christmas Eve Candlelight services will be on December 24, 2024. Gridley Christian Church at 6 pm and Gridley United Methodist church at 10 pm. City Hall will be closed December 25th & 26th 2024 to observe Christmas and closed December 30th, 2024, thru January 1st, 2025, to observe New Year.

**Additions**

Dee Ann Goertzen made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-3 The KPERS Life Insurance Affiliation for Optional Life Insurance. Stella Eccles seconded, and all were in favor.

Les Stone made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Stella Eccles seconded, and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Teresa Budd

City Clerk