



**CITY OF CORNING
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
794 THIRD STREET**

A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

Council:

**Toni Parkins
John Leach
Darlene Dickison
Dave Linnet
Gary Strack**

Mayor:

All members of the City Council were present.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by the City Manager.

D. INVOCATION: Led by Mayor Strack.

Persons of no religious persuasion will not be expected in any manner to stand or to participate other than to remain quiet out of respect for those who do choose to participate.

E. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS:

1. **Proclamation – April 2012 Child Abuse Prevention Month.** LaVonne Fawver, Coordinator, Tehama County Child Abuse Prevention Council and Delores May of the Corning Exchange Club were both present to accept Proclamations. Ms. Fawver thanked the City for the continued participation and support of their events over the years. She also stated that Tehama County was the first County in California to do the Blue Ribbon Tree Campaign.

2. **Proclamation – April 2012 Sexual Assault Awareness Month.** Michelle Bouma, Outreach Councilor from Rape Crisis Intervention & Prevention Program was present to accept the Proclamation. Ms. Bouma thanked the City Council for their continued support and announced that April 25th is Denim Day this year, and on April 30th a “Shine the Light” event will be held in Chico from 6-9 p.m.

3. **Presentation of Business and Employer of the Month Awards:**

**BUSINESS OF THE MONTH:
Burger King**

**EMPLOYER OF THE MONTH:
Safeway**

Present to accept the award for Burger King was Manager Ryan Day, and for Safeway was Head Clerk Jeff Crossman. Councilman Linnet presented each their awards for the month of April.

F. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA: It is recommended that items listed on the Consent Agenda be acted on simultaneously unless a Councilmember or members of the audience requests separate discussion and/or action.

4. **Waive reading, except by title, of any Ordinance under consideration at this meeting for either introduction or passage, per Government Code Section 36934.**

5. **Waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the March 27, 2012 meeting with any necessary corrections:**

6. **April 4, 2012 Claim Warrant - \$292,260.85.**
7. **April 4, 2012 Business License Report.**
8. **March 2012 Wages and Salaries - \$315,020.81.**
9. **March 2012 Building Permit Valuation Report - \$187,760.11.**
10. **City of Corning Wastewater Operations Summary Report – March 2012.**
11. **Approve construction of a flagpole and “Pledge of Allegiance” monument sponsored by the VFW and Corning Exchange Club at the Corning Senior Center, and authorize City Staff to assist with the proposed construction.**
12. **Approve City recommendation of Patrick Walker to replace John Brewer as the City’s representative on the Tehama County Integrated Waste Management Task Force.**

Linda Lima Daniels, Senior Center Manager announced that April is Volunteer Appreciation Month and the Corning Senior Center will be hosting a banquet in honor of all of the many Volunteers that help support the Center on April 27th. She invited everyone to attend and stated that hopefully the flag pole will be up. She further stated that the Corning High School Interact Club members will be present and are willing to assist in getting the flag pole installed. James Darrow stated they would like to have the flag pole and monument in place at the Senior Center if possible in time for the Volunteer Luncheon on April 27th.

Councilor Leach moved to approve Consent Items 4-12 and Councilor Parkins seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Parkins, Leach, Dickison and Linnet. Opposed/Abstain/Absent: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

H. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MEETINGS: None.

J. REGULAR AGENDA:

13. **Approval of a Contract Addendum with Geo Plus, Inc. for providing professional services in assessment of the City’s inactive Petro Water Well “A”, complete long term test pumping and coordinate monitoring of other area wells with Regional Water Quality Control Board.**

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title and City Manager/Public Works Director John Brewer explained the project and briefed the Council on the results of the required tests completed to date. He explained that Mr. Bergman of Geo Plus (present at tonight’s meeting), proposes to do a 2-week test following discussions with the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Mayor Strack and City Engineer Ed Anderson presented the history on the well acquisition and the determined cause of the contamination. Mr. Anderson explained that the well, although never testing positive for contamination, had been taken off line by the City to prevent the well from drawing in the contamination.

Mayor Strack stated that we currently don’t know the state of the pump or casing on the well, and discussed whether there was a possibility of recouping from TA (Travel Centers of America) some, if not all of the costs associated with bringing this well back online.

Councilor Leach stated he had discussed his concerns with City Manager John Brewer regarding funding related to this prior to the meeting.

Councilor Parkins moved to approve the Contract Addendum with Geo-Plus Inc. for the long term pumping test for the Petro Well as described in the addendum dated March 21, 2012, and authorize the City Manager to sign the document with Geo-Plus Inc. to initiate the work. Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Parkins, Leach, Dickison and Linnet. Opposed/Abstain/Absent: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

14. Staff seeks authorization to begin lien process on 19 properties for collection on delinquent water and/or sewer service accounts in the amount of \$10,259.91.

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title. City Clerk Lisa Linnet stated that notices had not yet been sent out, if approved tonight, notices will go out tomorrow or within this week. She further informed the Council that within the last two weeks the City has collected approximately \$1,500 from two properties previously liened in 2010. She explained because many of the properties formerly liened were in foreclosure, the City doesn't collect on the liens until the properties sell. Had the City opted to use a Collection Agency rather than the lien process, half of the funds collected would have been paid to the Collection Agency.

Councilor Leach moved to authorize the City Clerk to serve notification to the 19 property owners listed on Exhibit "A" of the City's intent to lien for collection of delinquent water and/or sewer service accounts in the combined total amount of \$10,259.91. Councilor Linnet seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Parkins, Leach, Dickison and Linnet. Opposed/Abstain/Absent: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

15. Approval of City Manager's residency outside City Limits.

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title and explained that the Corning Municipal Code does not require residency by the City Manager at the time of appointment, but does require it with 180 days of work reporting date unless the City Council approves residency outside the City.

Councilor Dickison moved to approve John Brewer maintaining his primary residence within the County of Tehama and outside of the City Limits of the City of Corning while serving as the Corning City Manager. Councilor Parkins seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Parkins, Leach and Dickison. Opposed: Linnet. Abstain/Absent: None. Motion was approved by a 4-1 vote with Linnet opposing.**

Councilor Linnet stated that he liked John and believes he will make a great City Manager but is opposed to that money going out of the City.

K. ITEMS PLACED ON THE AGENDA FROM THE FLOOR: None.

L. COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION: None.

M. REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS: City Councilmembers will report on attendance at conferences/meetings reimbursed at City expense (Requirement of Assembly Bill 1234).

Parkins: None.

Leach: Reported on attendance at the Branding Meeting on Thursday.

Dickison: Reported there would be no LAFCO meeting tomorrow and announced she would be attending the County Historical Preservation Meeting on April 25th.

Linnet: Announced there were a few more sites with graffiti and shopping carts.

Strack: None.

N. ADJOURNMENT!: 8:00 p.m.

Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk