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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP

DATE: APRIL 11, 2014

SCHEDULES:

May 28th – June 3rd: City Clerk/Adm. Assist. Lisa Linnet will be out of town to attend a family wedding.

EVENTS:

May Madness Car Show: Friday & Saturday, May 2-3, 2014.

Lucero Olive Oil's 4th Annual Spring Bloom: Saturday, May 10th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 2120 Loleta Avenue, Corning.

CITY MANAGER:

Corning Community Park Phase 2:

Pat Walker, John Stoufer and I are scheduled to meet with Ed Anderson and Landscape Architect Tom Phelps to go over revisions that we've made to the plans for Phase 2 of the new Park.

I sent a letter to Jeanne Ekstrom; Project Officer at the California Department of Parks and Recreation. The letter sought relief from the 20% retention requirement, based on the overall grant amount for the Park Project. Twenty percent of the overall grant amount would mean that we'd be forced to "cash flow" over $855,000 until completion of Phase 2. I'm happy to report that Jeanne responded via email to tell us that she and staff would recommend that the retention amount be based only on the remaining unexpended grant funds (totaling about $1.3 million). That will reduce the amount that we're expected to "front" to about $260,000 (20% of $1.3 million). She said the Parks and Recreation Director Jean Lacher would make the final decision and deliver it in writing to us, but all indications are positive. This is terrific news!

Transportation Center Repairs:

Terry Hoofard and Public Works employees are finishing the work to repair the fire damages. There is remains some soffit/roof gutter work and details that are yet to be completed. If you get a moment stop by and have a look. Terry and the crew have done some really nice work.

Bonnie, of Hometown Café spoke with Terry regarding problems with her grill. She recently experienced some troubles with clogged gas orifices on her cooking grill. She had some repairs done, but ultimately opted to replace the grill.

Soon after replacing, she experienced the same problems with the new grill. That seemed too coincidental to her and she spoke with Terry Hoofard about whether the fire damage could have had some impact on the gas lines. Terry contacted PG & E to see if debris could have fouled the gas line. PG & E sent a Technician who assisted with a purge of the gas lines. Debris was found in the gas lines and was cleared. The purging has resolved the matter and the new grill is now working fine. We believe the fouled gas lines were very likely the cause for the malfunction of the first grill. For that reason, we believe Bonnie is entitled to reimbursement for the new grill. She will be presenting the City with an invoice in the range of $1,600.

We received over $13,000 for our Insurance Claim. We have accounted for our repair expenses and find sufficient funds remaining to cover the reimbursement for the grill. We'll present a staff report detailing this for Council consideration at an upcoming meeting.

Sewer Rate Increase Notices:

We ordered and received the notices advertising the Public Hearing for the Sewer Rate increases that's scheduled for May 27th. Lisa has been busy labeling them so that we can get them mailed by today to fulfill the noticing requirement.

2014-2015 Budget Schedule:

Roy Seiler and I have put together a Tentative Schedule for the preparation and adoption of the 2014-2015 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and Budget. Highlights include presentation of the CIP on May 13th, Budget presentation on June 10th and final adoption on June 24th.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Martini Plaza:

Public Works Director Patrick Walker has been in touch with the Insurance Adjuster for the fire damage at Martini Plaza. There was a misunderstanding that the whole wall on the east side of the park was part of the building that burnt and not installed by the City. After explaining how the wall was built, the Adjuster said this would help with his findings and the City should have a decision soon.

Senior Center Internet:

Last month Staff was approached regarding the possibility of the City providing internet service to the Senior Center.

Digital Path currently has a Lease Agreement with the City which allowed them to place a series of antennas on the City's Water Tower. Under the terms of the lease, they are to provide internet services to some City buildings, however for various reasons, no City buildings have been able to utilize these internet connections to date. In response to the afore mentioned request, Public Works Director Patrick Walker contacted Digital Path to discuss the possibility of them, per the terms of the existing Lease Agreement, providing the Senior Center with internet service in lieu of the other City buildings. Digital Path has agreed and will install the service at the Center on the 18th of April.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

On Thursday, April 10, 2014 Corning Fire Dispatch received a call about a vehicle accident near Hwy. 32 and I-5 in the northbound lanes of I-5. The first arriving Units confirmed a semi tractor-trailer into a tour bus head-on with fire.

As the Dispatch Center for Orland Fire, Corning Fire Dispatch was inundated with calls about the accident. The single Fire Dispatcher on duty answered all calls, dispatched Units and requested additional resources. Corning Fire was requested along with up to 20 other agencies from Glenn, Butte and Tehama Counties. Corning Volunteer Fire Department responded with a Rescue Squad with 3 personnel, and the "Mass Causality" trailer with Chief Spannaus and a Firefighter.

This was a large and intense operation that was handled very professionally by all parties involved. Corning Fire Dispatch was at the forefront of this incident by fielding hundreds of calls and radio traffic from as many as 20 different agencies.

After the initial response, the Dispatch Center was again receiving calls from Media from all over the United States, as well as from concerned parents as one can only imagine. This was truly a tragic event that emotionally touched not only responding personnel, but also the Dispatch Staff. **All parties did an outstanding job**.

Please take the time to pray for the families of those involved. Please remember our Responders and Dispatch Staff, who because through their efforts, a horrible situation was compassionately handled professionally and effectively which contributed to lives being saved. Remember, your Fire Department Volunteers serve the Community, and we often take them for granted until we need them.

After a long night, the Volunteers were again called to a house fire in the 1200 block of Center St. at 6:25 A.M. Corning Police Department was on scene and advised fire personnel that power lines were down and the house was fully involved. There was a quick response with the first Units arriving within 3 minutes of being dispatched. They obtained a quick knockdown and the fire was contained within the first 10 minutes. The structure was heavily damaged but no damage to neighboring properties or personnel was incurred. The fire is under investigation at this time and is suspicious in nature.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 217 calls for service, a total of 48 Officer Reports were taken and there were 131 Officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 8 misdemeanor and 13 felony arrests, 66 traffic stops and issued 35 citations of which 3 were felonies, 21 were misdemeanors, 9 were infractions, 1 was parking and 1 was unclassified during the period of April 2 through April 9, 2014.