



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP

DATE: APRIL 12, 2013

CITY MANAGER'S NOTES:

City Manager Vacation:

I'll be taking vacation all of next week, returning to work on April 22nd. During my absence, Fire Chief Martin Spannaus will be the acting City Manager from April 13th through the 17th, and Public Works Director Patrick Walker will serve in that temporary role from April 18th through the 21st.

Acting Police Chief:

Sgt. Ralph Schmidt is serving as the acting Chief of Police during Chief Atkins absence due to family illness.

Ed Pitman Airport Building Proposal:

After our regular Management Staff Meeting on Wednesday morning, Staff met with Ed Pitman to discuss his desire to construct a 10,000-12,000 sq. ft. building at the Airport in which he'd assemble aircraft. Mr. Pitman currently operates at Red Bluff Airport but has outgrown that building. The proposed use has the potential to generate 10-15 jobs.

The primary challenge to his proposal is that our Airport Layout Plan identifies future lease sites around the new apron that are not readily developable since water, sewer and street improvements are not available. So, we've recommended that he consider a site immediately south of the existing hangar row. We discussed a number of issues including the need to amend our Airport Layout Plan (ALP) with FAA, a possible City extension of water service to supply emergency and domestic water, relocation of the CDF weather station, the need for off-street employee parking, building standards, Development Impact Fees, and a lease agreement. We provided some fee estimates for his consideration. Mr. Pitman will consider the information and make a decision about whether he'll pursue developing his project here.

Brian and Carol Carpenter Glider Operations Plans:

We're trying to arrange a conference call meeting between the Carpenter's, the FAA and me to discuss the Carpenter's plans. It's a bit of a challenge since I'm out of town next week, our FAA contact is out the week after, and the Carpenters are often out of town presenting aviation instruction.

Corning Rotary Meeting:

Mayor Strack and PW's Director Patrick Walker joined me at the Wednesday, April 10th meeting of the Corning Rotary Club. I presented the State of the City Power Point Presentation and responded to questions from the audience.

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NCCSIF Staff Meeting:

On Thursday I met with Susan Adams and Marilyn Kelly of Alliant Insurance Services. They provided a broad overview of the policies and programs of the Northern California Cities Self-Insurance Fund (NCCSIF).

Stantec Construction Administration:

We've asked Stantec; the skateboard park designers, to provide a "time and materials" contract proposal for construction administration. We believe it's important to have them available to inspect and approve the various components of the Skateboard Park while it's being constructed. Once that's provided we'll present it for Council consideration/approval

John Patterson Request for City Water:

John Patterson owns unincorporated property on the east side of Marguerite Avenue adjacent to the Airport. He wishes to construct a large warehouse building. He'll need to install fire sprinklers in that building. To supply the water in sufficient volume, he wishes to connect to the City's Water system. However, he wants to remain in the County, largely to avoid the City's Development Impact Fees.

If we extend the City water northerly toward the Airport as per our Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), his connection could be as simple as trenching or boring beneath Marguerite Avenue and extending a short segment of 6" water line.

Our policy has generally been "City services are for City properties". There are and have been some exceptions to that general rule-many of them to satisfy Uniform Plumbing Code requirements where properties were not adjacent to the current City boundary. In this case, the property adjoins the City Limits and is within the Sphere of Influence, so annexation could be completed in short order.

We will prepare a staff report for Council consideration of his request for presentation at either the April 23rd or May 14th City Council meeting. This request will trigger discussion and consideration of a number of issues including our utility service extension policy, annexation and growth policies, our development impact fee program and the infrastructure it funds; not to mention the LAFCo jurisdictional issues.

Capital Improvement Plans:

I have asked the Department Heads to start reviewing their Capital Improvement Plans and making updates so that we can schedule them for Council consideration and approval at one of the May Council meetings, prior to budget adoption.

CITY CLERK:

April 23, 2013, 6th Annual Seeds of Opportunity:

"The Future of Rural Communities; A Tehama Economic Forecast Event": 7:30 a.m. to Noon on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at Rolling Hills Casino – Carlino's Event Center (Breakfast provided). Reservations have been made for Mayor Strack, and Councilors Dickison, Cardenas and Smith along with City Manager John Brewer and John Stoufer to attend.

Corning Elementary Education Foundation (CEEF) Golf Tournament:

The City Council and City Manager John Brewer have contributed the required \$100 to participate as a "Hole Sponsor" in the 5th Annual CEEF Golf Tournament scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2012 at Sevillano Links Golf Course. City Clerk Lisa Linnet delivered the collected funds to Barbara Toy of CEEF on Wednesday, they were grateful for the sponsorship.

CEEF is a non-profit organization with the goal of enhancing the educational experience for the students of the Corning Union Elementary School District. They have helped fund the interactive playground at West Street School, have sponsored the District Carnival in the fall as well as the Talent Show in February. The Golf Tournament is their main fundraiser, with these funds they hope to continue funding for all 6th graders in the District to attend the Environmental Science Camp and the Dance Academy.

2013 Corning Union High School (CUHS) Senior Exit Interviews:

Linda Fugate, from the CUHS Career Center is seeking volunteers to be members of the interview panels for the Senior Exit Interviews on one or more days. The interviews will be held at the Corning First Baptist Church facility at 506 Colusa Street on Monday thru Wednesday, May 6th – 8th. Those interested in participating should contact Linda Fugate at 530/824-8070 or via email at lfugate@tehamaed.org. (See attached Flyer for more information.)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Yost Park:

The Public Works (PW's) Crew has been working on the sewer line at Yost Park, specifically the sewer lateral run from the snack bar area to 1st street. The crew has had to trace the line to find out where the blockage is. Last week Southwest water assisted the crews in trying to unplug the line with their VAC truck.

City Pool:

This Saturday Pool Manager Nate Borer, PW's Administrative Secretary Dawn Grine and PW's Director Patrick Walker will interview possible lifeguards for the next season. There are 5 returning lifeguards and we will be hiring potentially five (5) new lifeguards.

Water Leak:

The Public Works Crew has had a water leak in front of the Chevrolet Dealership. The waterline was an old steel service that the public works crews were able to put a clamp on to stop the water leak. If another leak occurs in the line we might need to replace the water service.

2013 CUHS SENIOR EXIT INTERVIEWS

Corning High School Seniors will be participating in Exit Interviews on Monday through Wednesday, May 6th, 7th, and 8th. Volunteers from our local businesses and community participate as members of the interview panels. Teacher Kurt Wilkins has prepared seniors for the Exit Interviews as part of the required Senior Issues class. The interviews are held at the Corning First Baptist Church facility. As more and more demands tug at your time, we continue to request your participation, as this is a very valuable “real life” experience for the students. We hope you will be willing to volunteer for one day; more if you are available.

As a volunteer you are asked to arrive at 8:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, 506 Colusa Street, (park on the West side by the gym... signs will be posted). A thirty-minute briefing will commence at that time explaining how the interviews will be conducted, coffee and pastries are available. We schedule 2 interviewers for each room. You will be given a prompt of questions to ask the students during the interviews, which will each run roughly thirty-minutes in length. At 8:30 a.m. seniors will begin to arrive for pre-scheduled appointments. Lunch will be provided and your day will end by approximately 3:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, need additional information, or are interested in volunteering... please contact me directly at 530-824-8070 or via email at lfugate@tehamaed.org.

Thank you in advance, Linda Fugate