



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP
DATE: AUGUST 23, 2013

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SCHEDULES:

John Brewer: August 29th through September 1st on vacation in Texas. Fire Chief Martin Spannaus will be the "Acting" City Manager while I'm out of State.

CITY MANAGER:

Presentation to Exchange Club:

I made a presentation to the Corning Exchange Club on Monday evening at the Iron Skillet restaurant. I briefed them regarding the City budget, personnel, recently completed, current and upcoming projects.

Corning Community Park:

We received the report regarding the cracked concrete at the Skateboard Park from Kanten Russell of Stan-tec. We provided the report to City Engineer Ed Anderson, who concurred with Kanten's assessment. I provided a copy of the report to John Richards as was promised at the last City Council meeting.

The Landscapers are hard at work installing irrigation lines that'll eventually water the lawn and planters within Phase 1 of the new Park. Picnic tables, trash cans & barbecues are being distributed to their intended locations.

Meeting regarding High School Lease for Solar Power:

Mayor Strack and I met with John Burch of the High School District and two Energy Consultants about leasing an acre of City property for the purpose of installing solar arrays. The property in question is across Blackburn Avenue from the campus. The power generated would be used to supply the High School. They will provide a narrative description and drawings to better define the property limits for our review. They'll also need to provide a Use Permit application for Planning Commission consideration.

Extension of Lease Option for Solar Power-WWTP

We've been working with Bill Brick of Eco-Plexus regarding a possible extension to the Lease Option they have on excess property adjacent to the WWTP. It turns out the program that was to entitle the "Fee-in-Tariff" (FIT) program was delayed for over a year. The FIT program involves the production of solar power that would "feed" into the distribution lines-with a target of generating 25% of power with renewable energy resources statewide. Eco-Plexus will seek an 18 month extension. We recently determined that up to 20 acres could be made available without encroaching onto property that'll be needed for WWTP use for the 20-year life of the solar lease. If the project occurs, it could generate \$24,000 a year in revenue. That additional revenue would be directed to the City's Sewer & WWTP Enterprise Fund.

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PUBLIC WORKS 824-7025 • POLICE DEPARTMENT 824-7000 • FIRE DEPARTMENT 824-7044

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Tehama Country Visitor Center Opening:

Councilmember Tony Cardenas and I attended the Grand Opening of the Tehama Country Visitor Center in Red Bluff on Wednesday. The Visitor Center is located at 250 Antelope Blvd., just east of Sale Lane. The Center is very well done and includes displays for the communities and attractions throughout the County-including Corning.

Meeting with HdL regarding Sales Tax:

I met with Denise Ovrum of HdL on Wednesday here at City Hall. Denise provided 1st Quarter Sales Tax Revenue information. This is the sales tax revenue generated in January, February and March of 2013. Overall, our sales tax for this quarter was up over the same quarter last year-by about 6.8%.

Southwest Waterline Extension:

Pat Walker and I attended a meeting sponsored by Pilot –Flying J Corporation at the Holiday Inn Express on Wednesday evening. The purpose of the meeting was to provide information to the property owners with contaminated water wells regarding the options available to address their water services. Those options include:

1. Connecting to City Water (Pilot-Flying J would extend the line to serve them) or
2. Keep their domestic wells with the activated charcoal filtration systems; or
3. Utilize extended City water for domestic purposes, but retain their existing wells for irrigation. With this option we would require physical separation of the two services and the installation of backflow prevention devices in those cases.

Mr. Joey Cupp of Pilot Flying J stated that his company was willing to spend as much as a million dollars to complete the project but, they wanted assurance that all six property owners would connect before they commit to preparing plans and soliciting bids for the extension. We were on hand to provide information regarding our water system and our rates for monthly service. Also attending was Eric Rapport of the Regional Water Quality Control Board and several from the engineering firm of Broadbent & Associates of Chico, who represent Pilot-Flying J.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Corning Community Park:

Trent Construction is beginning touch up work at the Skateboard Park. They are in the process of lowering a skating feature that was too tall. They are also extending a rail on the stairs of the Skate Park.

Curb Painting:

Public Works has been refreshing the paint on the red curbs throughout town. They also have been starting to refresh some of the yellow “Loading” curbs.

Diagonal Parking:

Public Works has started painting the diagonal parking around Woodson Park. The lines have all been painted except for the handicap parking. They will start painting the lines around Northside Park soon.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 162 calls for service, a total of 34 officer reports were taken and there were 107 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 12 misdemeanor and 9 felony arrests, 41 traffic stops and issued 40 citations of which 3 were felony, 23 were misdemeanors, 6 were infractions, 5 were parking, 2 were animal related and 1 was unclassified during the period of August 14, 2013 through August 21, 2013.