



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP *JLB*
DATE: AUGUST 29, 2014

HOLIDAYS:

Labor Day, September 1, 2014: City Hall, Public Works Corporation Yard and City Finance Department will be closed.

SCHEDULES:

John Brewer: Will be on vacation out of State beginning Friday, September 12th through Friday, September 19th (a designated Acting City Manager will be announced at a later date).

CITY MANAGER:

Waste Discharge Permit:

We're required to renew our Waste Discharge Permit for our Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) with the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) every five years. Our permit is now due for updating. The RWQCB typically requires that we furnish specific information with our application for permit renewal. In the last cycle we were required to complete a "Mixing Zone" study that quantified the turbidity and dispersal of our discharged waste. RWQCB is seeking other information this permit cycle. Among the items of interest to RWQCB is the effect that our discharge may have on freshwater mussels. For that, we are participating with other communities to fund a broader, more general analysis. For items more specific to our circumstances and location, we have solicited proposals from qualified engineering firms. Two firms have responded; Carollo and West-Yost Engineers. We're scrutinizing those proposals at this time and will present an award recommendation for your review at an upcoming City Council meeting.

Park Phase 2:

The four-foot high green vinyl coated fencing is now installed along the Houghton Avenue frontage. The Landscaper is now installing the irrigation lines.

Ed Anderson and I travelled to the Redding Airport Industrial Park on Wednesday to view the Pedestrian Bridge that is nearly complete. It's quite an impressive steel structure that weighs about 27,000 lbs. It'll soon be transported to the site and dropped into place by a construction crane.



We have corresponded with Mr. Al Clark regarding the placement of a plaque and monument honoring the Lennox family within the new park area.

City Hall Carpeting:

Now that we have specifications, we're soliciting bids for the replacement of the carpeting at City Hall. To minimize work interruptions, much of the work will need to be done on weekends.

CDBG Program Income Funds:

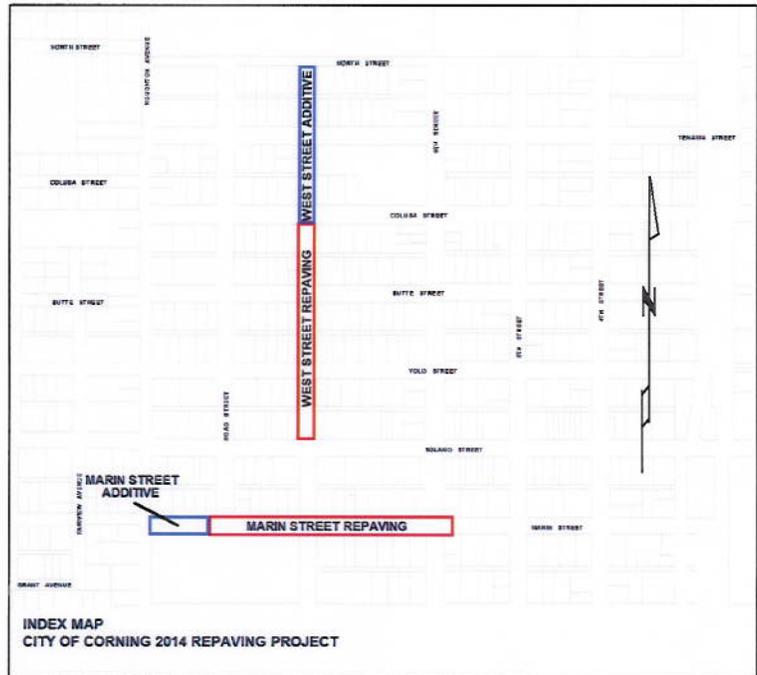
We've scheduled a Conference call between JoAnn Anders, John Stoufer, me and CDBG Staff for Wednesday September 3rd to discuss our plans to utilize Program Income Funds on Street Rehabilitation (repaving).

Repaving Project:

We're currently seeking bids for the repaving of segments of Marin and West Streets (see the diagram to the side). We've scheduled to open the bids on September 18th.

Pavement Marking:

We included some funds (\$33,000) for repainting the thermo-plastic markings at the South Avenue/Highway 99-W intersection in the 2014-2015 Budget. We've now determined the types and quantities of street markings (striping, stop bars, arrows, etc.) that we need replaced there. We may append the street marking to the street paving project as an "additive bid item". That would be the most efficient method to accomplish the project, since there is some street marking (crosswalks, stop bars) that'll occur with the repaving project anyway.



Jobs Meeting with Tehama County Officials:

John Stoufer and I attended a meeting at the Tehama County Administration building in Red Bluff on Monday. The meeting was called by Supervisors Bob Williams and Burt Bundy to discuss what we can do to attract jobs to Tehama County. In addition to the Supervisors, County Chief Administrator Bill Goodwin, and others representing private industry attended. The County may opt to hire an Economic Development Director who would be tasked with attracting new businesses and jobs to the County. If they do, they may look to us and the City of Red Bluff to assist with funding. Discussions will continue.

Police Department:

Animal Shelter:

The Corning Animal Shelter is undergoing some changes this week. Current caretaker, Toni Williams moved out yesterday, Thursday, August 28, 2014. Due to the need to have someone present at the Shelter, Tom Watson quickly interviewed the limited interested Candidates for Toni's replacement.

Because our need is urgent, Staff has selected Michelle Gardner, a young woman who has already put in four years of volunteer work at our Shelter. While youthful and less experienced than some, she is by all accounts responsible and mature. She is currently a part-time student at CSU, Chico where she is studying to become a veterinarian. It is our hope that her previous and ongoing experience working with dogs in the "real world" will prove beneficial to her career while being a positive, stabilizing influence for the shelter.

With the City Manager's approval, she was offered a 90 day Probationary Caretakers Agreement. At the end of the 90 days all parties will convene to evaluate her performance and determine whether to offer an extended Agreement to be approved by the City Attorney.

In any case, the shelter and its "residents" are ultimately the City's responsibility. Police Department personnel will ensure that all rules and regulations regarding humane care, feeding and watering are upheld. During this transition, employees of the department are checking daily to make sure this happens.

City Council members are invited and encouraged to visit the Shelter at any time.