



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP
DATE: AUGUST 31, 2012

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FURLOUGH DAYS:

September:

Friday, September 7th
Friday, September 21st

October:

Friday, October 5th
Friday, October 19th

November:

Friday, November 2nd
Friday, November 16th
Friday, November 30th

HOLIDAYS/VACATION SCHEDULES:

September 3rd – LABOR DAY HOLIDAY!

September 3rd – 7th: City Clerk/Adm. Assist. Lisa Linnet will on vacation.

September 15th – September 23rd: City Manager John Brewer on vacation.

CITY MANAGER:

Letter from Assemblyman Nielsen:

We received a letter from Assemblyman Jim Nielsen in response to our letter about the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) letters that had been sent to area businesses. A copy of the letter was previously provided to the Council.

Park Naming Contest:

Lisa Linnet, Dawn Grine and I met to discuss details of the Park Naming Contest. We've prepared some forms and cover letters that are to be mailed to the area schools. The plan right now is to close entries at the schools at the end of October. Each school would then review the names submitted and select one name for submittal to the City by November 30th. Those names would be presented to the City Council at a subsequent City Council meeting for final selection.

Public Works Director Recruitment:

Lisa Linnet has prepared the in house recruitment notice for the Public Works Director position and will distribute a flyer soliciting applications from City Employees commencing on September 4th.

CITY CLERK:

City Council Sponsorship Request:

As Council was informed in the Friday Notes last week, Corning High School freshman Amanda Real sought Council sponsorship to attend, as a part of the NBC USA Basketball team, the NBC Basketball World Tour of 2013 to be held in the United Kingdom next summer. She would be the only player from Corning and was hoping to obtain sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000 by October 1, 2012.

At the request of the Mayor, a letter has been prepared and sent to Ms. Real congratulating her on this wonderful opportunity. This letter also explains that although the Council wishes Ms. Real success in her endeavor and hopes that she is able to obtain the financial sponsorship needed, the City unfortunately cannot render financial sponsorship.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

2012 Paving Projects, etc.:

Jason Abel Construction has completed the waterline installation and paving on Blackburn Avenue and the paving and striping on Solano Street. We are reviewing the work to determine both work quality and completeness.

New Park Electrical Service:

We called in to PG & E on Tuesday morning to start the process of new service for the Toomes Avenue side-Phase 1 of the Park project. We requested a new underground service to energize a 200 amp panel. The panel would include capacity for 3-phase service for the planned 7 to 10 horsepower booster water pump. We've subsequently submitted a \$1,000 preliminary planning fee to PG & E to commence the design work for the service.

Sight Distance Obstruction:

We've had a complaint regarding unsafe sight distance at the intersection of Pear and Solano Street. John Stoufer and I met with the property owner on Thursday to discuss trimming some shrubs in the right-of-way and on adjacent private property. We plan to use our crew to complete the minor vegetation removal.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

General Plan Update:

Pursuant to Resolution 03-27-2012-01 the City submitted an application for funding from the Planning/Technical Assistance (P/TA) Allocation of the State Community Development Block Grant Program. The application was for \$100,000 to assist the City in updating the General Plan. City Manager John Brewer was notified by Joann Gonzalez from the State Department of Housing and Community Development that the City had been awarded the grant.

The P/TA funds will be used to update the land use element incorporating many of the goals, policies, and implementation measures adopted in the 2009-2014 Housing Element Update and environmental analysis that will assist in the future development of single and multi-family affordable housing within the City.

Updating the General Plan will also provide the City an opportunity to adopt sustainable goals and policies, provide for mixed-use and denser development and promote development harmonious with the environment.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 151 calls for service, a total of 47 officer reports were taken and there were 118 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 26 misdemeanor and 1 felony arrests, 63 traffic stops and issued 43 citations of which 4 were infractions, 36 were misdemeanors, 1 animal-related and 2 unclassified during the period of August 22-August 29, 2012.

Animal Control:

During the month of July and through August 26, 2012, there were a total of 76 animal pick-ups (65 by CSO's, 10 by patrol officers and 1 by the Animal Shelter Caretaker).

Equipment:

The vendor who supplied our new Radio Repeater has been conducting the installation at the airport, along with Public Works employees. This will put us a step closer to compliance with the FCC narrow-width requirements by January 2013.