



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP
DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2015

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CITY MANAGER:

Upcoming Staff Absences:

City Manager John Brewer will be out of the office beginning Wednesday, March 18th and returning on Tuesday, March 24th.

Mid-Year Budget Review:

Roy Seiler was in town on Thursday to assist with the preparation of the FY 2014-2015 Midyear Budget Review staff report. I am continuing to work on that report which is to be presented at the Feb. 24th City Council meeting.

Sign Committee:

City Planning Consultant John Stoufer, City Attorney Jody Burgess and I with members of the Ad Hoc Sign Committee on Tuesday. This meeting was well attended by Veterans and the Staff of the VFW Hall.

The consensus of the Committee was to make some minor adjustments to the City's Sign Regulations and to provide Staff direction regarding the interpretation of "Community Events and Activities" as the terms apply to advertising on public properties. City Attorney Jody Burgess is to provide a memo keeping the County Administrative Staff abreast of the direction. Staff will prepare a staff report detailing the proposed sign regulation changes for Planning Commission and subsequent City Council consideration.

Staff made it clear to all attending that despite revisions that might occur as a result of the Sign Committee recommendations, the County is not obligated to comply with City Standards for Land Use Regulations-including Sign Regulations. The point emphasized was that the County's Administration Staff, in their capacity as a "landlord" can make their own rules regarding what is advertised on the VFW Hall property.

Streetscape Project:

City Engineer Ed Anderson is continuing to work on responses to the comments provided by the Division of the State Architect. When he completes those we'll resubmit the Plans for their (DSA) approval. Ed and I may make the trip to Sacramento to personally deliver the revised Plans to speed the second review process. When DSA review is complete, we'll forward the plans on to the California Transportation Commission for their action in May. In the meantime, we're scheduling a meeting with Kelly Zolotoff of Caltrans District 2 Staff to make sure that we satisfy all their paperwork needs.

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Rodgers Theater Restoration:

On Saturday, Assistant Public Works Director Steve Lindeman, Building Official Terry Hoofard, Volunteer Tom White, I and another gentleman were on hand to pour nearly 20 cubic yards of concrete in another section of the auditorium floor at Rodgers Theater.

2015 Street Re-Paving Project:

Public Works Director Pat Walker, Planning Consultant John Stoufer and I met with Environmental Consultant Eihnard Diaz on Wednesday to put the finishing touches on the project description that'll accompany the NEPA Categorical Exclusion for the CDBG Program Income sponsored Repaving Project.

John Stoufer filed the CEQA Notice of Exemption with the Tehama County Clerk on Wednesday afternoon.

SW Quadrant Waterline Extension Project:

We received the signed "Annexation Agreement" document from the Lopez family. I submitted it to the Tehama County Clerk and Recorder for recording on Monday. I also sent an email to Tehama County LAFCo Secretary (and Planning Director) Sean Moore, Public Works Director Gary Antone and others informing them of the completion of the agreement process. We now wish to participate in a dialogue with the County regarding the Encroachment Permit process that'll precede and facilitate the placement of the waterline within the County Road Right-of-Way.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Hwy. 99-W Lift Station:

One of the three pumps at the Lift Station need to be repaired. A spare pump has been installed to maintain operation of the Lift Station in the interim. Severn Trent has received a quote of \$3,254 to repair the inoperable pump. There is only one repair shop in the area that works on these pumps and they are located in Fairfield, CA. There will be about a two week time period for repairs to be completed.

Verizon Cell Tower:

During the construction of the Cellular Tower at Clark Park, Verizon removed a pole and lights for the Little League Field that were to be remounted on the Cell Tower. The Contractor for Verizon had the lights stored in a chain link enclosure at Clark Park. Two of five light fixtures were stolen from the site. Because that the lights are around 30 years old, the Contractor can no longer find parts for this light pole. The Contractor has found a modern replacement from the same manufacturer and has agreed to purchase and replace all 5 lights on the fixture.

Peach Well:

The well site is now operational. Win Benbow was here on Tuesday and had no problems installing the new Variable Speed Drive.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 206 calls for service, a total of 42 officer reports were taken and there were 88 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 18 misdemeanor and 2 felony arrests, 36 traffic stops and issued 29 citations of which 1 was felony, 21 were misdemeanors, 6 were infractions, and 1 was unclassified during the period of February 4, 2015 through February 11, 2015.