



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER KRISTINA MILLER
DATE: JANUARY 15, 2016

SCHEDULES:

Special City Council Meeting: At the Corning Union High School Cafeteria on Monday, January 18, 2015 at 6 p.m. for City Council discussion and action on the recommendations resulting from the General Fund Ad Hoc Committee.

January 27, 2015: City Supervisors will be attending a 2 hour mandatory "Prevention of Sexual Harassment & Abusive Conduct Training (AB 1825) in at the City of Red Bluff Council Chambers. Managers and Supervisors are required to complete this training every two years. Fortunately, this training is provided by our JPA, Northern California Cities Self Insurance Fund, at no cost.

February 6, 2016 Annual Chamber Dinner: The Annual Chamber Dinner is on Saturday, February 6, 2016 at the Corning Veteran's Memorial Hall (1620 Solano St.) with the "No Host Reception" beginning at 6 p.m. followed by the dinner at 7 p.m.

CITY MANAGER:

City Manager's Meeting:

I attended a City Manager's meeting with the Orland and Willows City Managers. The City of Willows is also at the beginning stages of considering a sales tax increase due to their own general fund budget deficit. In the last year the City of Orland implemented a program to deal with a rampant feral cat issue. I will be looking further into their program.

Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Rates:

I researched Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) rates in the north state region as shown in the table below:

City	Transient Occupancy Tax
Corning	10%
Red Bluff	10%
Willows	12%
Chico	10%
Orland	10%
Redding	10%
Anderson	10%
Gridley	6%
Shasta Lake	10%

I also researched sales tax rates for the general area and Sacramento. All are at the State sales tax rate of 7.5%, except for Red Bluff at 7.75%, Paradise at 8.0%, and Williams at 8.0%. All Cities within the County of Sacramento are at 8.0%, except for Rancho Cordova which charges a sales tax rate of 8.5%. The average Statewide is 8.125%, with a high of 10.0%.

Mayor Gary Strack and I met with Corning Ford to garner their perspective about the proposed sales tax increase. After the initial conversation it appears they would remain neutral on the issue.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Weed & Pest Contract:

After the January 12, 2016 City Council Meeting, I realized that I had not included the out-going vendor's information within my Staff Report. Hunter's Pest from Chico held the contract from 1/1/2013 through 12/31/2015 for an annual cost of \$19,967 per year. There is a \$17 decrease in the contract amount from the out-going vendor when compared to the new vendor. Tracy and Lucie Woolery DBA Pestmaster Services of North State California will hold the current contract from 1/1/2016 through 12/31/2018 for an annual cost of \$19,950.

Clark Park Restrooms Update:

The current budget includes funding for the remodeling/construction of the Clark Park Restrooms. I have been working with Assistant Public Works Director Steve Lindeman and Building Official Terry Hoofard to prepare a Staff Report that will be presented to City Council. I plan to attend a Little League Board Meeting before presenting the Staff Report to City Council as any input that they may have regarding the project should be taken into consideration. Construction is not going to begin until the 2016 Little League season has ended.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 215 calls for service, a total of 33 officer reports were taken and there were 83 officer-initiated incidents, including 46 traffic stops. Officers made 18 misdemeanor arrests and 2 felony arrests, and issued 28 citations of which 19 were misdemeanors, 8 were infractions, and 1 was a felony during the period of January 6, 2016 through January 13, 2016.