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## THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

**TO:** MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**FROM:** CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP JB

**DATE:** JANUARY 24, 2014

**SCHEDULES:**

**February 9th – February 15th:** Fire Chief Martin Spannaus and five members of the Fire Department will be attending the FEMA National Training Center on Mass Casualty Training.

**March 17th – March 21st:** City Manager John Brewer will be out of the County that week and will appoint an acting City Manager for that period.

**May 28th – June 3rd:** City Clerk/Adm. Assist. Lisa Linnet will be out of town to attend a family wedding.

**CITY MANAGER:**

**Martini Plaza:**

Staff has been working with Attorney Mike Fitzpatrick regarding updates to our Parks Regulations. While we sort out some details, in the interim we've asked Mike to prepare an Urgency Ordinance that'll prohibit smoking and drinking at Martini Plaza. This will be presented that at the next City Council meeting.

**Mid-year Budget Review:**

Staff plans to present the Mid-Year Budget Staff Report on February 28th.

**Garbage Collection Rate Increase:**

Waste Management has proposed a rate increase for Garbage Collection here in Corning. We've scheduled the public hearing for the February 11th City Council meeting. The proposed rate increase is slightly less than 1%.

**Meeting with Kathy Stone:**

Pat Walker and I met with Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Operator Kathy Stone last Friday to discuss some personnel and operational issues at the plant. We understand that the Red Bluff WWTP is experiencing similar issues. I sent an email and left a voice mail message for the Red Bluff Public Works Director seeking to arrange a meeting to discuss these issues.

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**Meeting with Orland City Manager:**

I had a lunch meeting with Orland City Manager Pete Carr on Tuesday here in Corning. We spoke about some common issues. He provided a signed copy of the updated Dispatch Fire contract.

**Meeting with Red Bluff City Manager, & County Administrator**

I met with Rick Crabtree & Bill Goodwin on Thursday in Red Bluff. We try to have lunch meetings once a month to discuss common issues, but schedules can sometimes conflict.



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**Conference Call Meeting with Ecoplexus:**

Pat Walker and I are scheduled to have a conference call meeting next week with representatives from Ecoplexus of San Francisco regarding options (other than the potential land lease) for solar energy production at the WWTP.

**Meeting with JoAnn Anders:**

I met with City Grant Consultant JoAnn Anders on Wednesday. We discussed our current Program Income Funds and a recently satisfied CDBG loan. JoAnn has posed some questions to CDBG Staff regarding how older CDBG loan funds may be utilized.

**TEDC Meeting:**

I'll be attending a meeting of the Tehama Local Development Corporation next Wednesday morning in Red Bluff.

**CITY CLERK:**

**Expect More Tehama:**

Expect More Tehama will be holding their first quarterly meeting of 2014 on February 12th at 6 p.m. at Rolling Hills Casino Carlino's Event Center. The theme is "We're Going Places!, The last decade in perspective".

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

**Water:**

On January 17, 2014 Governor Jerry Brown proclaimed a State of Emergency and directed State officials to take all necessary action to prepare for drought conditions. Right now the Governor is requesting that all Californian's voluntarily reduce water use by 20 percent.

The City is actively monitoring the well levels and making sure that the users have water. Public Works Director Patrick Walker is considering approaching the City Council for authorization to initiate Stage 1 of Corning's Proposed Water Conservation Program. Stage I consists of requesting customers voluntarily reduce water use by 15% along with educating user about water conservation. There are 4 stages in the Water Conservation Program.

**Martini Plaza:**

Public Works Director Patrick Walker is looking into the possible purchase of two surveillance cameras for Martini Plaza. There are a few landscaping obstacles that might pose a problem into the installation of the cameras. Possible remedies to these obstacles are being explored.

**Clark Park:**

Verizon Wireless has picked Clark Park as a viable area to install a wireless telecom service. Verizon is looking at a 20 x 30 foot area by the tennis courts for an equipment room and would use an existing light pole for the little league field for the cell tower.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**Patrol:**

In addition to responding to 183 calls for service, a total of 42 officer reports were taken and there were 133 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 17 misdemeanor and 5 felony arrests, 73 traffic stops and issued 31 citations of which 20 were misdemeanors, 2 were felony, 5 were infractions, 3 were parking-related and 1 was animal-related during the period of January 15 through January 22, 2014.