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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP

DATE: JANUARY 31, 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:

Meeting with Red Bluff City Manager and Public Works Director:

Public Works Director Pat Walker, City Attorney Mike Fitzpatrick and I met with Red Bluff City Manager Rick Crabtree and Public Works Director Bruce Henz on Thursday. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss some common issues regarding operations of our respective Wastewater Treatment Plants. I will follow up by scheduling a meeting between Mr. Crabtree and myself and a Manager at Severn Trent Services.

TEDC (Tehama Economic Development Corporation) Meeting:

I attended a meeting of the TEDC on Wednesday morning in Red Bluff. The primary topic was a briefing regarding two alternative site locations under consideration for relocation of the County's Main Library.

Utility Billing:

Mary Brimm of the Finance Department provided January information regarding our savings due to elimination of "Reminder" Notices. It looks like we saved $414.14 in January. The total saved for the two months since we've implemented the new procedure is $838.86 plus labor costs.

Mobilehome Dealership:

In 2006 and 2007 we processed Land Use Applications for a Mobilehome Dealership sales yard to be located between the old highway and I-5 and just south of the Burch Creek Bridge. However, just after the approval, economic conditions deteriorated and the Dealer postponed plans to open here. We received phone calls this week indicating renewed interest in that project. John Stoufer, Pat Walker and I spoke with the Developer and his representatives about restarting the project.

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When the project was being processed we noted multiple pole-mounted fiber-optics cables along the property frontage. At that time we contacted AT&T in order to gauge the costs of undergrounding those cables. Our thoughts were to collect "in-lieu" fees instead of requiring multiple undergrounding projects as the properties along the west side of the highway developed. Once AT&T provided their cost estimates for conduits and wire, we worked with City Engineer Ed Anderson to estimate the trenching costs. We then presented the whole matter for Council consideration. The City Council ultimately adopted an "In-Lieu" (of undergrounding) fee of just over $100/linear foot of frontage.

However, subsequent to that action, AT&T provided updated cost estimates that were considerably higher (about 9X) than their previous projection. These costs make development along the west side of the highway impractical. Staff will work with AT&T and the Mobilehome Dealer to identify a less onerous alternative. One possibility may be to raise the overhead lines to provide suitable driveway clearance-as was completed at the recent Blue Beacon Truck Wash.

Mid-year Budget Review:

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

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:

Martini Plaza:

With the City Council approving the Urgency Ordinance for Martini Plaza, Staff is seeking a quote for the Ordinance sign at the Park. The additional wording will include "Smoking Prohibited" and "Possession of Open Receptacles Containing Alcohol Prohibited" per Urgency Ordinance 654.

Clark Park:

Public Works Director, Patrick Walker met with Luke Alexander from Little League about the possibility of refurbishing the bathrooms at Clark Park. The bathrooms are from the early 70's and do need to be upgraded. Staff is considering various funding options for this project and discussing possibly increasing the building footage and plumbing fixtures.

Little League has complained that the older toilets constantly plug up. Staff has mitigated this problem by replacing them with power flush toilets.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 222 calls for service, a total of 33 officer reports were taken and there were 78 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 9 misdemeanor and 6 felony arrests, 34 traffic stops and issued 19 citations of which 15 were misdemeanors, 2 were felony, and 2 were infractions during the period of January 22 through January 29, 2014.