



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER KRISTINA MILLER
DATE: JULY 1, 2016

CITY MANAGER:

FY 2016/17 Budget:

The City Council approved the FY 2016/2017 Budget as presented to the Council on June 14, 2016 at its regularly scheduled June 28, 2016 meeting.

Negotiation of Digital Path Tower Lease Agreement:

I negotiated to increase the tower lease payment to \$700 per month with automatic 3% annual increases. This amounts to an increase of \$335.35 per month or 92%. Digital Path should also be providing internet service to City Buildings free of charge, per the existing agreement. The possibility of providing internet service to the City will be further discussed at a meeting with Digital Path on July 6th.

Meeting with NHA Advisors Regarding Refinancing Water and Sewer Debt:

City Accountant Roy Seiler and I met with Mark Northcross of NHA Advisors on June 30, 2016 regarding the possibility of refinancing the City's water and sewer debt. More internal review is necessary, but preliminary numbers show a total potential savings of \$1 million. I will provide more information to the Council as it becomes available.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Farmers Market:

The Corning Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its annual Farmers Market every Thursday beginning June 9th through August 18th from 5 – 7:30pm held at the North Side Park (1414 Colusa Street, Corning).

Street Closure:

The Harvest Christian Center has submitted its annual request to close South Street between 6th Avenue and Link Street from 7pm until 10pm on Monday, July 4th for their annual (free) fireworks display. This request is approved and a notice will be sent to local emergency services regarding the street closure.

Clark Park Restrooms:

On June 22nd the City received Little Leagues' proposal to demo the existing concession stand/restrooms and reconstruct a new building. They have proposed to construct the new building utilizing volunteers and donated materials. After consulting with City Attorney Jody Burgess on June 28th he has advised that this is a possibility **ONLY** if no City funds are expended for labor costs. I have contacted Little League Board Member Kelley Dodge to set up a meeting with the Little League Building Committee. Mr. Burgess indicated that if available, he would like to attend by conference call.

The goal of the meeting being to clarify some of the items listed within Little Leagues' cost proposal regarding volunteer work and the purchasing of materials for the project.

2016 Street Paving Project:

Northwest Paving, Inc was awarded the 2016 Street Paving Project at the April 26, 2016 City Council Meeting. Owner Jim Heller has provided his tentative work schedule and is due to start the overlay project on July 25th. He proposes to complete the project in less than 2 weeks.

Streetscape Project Update:

Trent Construction is moving along nicely and intends to begin pouring the first crosswalk located at the intersection of Third and Solano Streets; followed by the 4th Street intersection. Mr. Trent met with Fire Chief Spannaus to clarify a fire route should any of the buildings in the construction area catch on fire during the reconstruction of the Solano Street intersections. The businesses located between Third and West Streets are accessible by using the side streets to gain access to the sidewalks. Some of the businesses have chosen to use their alleyway doors as an entrance. Please help spread the word that our local merchants are **Open For Business.**

Solar Array Project at the WWTP:

At this point, Ecoplexus has indicated that they intend to modify their previously submitted plans. Their original plans to trench the electrical line conduit from the solar array panels to the power source may be upgraded to "overhead" service lines.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 220 calls for service, a total of 45 officer reports were taken and there were 92 officer-initiated incidents, including 40 traffic stops. Officers made 14 misdemeanor arrests and 4 felony arrests. Officers issued 25 citations, of which; 12 were misdemeanors, 7 were infractions, 4 were animal-related and 2 were parking-related during the period of June 22, 2016 through June 29, 2016.

Community:

Due to the issues surrounding traffic flow in and around the construction area on Solano Street, Officers will provide extra patrol as time allows.