



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP
DATE: JULY 24, 2015

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SCHEDULES:

Lisa Linnet: On vacation July 22nd - August 4th returning to work on August 5th.

John Brewer: On vacation September 10th - 19th returning to work on September 21st.

CITY MANAGER:

I have an ophthalmologist appointment in Red Bluff on Friday at 3:30 p.m. I likely won't return after that appointment.

Gas Leak:

Renée Beckley from Interland stopped by City Hall to tell us of what she thought was a gas leak at the Chamber of Commerce. Dawn Grine and I went there and could smell something unusual. But there is no gas plumbing inside the Chamber office. Valanne closed the office and went to lunch. We called PG & E who dispatched an employee with a device to measure air for gas. He identified gas and it was quickly traced to a propane tank that was stored in the adjacent storage area of the Police Dept. located immediately north of the Chamber wall. The tank was immediately removed.

Retirements and Staff Replacements:

As you know, we have some significant staff position vacancies on the horizon that we will need to replace. We will schedule a Closed Session prior to the July 28th meeting to present our recruitment and replacement plans for those vacancies.

General Fund Ad Hoc Committee:

I've been working to compile some basic budget information handouts that we can present to the General Fund Ad Hoc Committee next Tuesday, July 28th. We'll have only an hour for the initial meeting, since there is a Closed Session scheduled at 6:00. I think it's important that all understand the "segregation of funds" concept. That way they can quickly see that they'll be dealing with only the General Fund; about \$4.8 million of an overall \$12.7 million City budget. The Committee is not to be dealing with Street Funds, Airport, Sewer or Water Funds.

Groundwater Sustainability Agency:

I will be attending a meeting of the County Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) at the County Admin. Building in Red Bluff on Friday morning. We (and Red Bluff) have asked for representation on the GSA Board. The latest info provided from the County indicates their willingness to accommodate the cities.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

2015 CDBG Paving Project:

Contractor Stimpel-Wiebelhaus has informed the Public Works Department that the I-5 southbound off-ramp at the Solano Street/Corning Road Exit will be closed on July 27th due to street paving. Ramp closure may begin as early as 6am.

The I-5 (overpass) on-ramp will remain open during street paving but will be subject to traffic control.

Clark Park Restroom Update:

Public Works Director Dawn Grine met with Assistant Public Works Director Steve Lindeman and Building Official Terry Hoofard on July 23rd to discuss possible options for restroom improvements at the Clark Park restroom. Local Contractor Luke Alexander has expressed an interest in this project in the past and also attended the meeting with City Staff. Corning Little League will be kept informed throughout this process.

TRAX Bus Stop:

Public Works was contacted by Tehama County Transportation Commission Senior Transportation Planner Adam Hansen. Tehama Rural Area eXpress (TRAX) operates locally and provides services throughout Tehama County including the cities of Corning, Red Bluff and Tehama. TRAX bus services will be adding new bus stops to their route within the City of Corning. Four new bus shelters will be installed by True North Constructors and construction may begin as early as next week. This is a Tehama County Public Works project.

Ordinance No. 660; Water Use Regulations:

Ordinance No. 660; an Ordinance recently adopted by City Council took effect on July 9, 2015. This Ordinance can be read in its entirety on our City website at www.corning.org. It is listed on the website under "Public Information", CMC 660 – Stage 2 Drought Declaration.

All irrigation timers for City Parks are set to irrigate two days per week between the hours of 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. with the exception of Lennox Fields. Lennox Fields Soccer Park has been reduced from seven days a week to five days a week between the hours of 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. and is being closely monitored by the Public Works Department.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 240 calls for service, a total of 31 officer reports were taken and there were 71 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 1 felony arrest and 8 misdemeanor arrests, 19 traffic stops and issued 18 citations of which 1 was a felony, 9 were misdemeanors, 5 were infractions, 2 parking, and 1 animal, during the period of July 15, 2015 – July 23, 2015.