City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP

DATE: JUNE 19, 2015

EVENTS:

Customer Service Bootcamp 2015: Tuesday, July 7th at 10:00 a.m. at Corning Council Chambers, 794 Third Street, Corning, CA. This is a 2-hour, fast paced session geared to revisit key skills with all Staff in all Industries. The training is being provided by Kathy Garcia, Business Services & Marketing, via the Tehama County Job Training Center and is sponsored by the Corning Chamber of Commerce. Those interested in participating are asked to RSVP to Valanne Cardenas, Corning Chamber of Commerce Manager at info@corningcachamber.org or 530/824-5550.

CITY MANAGER:

2015-2016 Budget Preparation:

Roy Seiler was in town on Tuesday to assist with preliminary Budget Prep. We've prepared an updated General Fund Summary and Staff Report for presentation at next Tuesday's City Council meeting.

Police Chief Announces Retirement:

Police Chief Don Atkins has submitted a letter announcing his intended retirement date of December 23, 2015. Current Police Department staff members have expressed interest in the position. We are reviewing the job description and will soon develop a replacement plan that provides adequate time for a smooth transition from one Chief to another.

Planning Consultant Vacation

Planning Consultant John Stoufer will be out of the State beginning Tuesday afternoon through June 30th attending his daughter's wedding in Pennsylvania.

Tehama County Certificate of Compliance Committee:

The Subdivision Map Act (SMA) regulates the creation of new parcels in California. There have been some recent court decisions that have complicated how agencies determine whether a pre-existing parcel is "legal" for development or conveyance purposes. John Stoufer and I have considerable experience with the SMA, particularly as it applies to Tehama County, since we both formerly worked at the County Planning Department. For that reason, we have been included and have participated in the County's "Certificate of Compliance Committee" that is tasked with determining what precisely makes a parcel "legal". The Committee is compiling clear definitions applicable to pre-existing lots that resulted from Government Patents, Subdivisions, and Conveyance Deeds that originated in differing eras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Water Conservation Notice:

Ordinance No. 660 is an Ordinance declaring a Stage 2 Drought Condition and establishing water use regulations effective on July 9, 2015. As part of this year's Annual Water Consumer Report that is mailed to all water consumers within the City of Corning, the Public Works Department included a brief announcement of the Ordinance. After receiving the Annual Report from the Printer, we discovered that there is an error with the effective date of the Ordinance. The Flyer states that the effective date of the Ordinance is July 23, 2015. Although the effective date of this Ordinance is July 9th, the Public Works Department will not begin enforcement of the Ordinance until after July 23, 2015.

Corning Soccer:

Public Works Staff met with Youth and Adult Soccer League representatives. Now that we have their input, Public Works will select the proper goals for each of the soccer fields.

WWTP Solar:

After speaking to Jake Pundyk, Ecoplexus will begin the design of the Solar Array Farm and submit plans to the Building Department. The Building Department does not anticipate the Plan Check process to take longer than 2.5 weeks. Ecoplexus expects to begin construction by August.

Water Leak:

The Public Works Crew made repairs to two water main leaks this week and another water leak was reported late Tuesday afternoon on Fig Lane near Palm Avenue.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 222 calls for service, a total of 30 officer reports were taken and there were 94 officer-initiated incidents, including 34 traffic stops. Officers made 8 misdemeanor arrests and 2 felony arrests, and issued 23 citations of which 8 were misdemeanors, 14 were infractions, and 1 was unclassified during the period of June 10, 2015 through June 17, 2015.