City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP

DATE: JUNE 5, 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:

Water Conservation-Groundwater Management:

I reported on May 15th on my attendance at a meeting at Tehama County Public Works in Gerber regarding the County's Flood Control District's desire to become the Groundwater Management Agency (GMA) for the entire County. The Flood Control District Board is the Board of Supervisors, with no City representation. Groundwater Management Agencies are agencies formed for the purpose of managing sustainable groundwater resources within groundwater basins. Representatives of the City of Red Bluff and Tehama were also on hand. In the end we asked that the County provide each City membership/representation in the Ground Water Sustainability (GSA). County Public Works Director Gary Antone agreed to present that message to the Flood Control District Board when they were to meet on Tuesday June 2nd.

I got a call from Ryan Teubert of the Tehama County Flood Control District Staff on Monday, June 1st at which he informed me that the inclusion of the Cities was not made part of the Resolution that the County Board of Supervisors would consider on Tuesday June 2nd.

I attended the meeting and spoke to encourage the Board to provide a "seat at the table" to the Cities. Red Bluff City Manager Rick Crabtree asked for the same consideration. In the end, the Board directed Staff to coordinate inclusion of Cities and perhaps Water Districts into the Groundwater Management Agency.

Water Conservation Ordinance:

City Attorney Jody Burgess has done some research regarding the "number of days/week" irrigation limitation. He's concluded that our "three days/week" facet of our proposed Ordinance No. 660 will likely violate the State Standards. He will provide details at the Tuesday meeting where the Ordinance is scheduled for second reading and adoption.

Sewer & Water Debt Refinancing:

We're continuing to interact with Mr. Jeff Land at Brandis-Tallman regarding our proposed refinancing of the Water & Sewer Debt. They provided some preliminary documents for our review this week. Roy Seiler, Jody Burgess and I received copies and are reviewing the documents.

Tehama Economic Development Corp (TEDC) Funding:

The County has opted to hire their own Economic Development Consultant and, for that reason, will not be making their annual contribution to TEDC. I called Kathy Saramiento at TEDC, left a message and later spoke with her to let her know that we'd not be providing our annual $2,500 contribution either. She said she expected that and appreciated the call.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Animal Shelter:

The water well located at the Animal Shelter stopped working on May 27th. The Public Works Crew was able to pull the pump from the well but could not determine the problem. Public Works personnel left the portable water tank at the shelter over the weekend so that the caretaker could provide water to the dogs.

McConnell's Pump Company of Corning was able to respond to our call and reported that there were wires within the well connecting to the pump that had deteriorated and caused the pump to become inoperable. The water well is now functioning fine.

Corning Community Park:

Public Works requested Salt Creek Conservation Camp to provide weed abatement services to the Corning Community Park at both locations (Toomes & Houghton Avenues) on June 4th.

Second Chance Pet Rescue:

Second Chance Pet Rescue & Adoption will be hosting its first annual "Mutt March" on Saturday, June 13th from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Corning's Woodson Park. This event will include a 1.5 mile charity dog walk, a hot dog lunch sponsored by the Corning Rotary, music, local vendors and a raffle. All proceeds will support Second Chance Pet Rescue.

City Pool:

The City Pool is scheduled to be open to the public on June 8th through August 14th. A complete schedule can be found on the City of Corning website at www.corning.org.

Water Leak:

A water leak was reported to the Public Works Department on May 29th. It was located in the street near 1221 Link Street. Public Works made the necessary repairs to the main line on June 1st.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 230 calls for service, a total of 33 officer reports were taken and there were 75 officer-initiated incidents, including 19 traffic stops. Officers made 8 misdemeanor arrests and 3 felony arrests, and issued 12 citations of which 2 were felony, 5 were misdemeanors, 4 were infractions, and 1 was parking-related during the period of May 27, 2015 through June 4, 2015.