



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP
DATE: MARCH 22, 2012

FURLOUGH DAYS:

March:

Friday, March 23rd

April:

Friday, April 6th
Friday, April 20th

May:

Friday, May 4th
Friday, May 18th

HOLIDAYS: Monday, May 28th

SCHEDULES:

John Brewer: Out of the office April 18th thru 21st (John will designate an "Acting" City Manager during his absence at a later date).

CITY MANAGER:

SB 89 Vehicle License Fee Lawsuit to be heard May 4th in Sacramento County Superior Court (Article from CA Cities Advocate):

On September 28, 2011 the League filed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the state's diversion of vehicle license fee (VLF) revenues through SB 89 and AB 118. The case will be heard by the Sacramento County Superior Court on May 4. Today, the League plans to file its opening brief and a ruling is expected within 90 days of the hearing.

The newly incorporated city of Jurupa Valley and the cities of Chico and Porterville have also joined the League in petitioning the court.

SB 89 was "gut-and-amend" legislation included in the FY 2011-12 budget, and resulted in loss of vital city general fund dollars. The state diverted \$130 million of local VLF funds to finance certain state public safety grant programs previously funded by the now-expired special 0.15 percent VLF, including payments to local and state agencies that are not eligible to receive VLF funds under the state constitution. These dollars funded municipal public safety and other vital services and also included special allocations for four newly incorporated cities and recently annexed inhabited areas.

The League is arguing that the SB 89 and AB 118 violate both Proposition 22 (2010) and Prop. 1A (2004).

More on Sales Tax:

The 2011 Annual Sales Tax Ranking done by HdL was released this past Tuesday. Once again, Corning ranks highly in per capita sales for California Cities. Out of the 539 California cities, Corning ranks 23rd with \$388 per resident per year.

Red Bluff ranks 128 with \$201 per capita. Anderson 107th with \$219, Chico 139th with \$195, Redding 109th with \$214, Willow 142nd with \$191 and Orland 279th with \$120.

Blackburn Avenue Grant:

Councilman John Leach, Planning Director John Stoufer, Grants Consultant JoAnn Anders and I will be meeting in Sacramento on Thursday with the State Dept. of Housing and Community Development regarding the Blackburn Avenue Grant.

Airport Consultant Process:

We are accepting RFQ's (Requests for Qualifications) for airport consulting services until Friday March 23rd. Of course that day is a Furlough Friday, but we'll accept proposals that are dropped through the slot or postmarked on that date.

PUBLIC WORKS (P/W's) DEPARTMENT:

May Madness Car Show Scheduled:

I received notice from the Chamber of Commerce that the May Madness Car Show is scheduled for May 4th and 5th this year. We will gear up for the events with our regular preparation for the Burn-outs, Friday Night Cruise, Show & Shine, etc.

Corning Youth Bowlers carnival:

We received a flyer advising that the Corning Youth Bowlers will be staging their annual Carnival Event at Northside Park on Saturday, April 7th, from 10:00 am to 4: pm.

Potential Solar Land Leases:

We've prepared a staff report regarding the potential land leases at the Airport and Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) for solar power production. We also notified the FAA of the potential use at the Airport to get them involved early-on in the process.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Testing for Police Dispatcher/Clerk Positions:

The Police Department held testing last Friday for two dispatcher/clerk positions. Results of this testing should be received this week and the successful applicants will then proceed to an oral interview process.

The Police Department has started the background process for the vacant Police Officer position.

Incident:

On March 20, 2012 at 11:45 p.m. there was an attempted armed robbery at gunpoint at Tower Mart by a late teen to early twenties light complected male wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt, black pants and white shoes, black ball cap, black gloves and a ski mask. The suspect fled with an accomplice without obtaining any money or merchandise in a late 90's to early 2000's model white van similar to a Dodge or Chrysler Caravan. Officers conducted an extensive area check for the suspects however they, nor the van, were located.

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 160 calls for service, a total of 42 officer reports were taken and there were 220 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 15 misdemeanor and 2 felony arrests, 46 traffic stops and issued 8 traffic citations during the period of March 14-20, 2012.