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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

FROM:

KRISTINA MILLER, CITY MANAGER

DATE:

MARCH 31, 2017

CITY MANAGER:

Clean-up Language Meeting with Art Frolli:

OE-3 Business Representative Art Frolli, Labor Consultant Bill May, Lisa Linnet, Mary Brimm, and I met to discuss as part of a Side Letter how the health insurance rate adjustment methodology is calculated each year. The Memorandum of Understandings (MOU's) specifies that the City is responsible for 50% of the rate premium change on an annual basis, but does not specify the methodology. We agreed to language that reflects the current methodology used. There is no financial impact to the Side Letter.

Expect More Tehama:

I will be attending an Expect More Tehama planning event to brainstorm where to go from here on March 30th.

High School Interested in Leasing City Land for Parking Lot

I met with Corning Union High School District School Superintendent John Burch to discuss the High School leasing land from the City on a long-term basis for the purpose of student parking. The current on-street parking situation is very unsafe for students. John Burch will present the concept to the Council at an upcoming City Council meeting.

Joint Pharmaceutical Drug Disposal Ordinance Meeting

There will be a joint City/County meeting on April 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at the Tehama County Board of Supervisors Chambers to discuss passage of an Ordinance that requires manufacturers of pharmaceutical drugs and sharps to develop, fund, and manage a pharmaceutical drug take back program. Passage of such an Ordinance would be one tool in the tool box to better tackle opiod abuse and addiction within our community.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Corning Neighborhood Crime Watch:

At the September 27, 2016 City Council Meeting, Council authorized Better Choice Realty owner and founder of the Corning Neighborhood Crime Watch Program Colette Glattfelder to proceed with Crime Watch sign placement throughout the City. Sign installation requires an Encroachment Permit and a Certificate of Liability Insurance listing the City as the Additional Insured. Five signs are currently placed within the southwest section of town. Mrs. Glattfelder has contacted the Public Works Department and is preparing to install five signs within the southeast section of town.

PG&E LED Street Lighting Upgrade Project:

PG&E has contracted DC Electric Group, Inc. to upgrade the lighting fixtures throughout the City of Corning. The project began on March 27, 2017 and as of March 29th PG&E has replaced 159 of the 444 current street lighting fixtures with LED fixtures.

CalTrans Active Transportation Plan (ATP) Cycle 3 Projects:

The City of Corning submitted an ATP application for bike lane striping along First Street between Blackburn Avenue and Fig Lane. The application requesting \$73,000 in funding was accepted by the California Transportation Commission in December 2016. It was anticipated that a slurry seal would be applied to First Street prior to striping; an expense that would not be financed by project funding.

The City was contacted by CalTrans during February; as it turns out, other agencies such as ours with approved applications have to withdraw from program funding due to poor road conditions. Program funding, in some cases, could fund a slurry seal application to streets, but not street repairs. First Street between Blackburn Avenue and Solano Street is in good condition where striping could effectively be applied, but First Street between Solano Street and Fig Lane is in poor condition. As a result of the recent rainy season impacting other city streets, a street overlay project along First Street is not a high priority. The City Engineer has roughly estimated that repairs to First Street could easily run \$180,000. It would not be cost effective to move forward with the First Street striping at this time, therefore the City has withdrawn the application and will reapply during a later program cycle.

Meetings and Training:

> Tehama County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Planning Meeting on March 30, 2017 at 10 a.m. at the Department of Agriculture in Red Bluff.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 202 calls for service, a total of 38 officer reports were taken and there were 67 officer-initiated incidents, including 41 traffic stops. Officers made 14 misdemeanor arrests and 3 felony arrests. Officers issued 19 citations, of which; 11 were misdemeanors, 0 were felony, 4 were infractions, 2 were parking-related, 1 was animal-related, and 1 was unclassified during the period of March 22, 2017 through March 29, 2017.

Vehicle Abatement:

March vehicle abatements include 23 vehicle abatement letters sent, 1 vehicle towed, 16 vehicles corrected by owners and 12.5 hours spent by CSO Robbins on the vehicle abatement process. (Please note that these numbers are currently incomplete and will be adjusted to reflect additional abatement for the month of March.)