



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP
DATE: MAY 17, 2013

CITY MANAGER'S NOTES:

Police Chief:

Police Chief Don Atkins returned to work on Wednesday May 15th.

East-West Rail Route Meeting:

On Tuesday afternoon Pat Walker and I met with Mr. Bob Martin, David Tyson and Lance Madsen of the "Land Bridge Alliance". That group has been formed to advocate for a feasibility study for a railroad connection between the deep water port of Eureka on Humboldt Bay to the national rail system here in the Sacramento Valley. The group believes that a connection to the Union Pacific Mainline; perhaps at Gerber, would significantly improve the economic prospects of the port, and the communities of Humboldt, Trinity and Tehama Counties. We'll ask the group to make a presentation to the City Council at an upcoming meeting.

Meeting with PG & E:

Pat Walker and I met with Lizette Burtis of PG&E to discuss Rule 20A Utility Undergrounding. The City receives an annual "credit allotment" from PG&E. With the accumulated credits, we can complete utility undergrounding projects. Our latest objective is to underground the power lines that bisect Northside Park. The lines overtop the pool area and bleachers. PG&E estimates the cost to complete the project would be about \$800,000. At this time we have less than half that amount of Rule 20A credits. We will speak with the County about a potential "loan" of some of their "undergrounding credits", and other alternatives with PG&E so that we might complete the project as soon as possible.

Solano Streetscape Project:

Sean Harrasser, a Planner for the Tehama County Transportation Commission, has completed the environmental analyses (NEPA and CEQA) for the Solano Streetscape project. He has sent the NEPA Preliminary Environmental Study (PES) to Caltrans for their review and action and provided the CEQA Initial Study to us. John Stoufer used the Initial Study to prepare a Negative Declaration that he filed at the County Clerk's office on Tuesday. He then prepared a "Notice of Completion" and forwarded the Initial Study/Neg. Dec. to the State Clearinghouse. The Planning Commission will hear comments on the document at their June 18th meeting and recommend action to the City Council. The Council will then consider the Environmental documents at the June 25 meeting.

Separate from the environmental document matter, we expect to conduct a special public meeting for the streetscape project sometime in July.

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PERS Sidefund Refinance:

We received the payoff amounts from PERS and are proceeding with completion of the refinance process. Roy Seiler and I are confirming the annual savings amounts with Brandis Tallman prior to completing the loan agreement transaction.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Water Leaks:

The City Public Works Crew has come across another water leak. This one was at the Rodeo grounds located at Clark Park. The crew was able to get this fixed quickly before the Rodeo starts at the end of the month.

Farmers Market:

Patrick Walker, Tony Cardenas and I met this week at Northside Park to discuss the possibility of the Farmers Market moving to this location. It was agreed that the Venders could use the western end of the park. Public Works would install some temporary parking places for the Venders on the West Street side. It looks like the Farmers Market will take place on Thursday evenings.

Safe Routes to School:

The Safe Routes to School contract has been awarded to Thomas Williams from Chico. The City has already scheduled a preconstruction meeting with Mr. Williams for this next Wednesday (May 22nd). Work on this project will not start until after June 7th following the close of the school year and all the schools are out for the summer.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 193 calls for service, a total of 36 officer reports were taken and there were 81 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 15 misdemeanor and 7 felony arrests, 43 traffic stops and issued 32 citations of which 3 were felony, 22 were misdemeanors, 5 were infractions, 1 was parking and 1 was animal-related during the period of May 8 – May 15, 2013.