



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP
DATE: MAY 23, 2014

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SCHEDULES:

May 28th – June 3rd: City Clerk/Adm. Assist. Lisa Linnet will be out of town to attend a family wedding.

June 11th – 13th: Public Works Director Patrick Walker will be taking vacation.

CITY MANAGER:

Meeting with Hinderliter de Llamas (Hdl):

I met with Brice Russell of HdL to discuss the fourth quarter (2013) sales tax receipts for the City. Overall, sales were up about 4.8% from the same quarter in 2012. They also provided their mid-year projections for the current fiscal year, which as we expected, are well above (in the range of \$200,000) what we budgeted in June last year. I'd reported earlier this year that over \$50,000 of that was from sales tax recovered from a previous sales quarter/year. Additionally, our share of the "Triple Flip" turned out to be much more than anticipated.

For FY 2014-2015, HdL predicts that the Triple Flip payments will decrease by over \$150,000. They also predict that sales tax will slightly reduce. As a result, their preliminary projection for FY 2014-2015 is about \$2.69 million. We have incorporated their estimates into our draft 2014-2015 Budget.

2014-2015 Budget Preparation:

Roy Seiler and I met on Thursday with Fire Chief Spannaus, Police Chief Atkins and Public Works Director Pat Walker to finalize capital improvement projects lists that will be included in the staff recommended budget. The department heads have transmitted their final budget narratives that'll be incorporated into the budget document.

As we refine the numbers for presentation on June 10th, this year's budget is shaping up to look a lot like last year's, a "Spartan" spending plan that includes increased revenues, but also increased expenditures due to salary increases and Workers Comp. and Liability cost increases. We do anticipate adding one employee in the Public Works Department to read water meters and assist with parks maintenance.

Roy will be in next Thursday, and then again the following Monday, for final compilation of the draft budget document. We plan to have the document prepared, printed and delivered to the Council on June 5th or 6th, and then to present it at the June 10th City Council meeting. We expect to present it for final adoption at the June 24th meeting.

Southwest Quadrant Waterline Extension Project:

We have scheduled to meet with Pilot Truck Stops, Broadbent Associates (the Engineers representing Pilot Truck Stops), Regional Water Quality Control, the County Public Works Department and others to discuss the water line extension that'll serve those properties with contaminated water wells in the vicinity of Toomes and Houghton Avenues at South Avenue. At the meeting, we intend to provide information regarding our standards for the trenching and pipes, hydrants, connections, backflow devices, traffic control, Development Impact Fees, Water Meter standards and the County Encroachment Permit process.

Planning Consultant Contract Extension:

John Stoufer has indicated his willingness to continue his part-time planning consultant work for another year. We expect to present that contract extension at the June 10th meeting of the City Council.

3Core Revolving Loan for Theater Rehab:

3Core provided loan documents and information for the Council Staff Report that'll accompany the Loan Packet. We forwarded the information on to City Attorney Jody Burgess for his review. Jody had some questions regarding the documents that he'll address to 3Core. We expect his questions will be addressed in time to present the matter to the City Council at the June 10th meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Corning Community Park Phase II:

On Thursday May 23rd, Public Works Director Patrick Walker, Assistant Public Works Director Steve Lindeman and PG&E Representative Wanda Shuler met to address the electrical service for Phase II of the Corning Community Park. It looks like they may need to pull a new wire to the pole where we would like the electrical service located. PG&E is reviewing the electrical loads right now to determine what size of service we need for power at the Park.

Phase II of the Park is now out to Bid. There will be a pre-bid meeting on the 28th of May and the bid opening will be after Bid Closing time of 1:30 p.m. on June 5th. The information has been placed in the newspaper and submitted to the required Builder Exchanges.

Woodwaste Facility (old Burn dump):

I received a call from Lance McMahan of the California Department of Toxic Substances Control. They have been reviewing the soils testing work plan prepared by Lawrence and Associates for the former Woodwaste/Dump site located on Corona Avenue at Rawson Road. A section of this work plan requires the City to drill a couple of test wells in the property. Mr. McMahan outlines his concerns within the Plan stating that the lack of ground water in the area might cause changes to the work plan. Patrick Walker contacted Lawrence and Associates to discuss the referenced possible changes to the work plan and to ensure that these changes will not increase the cost for the work to be completed by Lawrence and Associates.

Corning Farmers Market:

The Chamber of Commerce has requested the use of Northside Park for the Corning Farmers Market. The Farmers Market will be held every Thursday starting June 1st and ending August 28th. It will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. For more information please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 824-5550.

Corning Youth Fair:

Northern Valley Catholic Social Service has requested to use Northside Park for their annual Youth Fair. They are asking to hold the fair on Saturday, August 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Last year they had 25 booths set up and are expecting about the same again this year.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 246 calls for service, a total of 46 officer reports were taken and there were 121 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 12 misdemeanor and 8 felony arrests, 54 traffic stops and issued 40 citations of which 2 were felony, 22 were misdemeanors, 11 were infractions, and 5 were parking-related during the period of May 14 through May 22, 2014.