



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP JD
DATE: MAY 24, 2013

CITY MANAGER'S NOTES:

Corning Community Park Project:

Park construction is proceeding nicely. The gazebo is installed, as is the slab for the multi-purpose court and the walkway around the perimeter of the playground. Kendel Trent's crew is now installing the support structure for the Skate/Bike Park.

PERS Sidefund Refinance:

We signed the refinance loan documents and over-nighted them back to Brandis Tallman. We'll make quarterly payments to repay the debt. The 4.40% interest rate of the new loan is much better than the PERS rate of 7.5% and will result in considerable savings for the City.

Increased Triple Flip Payment:

We receive two separate payments for our Triple Flip Funds from the County Auditor. This year we anticipated receiving two payments of \$344,692. The first that we received in January was exactly that amount. We received the second payment last week and were surprised that the total was \$367,811. That's \$23,199 more than we expected-good news!

Budget Meeting:

I met with Roy Seiler on Thursday to work on the budget. We've collected the updated Department Budget narratives that'll be inserted into the budget.

Planning Consultant Contract Extension:

We'd planned to present the Planning Consultant Contract extension on May 28th. However, we've just received word from the State Department of Housing & Community Development that consultant contracts for those administering H & CD grants must include certain text. So, we've delayed that matter pending revision of the contract document.

Proposition 30 Funding:

We received \$45,766 in proposition 30 Funding on Thursday. The funds must be used for Police services. We understand the funds are intended to supplement police needs due to crime impacts of AB 109-early release of State Prisoners. The funding may continue for three years. Our initial plans for the funds include the purchase of a used vehicle for use by our TIDE officer.

HdL Invoice:

We have an agreement with HdL for identification and recovery of mis-directed sales tax revenues. Our contract entitles them to 15% of the recovered amount. However it also acknowledges that the City may independently identify and recover some funds outside this arrangement.

As you know, we recently recovered over \$210,000 that had mistakenly been sent to another jurisdiction. HdL has sent an invoice regarding that recovery. City Attorney Jody Burgess has been corresponding with HdL and negotiating a possible reduction, if not a dismissal of this bill. We've discovered that the initial contact with the State regarding this matter was by the former City Manager. Furthermore, it turns out that HdL's input was minimal and actually occurred after the State Board of Equalization had authorized payment to Corning. Mr. Burgess offered up those facts in a letter to HdL this week.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Martini Plaza:

Due to recent complaints of vandalism at Martini Plaza, the City is purchasing two cameras for placement and surveillance at that location. Notification signs of video camera surveillance within the Park will be posted.

Safe Routes to School:

On Wednesday, City Engineer Ed Anderson, Patrick Walker, Steve Lindeman and Dawn Grine met with Contractor Tom Williams for a preconstruction meeting on the Safe Routes to School Project. Project construction will begin following receipt of Mr. William's Project Bond and execution of the contract between him and the City. The initial work will not impede any traffic. Road work is scheduled to begin on June 7th when school is out for the summer. Mr. Williams has assured the City that he will make every effort to limit road closures.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 173 calls for service, a total of 33 officer reports were taken and there were 78 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 6 misdemeanor and 4 felony arrests, 25 traffic stops and issued 16 citations of which 0 were felony, 12 were misdemeanors, 0 were infractions, 1 was unclassified and 3 was animal-related during the period of May 15 – May 22, 2013.