



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: KRISTINA MILLER, CITY MANAGER
DATE: MAY 5, 2017

CITY MANAGER:

Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT)

As anticipated at the mid-year budget review, TOT revenue is up \$36,000 from the budgeted revenue amount of \$355,000. This is good news.

Fiscal Year 2017/18 Budget and Capital Improvement Preparation

Roy Seiler, City CPA, and I continue to work on the budget. Measure A Transaction and Use Tax revenue is estimated to be \$1,000,000. This is the first full year the City will receive Measure A tax revenue. HdL estimates sales tax revenue will be up approximately \$150,000 as compared to FY 2016/17. This is good news given the City's capital has not been adequately funded in previous years. Needed annual Capital Reserves contributions are being calculated.

Love's Back Sewer Fee Payment

Love's paid \$66,522 it owed the City for sewer fees billed incorrectly from January 1, 2013-December 31, 2016. The miss-billing was discovered when water lines were dug up due to a water leak.

Insurance Premiums

The NCCSIF Board of Directors voted to increase the confidence level from 70 to 75% for General Liability. A higher level of confidence increases the ability of our self insurance fund to withstand loss costs greater than expected. Despite the increase in confidence levels, our premiums will decrease from \$118,039 to \$109,962. The confidence level for our Workers' Compensation insurance was also approved to be increased from 70% to 75%. Despite the increase in confidence levels, our Workers' Compensation costs will decrease from \$149,217 to \$132,575. Our Workers' Compensation costs went down largely due to our total payroll costs declining. This is good news both in terms of confidence levels and pricing.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Equipment Operator In-House Interviews:

The Equipment Operator/Maintenance Worker position is currently posted in-house and the opportunity to apply will end at 5pm on May 9th. The notice is posted at the Corporation Yard, the Police and Fire Departments.

Clark Park:

Corning Little League has reported that bleacher repairs will most likely occur (post-season) during the month of July.

Northside Park:

The Public Works Crew is underway with maintenance and repairs at the City Pool which is scheduled to be opened to the public on June 12, 2017. City Pool Manager Nate Borer will be brought on board (part-time) to assist with pool maintenance in preparation for the pre-season school "end of the year" pool parties.

Pilot Waterline Project:Project History:

In the early 1990's the Dudley Petty Truck Stop operated at the northeast corner of South Avenue & Highway 99W. At some time during the closure of the trucking establishment, a cleaning solvent was spilled on or near the site. That solvent caused groundwater contamination in the area. After extensive testing six (6) Tehama County residents were identified as having their domestic drinking water wells affected by the contamination.

In 2005 Pilot/Flying J Truck Stop acquired the property and inherited the groundwater contamination issue from the previous owners. Since that time, Loves Truck Stop has taken over and is now the current owner of the local travel stop located at 2120 South Avenue, Corning. Pilot/Flying J is still and remains the responsible agency of the groundwater contamination matter and resolution.

Pilot/Flying J Truck Stop has been maintaining individual filtration systems to each of the six (6) separate domestic wells. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board tasked Pilot/Flying J to provide a more permanent solution to the contaminated wells.

During a Council Meeting in March 2012, travel services Pilot/Flying J and the City of Corning tentatively agreed to move forward with plans to install a waterline extension of the Corning Municipal Water System that would serve the affected properties. Broadbent (engineering) of Chico was employed by Pilot/Flying J to design the waterline extension; work closely with the six property owners, the City of Corning, Tehama County Public Works and the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Current Information:

Broadbent (engineering) hosted a pre-construction meeting with City and County Staff on Monday, May 1, 2017. Pilot awarded the construction project to local contractor Jason Abel Construction. The waterline installation project is tentatively scheduled to begin by May 22, 2017. Construction will begin at the intersection of Hwy 99W and Loleta Avenue; traffic control will be provided. The waterline extension is not a City funded project but will be dedicated to the City upon completion. This project provides a significant relief to the affected property owners.

Meetings & Training:

Upcoming: AB3030 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting scheduled for May 22, 2017 at 2:00pm in the Tehama County Board of Supervisors Chambers in Red Bluff. (Attended by Steve Lindeman)

Upcoming: Caltrans/Sacramento State will be hosting a free Local Roadway Departure Safety Workshop in Red Bluff on May 24, 2017 from 8:00am until 3:00pm. Dawn Grine and Steve Lindeman are registered to attend.

Upcoming: The Tehama County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee Meeting: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Red Bluff Agriculture Department. Attendees representing the City of Corning:

- Public Works Director Dawn Grine
- Fire Chief Martin Spannaus
- Planning Consultant John Stoufer

- Community Volunteer Member Rosie Flores
- Community Volunteer Member Steve Kimbrough
- Community Volunteer Member Gary Strack

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 208 calls for service, a total of 34 officer reports were taken and there were 95 officer-initiated incidents, including 35 traffic stops. Officers made 12 misdemeanor arrests and 3 felony arrests. Officers issued 16 citations, of which; 9 were misdemeanors, 4 were infractions, 2 were parking-related, and 1 was unclassified during the period of April 26, 2017 through May 3, 2017.

Community:

The Corning Police Department's participation in the 13th National Drug Enforcement Administration's Drug Take-Back Day this past Saturday yielded 198 pounds of unused/unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications.