



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP
DATE: NOVEMBER 13, 2015

Schedules:

Nov. 23 – Dec. 2, 2015: Administrative Assistant/City Clerk Lisa Linnet will be on vacation.

CITY MANAGER:

Labor Negotiations:

Lisa Linnet and Labor Negotiator Bill May will be participating in State sponsored Mediation discussions with two of the City's four Labor Units on Monday, November 16th. I will be presenting information regarding the City's Budget and the anticipated significant shortfall in the General Fund.

General Fund Ad Hoc Committee:

The Committee met on Tuesday, November 10th. They have directed Staff to forward four separate recommendations for reducing expenditures or generating new General Fund revenue. We will be presenting those recommendations at an upcoming City Council meeting.

Transportation Center Café Lease:

Mark and Tami Olsen of Corning have presented the City with a letter proposing to take over the lease at the Hometown Café from current tenant, Bonnie Grippen. The new lease will require approval by the City Council. Staff is preparing a report for Council action that will be presented at the November 24th City Council meeting.

New Employees/Positions:

On Tuesday, November 10th, City Clerk Lisa Linnet issued the Oath of Office to new Police Chief Jeremiah Fears and returning Police Department Dispatcher/Clerk Courtney Matz.

Staff Meeting with Olive Orchardists:

In 2005 and 2006 the City processed a subdivision application for a project called "Mountain View Estates". The project proposed over 300 residential parcels that were to be located on about 80 acres on the north side of Blackburn Avenue and west of Third Street (Old 99-W). The proponent (Foster) sponsored the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to identify the impacts associated with the project. Due to the downturn in the economy, the EIR was not certified and the project was postponed.

The owner is now entertaining a proposal to purchase the site and establish an olive orchard. Of course the new orchard would require irrigation. The proponent is proposing to develop a new agricultural well on the site to provide the irrigation water. The Municipal Code generally prohibits new water wells-with the exception of wells for agricultural use. Staff met with the proponents and discussed their anticipated extraction need and their method of irrigation (drip). They have agreed to position their new well as far north as practical to minimize drawdown impacts, and to size the well casing to facilitate conversion to a municipal well at some point in the future. They will provide a site plan and more details about the project in the near future.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

WWTP:

Severn Trent Services has submitted a permit renewal application on behalf of the City of Corning for our Waste Discharge Permit. Although the current Permit expired on July 1, 2015, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) traditionally will not issue renewals until the following spring.

During the previous Permit period (July 29, 2010 through July 1, 2015) Severn Trent Services received verbal authorization to relocate a sampling station for dichlorobromomethane (DCBM). The Permit identified the sampling location be a manhole located at the south end of the WWTP property; the Bell Carter effluent is not present at this location. Verbal authorization from the RWQCB allowed the sampling location to be relocated at the closest manhole to the discharge location which may contain the Bell Carter effluent. In the past year, Bell Carter has discontinued their practice of releasing effluent 24/7.

Severn Trent Service Staff does not anticipate that the City will remain in compliance of the allowable sample limits when utilizing the permitted location.

Severn Trent Services have retained the services of Hydrosience Engineers, Inc. to provide professional engineering services on behalf of the City of Corning. Their first order of business has been to request a Time Schedule Order (TSO) for Dichlorobromomethane (DCBM) Compliance.

Once the City has received approval of the TSO, Severn Trent Services may begin efforts to comply with Permit requirements. These efforts will include the collection and analysis of data recorded from the sampling location specified within the operating permit. Additional action could include evaluation, testing and implementation of modifications to the disinfection process or replacement of the process.

Upon the approval of the TSO, the City will have the term of the new Permit (July 1 2015 through June 30 2020) to comply with the Permit requirements.

Paskenta:

Janet Zoring of the Paskenta Water District has reported that the District continues to draw water from the City of Corning.

Fall Leaf Pick Up:

Public Works will begin fall leave pick up mid-November as time allows. All residents are requested to place leaf piles one foot away from the curb as not to obstruct street gutters and allow proper drainage during periods of rainfall. No burning of leaves is allowed on City streets or within street gutters. Leaves will not be picked up if the pile contains tree branches, brush or other debris.

Community Events:

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church submitted a request to temporarily close Solano Street from the Toomes Avenue intersection through East Avenue for their annual parade and celebration. This event will be held on Sunday, December 13, 2015 from about 10 a.m. until noon.

Public Works Director Meetings & Training:

AB3030 Technical Advisory Committee will meet November 16th at 2:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at 727 Oak Street in Red Bluff.

Tehama Utilities Council Meeting meets at Noon on December 1st at the Cozy Diner in Red Bluff. This meeting is hosted by the Tehama County Public Works Department.

Tehama County Landfill Task Force meets at 4:00 p.m. on December 9th at the Tehama County Courthouse Annex, Room E located at 444 Oak Street, Red Bluff.

Tehama County Transportation Commission meets at 1:30 p.m. on December 11th at the Tehama County Board of Supervisors Chambers located at 727 Oak Street, Red Bluff. The Agenda and Minutes can be found at www.co.tehama.ca.us.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 174 calls for service, a total of 29 officer reports were taken and there were 63 officer-initiated incidents, including 31 traffic stops. Officers made 6 misdemeanor arrests and 4 felony arrests, and issued 15 citations of which 7 were misdemeanors, 3 were infractions, 2 were parking-related, 1 was animal-related, and 2 were unclassified during the period of November 4, 2015 through November 11, 2015.

Personnel:

On November 10th, Jeremiah Fears was sworn in as the new Chief of Police for the Corning Police Department. The Department also welcomed Courtney Matz upon her return as a Dispatcher/Clerk.