



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP *JS*
DATE: NOVEMBER 14, 2014

HOLIDAYS:

November 27th & 28th: City Hall will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday. City Offices will reopen for business on Monday, December 1st.

December 12th: The Christmas Party for Council and Employees (and families) is tentatively scheduled for this date. A definitive confirmation of this date and time will be provided by November 26th.

December 25th & 26th: City Hall will be closed for the Christmas Holiday. City Offices will reopen for business on Monday, December 29th.

January 1st: City Hall will be closed on New Year's Day. City offices will reopen for business on Friday, January 2nd.

CITY MANAGER:

CEDS Meeting:

On Thursday November 14th, Mayor Gary Strack, Councilman Tony Cardenas, Planning Director John Stoufer, Public Works Director Pat Walker and I, met with Marc Nemanic and Courtney Farrell of 3CORE, to discuss the City's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). Chamber of Commerce Manager Valanne Cardenas and Melodie Poisson of DM-Tech were also present. We discussed the City's current CEDS List and talked about future priorities and strategies to accomplish those goals. We agreed to meet again in a few weeks to continue the dialogue.

Carpeting at City Hall:

The interior repainting and carpet installation in City Hall is now completed. The new white paint makes the space seem larger and brighter.

Yard Sale Permits/Signs:

I spoke with a citizen regarding Yard Sales in the City, and posting of signs on utility poles. He was previously unfamiliar with the need for a Yard Sale Permit and suggested that we publish information regarding that Ordinance so that others are aware of the requirement for obtaining a permit and other associated regulations. Note that the City does not permit temporary Yard Sale Signs to be posted on City property. I also contacted PG & E and found that they will not authorize signs posted on their poles, which are often on City property as well. I then sent an email to Julie Johnson of the Corning Observer who has agreed to prepare a "public service" story.

I spoke with City Attorney Jody Burgess regarding our Yard Sale Sign enforcement procedure. We will be reviewing and perhaps revising that procedure to better ensure consistent application of the rules.

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Corning Community Park – Lennox Fields:

We're happy to see the grass has sprouted from the recent hydroseeding at the Park. We ordered some advisory "Keep off the Grass" signs through the UPS Store in Chico. We retrieved the signs on Tuesday and Public Works has installed them. The signs are durable and waterproof in order to last through the rainy season.

Pat Walker was able to turn on the lights for the soccer field Tuesday evening. He did so by using his home computer. The lights had been previously "targeted" to provide evenly distributed lighting across the field. In addition to the ability to control the lights remotely, there is a manual on/off switch at the Park.

Waterline Extension:

When the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) approved the extension of City water service to those unincorporated properties with water well contamination, they applied a condition requiring an agreement "Not to Oppose Annexation" if the water service exceeded a single connection/property.

It turns out there is one multi-family structure that will require multiple connections. That property is owned by the Lopez family. Staff has been corresponding via email with Amanda Beam of Broadbent Associates in Chico to provide information regarding the future annexation process and associated fees appurtenant to the Lopez property that's to connect to the City water System.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Martini Plaza:

The first coat of the stucco (brown coat) installation on the wall is now completed. This first application must cure for a while before the next coat is applied.

Public Works is currently working on the installation of a drinking fountain for Martini Plaza. The fountain was purchased two years ago and was planned to be installed as part of the Streetscape Project. With Martini Plaza currently closed now seems an opportune time to complete this installation.

Corning Community Park:

It has taken about ten days for the seed to germinate and it is growing quickly making the Park look greener. It will take time for the grass to thicken and spread; the Project Landscaper has plans to fill in bare areas with grass seed soon.

Animal Shelter:

Public Works has finished installing the metal roof at the City's Animal Shelter off Rawson Road. The roof was in dire need of replacing. Funds were allocated within this year's budget to complete this project.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 168 calls for service, a total of 22 officer reports were taken and there were 67 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 9 misdemeanor and 3 felony arrests, 25 traffic stops and issued 17 citations of which 2 were felony, 10 were misdemeanors and 5 were infractions during the period of November 5 through November 12, 2014.