



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP JD
DATE: NOVEMBER 7, 2014

HOLIDAYS:

Monday, November 10th: City Hall will be closed to recognize Veteran's Day. City Offices will be open for business on Tuesday, November 11th (the official Veteran's Day Holiday).

Please help us honor our Veterans, both past and present, by attending the Veterans Day Parade on which begins at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 11th starting at Third Street and Solano and continuing west to the Veterans Memorial Hall at Houghton Avenue.

ELECTIONS:

Per the Tehama County Elections Department at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, the preliminary results for the City's Mayor and City Council race were as follows:

- Mayor: Mayor Strack had 100% having ran unopposed.
- Council: Dave Linnet with 41.37% of the counted votes
- Darlene Dickison with 31.53% of the counted votes
- John Leach with 27.10% votes

Mayor Strack and the two Councilmembers will be sworn into office at the December 2, 2014 Special City Council Meeting.

CITY MANAGER:

Sales Tax Receipts & Fuel Sales:

As you know, fuel prices continue to fall. While that's good for us as motorists, it's not so good for us in terms of the "revenue-stream". So, we're watching fuel cost decreases with a wary eye.

We rely on fuel sales for much of our sales tax revenue. Most recently, fuel sales accounted for about 56% of our total quarterly sales tax revenue (2nd Quarter 2014). From historic data, it appears the average cost of gasoline in California has decreased about \$0.45/gallon since July 1st. Diesel prices have not been as volatile, reducing by about \$0.25/gallon over the same period. Those decreases can amount to substantial losses in sales tax revenue (on the magnitude of \$30,000) for us over the course of a calendar quarter.

Grant Meeting at Senior Center:

I attended a meeting at the Corning Senior Center to discuss the potential submittal of a "Community Food Project" grant application with the US Dept. of Agriculture on Wednesday. The grant, if approved, would require a 100% cash match from the applicant, in this case the Senior Citizens group. However, there is limited time to submit for this round of funding. The consensus of the attendees was to postpone submitting the grant application until next year. That will provide sufficient time for the group to decide exactly what to pursue in terms of projects and funding level and to identify sources for the required matching funds.

Meeting with Golden West Homes:

Pat Walker and I met with Larry Marple of Golden West Homes on Wednesday at City Hall. They are moving ahead with their Corning Sales Lot located on the west side of the old highway 99-W just south of Burch Creek. Afterward, Pat met with Mr. Marple and Bud Walberg who will be doing the underground work for the Mobilehome Sales Lot project to ensure everyone was in agreement on the method and location of the utilities installation. The Contractor plans to begin work within the month.

Work Day at Rodgers Theater:

Terry Hoofard has scheduled a Volunteer work day at the Theater for Monday, November 10th, which is the observed Veteran's Day Holiday for the City of Corning.

Park Phase 2:

Pat Walker, Steve Lindeman, John Stoufer and I inspected the progress at Phase 2 of the Park. Steve compiled a "punchlist" that he forwarded to the Contractor. The notable rain event that occurred last Saturday caused some of the grass seed and mulch to run off. Pat subsequently met onsite with Kendel Trent and Landscaper Craig Gurney to address the matter. Some additional seeding may be necessary.

PUBLIC WORKS:**Corning Community Park:**

The rain we had last week washed a small amount of grass seed off the turf area. The Contractor will reseed areas where the seeding was washed out.

Striping of the parking lot is scheduled for this Friday and the playground installation is scheduled for early December.

Verizon Cellular Tower:

Verizon's Contractor has been installing conduit for electrical and fiber optics for the cell tower. Last weekend's rain has slowed their progress.

Animal Shelter:

Public Works is installing a new metal roof at the Animal Shelter this week. This was budgeted in this year's budget and needs to be completed before we experience more rain.

Golden West Homes:

John Brewer and Patrick Walker met with the owners of Golden West Homes and their contractor. The reason for the meeting was to make sure that we are all in agreement of how the utilities will be install for Golden West's property on the west side of Hwy 99. The contractor will try to start work in the next couple of weeks.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:**Patrol:**

In addition to responding to 186 calls for service, a total of 39 officer reports were taken and there were 54 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 14 misdemeanor and 6 felony arrests, 25 traffic stops and issued 25 citations of which 4 was felony, 15 were misdemeanors, 4 were infractions, 2 were parking-related, during the period of October 29 through November 5, 2014.