



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP
DATE: OCTOBER 26, 2012

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FURLOUGH DAYS:

November:

Friday, November 2nd
Friday, November 16th

December:

Friday, December 14th
Friday, December 28th
Friday, November 30th

HOLIDAYS:

November 12th (Monday) – Veterans Day

November 22 & 23rd (Thursday & Friday) - Thanksgiving Day and post-Thanksgiving Day

December 24th & 25th (Monday & Tuesday) –Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

January 1st (Tuesday) – New Year's Day

City Manager's Notes:

ADA Workshop:

Building Official Terry Hoofard and I attended the Chamber of Commerce sponsored Workshop regarding compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards conducted on Thursday evening in the Council Chambers. There were about 10 people in attendance.

The presenter was a gentleman named Gary Layman, from Magalia, who was very knowledgeable regarding disabled access standards, and the legal consequences of non-compliance. Gary is a Certified Accessibility Specialist Consultant (CASP) who does work throughout California and beyond. He takes a very practical approach to his work; finding the most cost effective methods to improve access and satisfy the legal requirements while minimizing costs.

Gary informed us that the State of California had recently enacted SB 1186 that provides some welcome liability limitations for business owners-at least on the state level. However, SB 1186 does not provide any relief from suits filed in federal court.

We found out that Cities (and Counties) are required to have a CASP either on staff or retained as a consultant. Mr. Layman has offered to serve in that capacity at no cost to the City. He currently serves that role for other cities in our area, including Red Bluff, Chico and Orland. He also offers to conduct accessibility compliance surveys to businesses for a standard fee.

Labor Negotiations:

Bill May was in town on Wednesday and Thursday to attend labor negotiation meetings with City Clerk Lisa Linnet and representatives of three of the four Bargaining Units. Bill plans to provide details of that process with the Council in a closed session to be scheduled just before the November 13th City Council meeting.

Public Works Director Position:

As you know, I'm currently serving as both City Manager and Public Works Director. The 2012-2013 Budget includes hiring a separate Public Works Director. We recently offered the position as a Promotional opportunity for our existing staff. In response we had one applicant, Assistant Public Works Director Pat Walker.

We had originally sought to use three Public Works Directors (from Willows, Orland and Red Bluff) as panelists to serve on the Professional Panel to our candidate. However, one of them was unable to attend, so he was replaced with former City Manager Steve Kimbrough. The Professional Panel conducted the interview with Patrick Walker on Wednesday. The consensus of the panel was that Mr. Walker was well qualified to be the Public Works Director. We have prepared a letter to Patrick that offers him the position beginning just after the first of the year.

Assuming he'll accept the offer, we'll need to replace his position. We are working toward that goal right now. On Thursday afternoon I made telephone calls to the three candidates who were deemed qualified from last year's Assistant P/W Director recruitment to gauge if any of them might still be interested. I was able to speak with only one, who was interested. I left messages for the other two.

Our plan is to get someone hired and on the job so that Patrick will have a couple of weeks to work with him before assuming his new position.

Veteran's Day Parade:

The Veteran's Day Parade will be held on Solano Street Monday, November 12th at 10:00 a.m. and will run from Third Street to Houghton Avenue.

Hometown Christmas:

We received a letter from the Chamber of Commerce advising that the 17th Annual "Hometown Christmas" will occur on Saturday December 1, 2012. Scheduled events include free train rides, kid's activities, craft / food booths and entertainment as well as the Parade of Lights.

I have forwarded notice of the event to the Police and Fire Departments and to Assistant P/W Director Patrick Walker so they may take the necessary preparatory actions.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**Safe Routes to School-Cycle 10:**

On Thursday I received a call from Caltrans Local Assistance Office in Redding relaying that additional funding has become available for Cycle 10 of the Safe Routes to School program and that our project was the next priority on the District 2 list.

This is great news. The program will provide 90% funding for the project we submitted last Spring. City Engineer Ed Anderson anticipates the project will cost about \$189,000. We must provide a 10% local match (\$18,900). The project includes new curb, gutter and sidewalk on the north side of Fig Lane, from Marguerite Avenue to the Centennial High School property.

Marguerite Avenue Utility Trenches:

The rain on Monday forced us to postpone our trench grinding and repave project on Marguerite Avenue south of Fig Lane. On Thursday, the crew continued the work.

CORNING POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 211 calls for service, a total of 39 officer reports were taken and there were 51 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 20 misdemeanor and 2 felony arrests, 19 traffic stops and issued 20 citations of which 20 were misdemeanors during the period of October 17 - October 24, 2012.

Personnel:

The Department will be conducting oral interviews for the open Dispatcher/Clerk position on Friday, November 9, 2012.