



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP JD
DATE: OCTOBER 30, 2015

Schedules:

Nov. 23 – Dec. 1, 2015: Adm. Assistant/City Clerk Lisa Linnet will be in North Carolina to spent Thanksgiving Holiday with her Daughter's family.

General Fund Ad Hoc Committee:

They will meet on November 10th at 5 p.m. The Agenda will be posted on the City's website the Friday prior to the meeting.

CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Recruitment:

We are continuing to work with the top candidate to complete the background check as well as check references in order to make the final selection and appointment. We expect the process to be wrapped up and the required physical review to be completed sometime next week.

Stone Fox Subdivision:

I accompanied Public Works Director Dawn Grine on an inspection of the Stone Fox Subdivision on Wednesday. The first Phase of the Project is nearing completion. Workers were on hand installing landscaping along Solano Street when we visited. The Subdivision Map was presented to the Tehama County Clerk for recording on Thursday. The map is the first to be recorded in the City since the recession occurred. We look forward to the residential development that will soon occur on the 26 lots of Phase 1.

Meeting with CalFire:

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we had to postpone our meeting with CalFire/Tehama Rural Fire Chief Christine Thompson until next Wednesday. The purpose is to determine contract costs to provide Fire Dispatch Services, and also to gauge annual costs for Comprehensive Fire Protection Services should the need arise.

Building Official Retirement Letter:

Building Official Terry Hoofard has presented a letter announcing his intended retirement effective April 1, 2016. That provides us some time to weigh options for replacing that position. Contrary to a simplistic suggestion presented during the Public Comment period, we must have properly trained and certified people inspecting the way buildings are constructed. Terry Hoofard has those required credentials and is also a licensed Building Contractor.

During these times of reduced development activity, we've modified his work assignment to be a part-time Building Official and a part-time Building and Public Works Construction Inspector. We also utilize him for construction projects, like the Theater Rehab., water and sewer troubleshooting and repairs, cabinet construction, etc. In that manner, we're able to utilize him as needed and his impact to the General Fund has been reduced (to 40%). This has worked out well due to his varied skills. But we might have trouble finding another person to fill that "niche" role we've created.

We have previously investigated utilizing the Tehama County Building Department for Building Inspection services after Mr. Hoofard retires. However, we found that any savings from a contract with the County would be minimal and would not justify the reduction of services to the citizens of Corning.

Another option might be to solicit proposals for a contract Building Official/Inspection services for a limited duration. That way we could quickly go another direction when building activity picks up.

Staff will present some options for filling this important staff position for Council consideration at an upcoming City Council meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Fall Leaf Pick Up:

Public Works will begin fall leaf 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.

Streambed Cleaning:

The Salt Creek Conservation Camp Crew has finished the annual clearing of Jewett & Burch Creeks and the Blackburn Moon Drainage Ditch of weeds & debris in preparation of the upcoming winter months.

Solano Streetscape Project:

Six proposals were submitted and opened at the Project Bid Opening on October 21 for the Streetscape Project. All six proposals were favorable. The Public Works Department will submit a recommendation for contract Award at the November 10th City Council Meeting.

Community Events:

The Corning Union High School Sports Association is hosting a Zombie Run on Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will encompass various streets and alley ways surrounding Woodson Park. Sports Association representative Trisha Parker reported that the Association would be contacting the local residents along the route to inform them of the event.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4218 will be paying tribute to all Veterans with the annual Veteran's Day Parade on November 11, 2015. The Parade will begin at City Hall and proceed down Solano Street, ending at the Corning Veteran's Memorial Hall where they will be serving tri-tip sandwiches.

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.

Corning Skate Park, 1485 Toomes Avenue:

North State Skate Series (NS3) Event Coordinator Kevin Marshall reported that the Skate Event held on October 24th was a great success. They had as many as 500+ people at the park throughout the day. He anticipates that their group will return to Corning in June 2016.

Tehama County Drought Task Force meets at 1:30 p.m. on November 4th at the Tehama County Sheriff's Office. Ryan Teubert, Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District will forward the Agenda by email to the attendees. Contact Dawn Grine at 530/824-7029 for more information.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 181 calls for service, a total of 29 officer reports were taken and there were 57 officer-initiated incidents, including 24 traffic stops. Officers made 16 misdemeanor arrests and 0 felony arrests, and issued 21 citations of which 15 were misdemeanors, 3 were infractions, 2 were parking-related, and 1 was unclassified during the period of October 21, 2015 through October 28, 2015.