



**CITY OF CORNING
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
794 THIRD STREET**

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

Council:

**Darlene Dickison
Dave Linnet
Jose "Chuy" Valerio
Robert Snow**

Mayor:

Douglas Hatley Jr.

All members of the City Council were present.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by the City Manager.

D. INVOCATION: Led by Mayor Hatley.

E. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS:

1. **Proclamation: April 24, 2017 General Federation of Women's Clubs Federation Day in the City of Corning.** Corning Maywood Women's Club President Emma Rivas was present to accept the Proclamation.
2. **Proclamation: April 2017 as Child Abuse & Sexual Assault Awareness Month & April 26th as Denim Day in the City of Corning.** Outreach Counselor Michelle Bouma was present to accept the Proclamation.
3. **Proclamation: April 9th – April 15th Public Safety Telecommunications Week in the City of Corning.** Present to accept the Proclamation is Police Dispatcher Ashley Knight and Fire Dispatcher Daymon Schlereth.
4. **Recognitions: Restore Program Coordinator Ric Schoon presents Restore Graduates.** City Manager Kristina Miller introduced Restore Program Coordinator Ric Schoon. Ric briefed the Council on the Program's targeted group, Program goals, and various opportunities provided to participants. Ric announced that the Program has one graduate present tonight, Josh Stoecklein. Mr. Stoecklein informed the Council of his future goals. Mr. Schoon also acknowledged the Mentors that are so valuable to the Programs success.

Rich DeVarney, Tehama County Superintendent of Schools introduced himself to the Council and stated that he was open to any suggestions/ideas of how to improve our schools.

City Manager Kristina Miller announced that the City has been recognized by the American Society of Civil Engineers for the 2016 Outstanding Park and Recreation Project, the City was the winner for that category for the Corning Community Park/Skateboard Park. She stated that the City Engineer Ed Anderson is receiving the award on the City's behalf tonight. She recognized Dawn Grine and others for their work on this project.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None

G. CONSENT AGENDA: It is recommended that items listed on the Consent Agenda be acted on simultaneously unless a Councilmember or members of the audience request separate discussion and/or action.

5. **Waive reading, except by title, of any Ordinance under consideration at this meeting for either introduction or passage, per Government Code Section 36934.**
6. **Waive the reading and approve with any necessary corrections the Minutes of the following meetings:**
 - a) **March 9, 2017 Corning Business Improvement District (C-BID) Meeting;**

- b) **March 14, 2017 City Council Closed Session and Regular Meeting.**
- c) **March 28, 2017 City Council Meeting.**

- 7. **April 5, 2017 Claim Warrant - \$338,587.59.**
- 8. **April 5, 2017 Business License Report.**
- 9. **March 2017 Wages & Salaries: \$440,379.06.**
- 10. **March 2017 Treasurer's Report.**
- 11. **March 2017 Building Permit Valuation Report in the amount of \$365,057.31.**
- 12. **March 2017 City of Corning Wastewater Operations Summary Report.**
- 13. **Approve change to the Recreation Commission meeting time from 6 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

Councilor Linnet moved to approve Consent Items 5-13; Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Hatley, Dickison, Linnet, Valerio and Snow. Absent/Abstain/Oppose: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

H. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MEETINGS: None.

J. REGULAR AGENDA:

14. Approve three-year Employee Salary Schedules for City Employees.

City Manager Kristina Miller stated that the compensation amounts listed within this Staff Report have already been approved by the City Council. The California Code of Regulations requires the City Council to approve the compensation list and that the list be posted publically and on the City's website. Councilor Linnet moved to approve the 3-year employee salary schedules for the Management, Dispatch, Miscellaneous and Public Safety Bargaining Units. Councilor Snow seconded the motion. **Ayes: Hatley, Dickison, Linnet, Valerio and Snow. Absent/Abstain/Oppose: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

15. Corning Wood Waste Facility Update – Informational Item Only, No Action Required.

City Manager Kristina Miller provided background information on the Corning Wood Waste Facility and a status update on the site to date. On February 9, 2010 the City and the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) entered into a Consent Agreement whereby the City agreed that it would sign and record a Land Use Covenant approved by DTSC to restrict the use of the Corning City Disposal Site if lead and/or other hazardous wastes will remain on site.

Significant testing of the site has been conducted over the years. In April 2016, the uppermost groundwater zone was monitored and no contaminants were detected. As a result, on July 25, 2016 DTSC stated no further groundwater investigation was required; the monitoring wells could be destroyed, and requested a schedule for implementing further closure activities. The City does not have the funds necessary to close the site. Councilor Linnet is in the process with the Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency, he could well assert that the cost to close a landfill is very high and the City doesn't have the wherewithal to close this site. The reason that DTSC wants the site closed to what is called "State Minimum Standards" is because of prior concerns relating to groundwater contamination, of which there is none. Because of the February 2010 Agreement the City is bound by that Agreement. DTSC understands that the City does not have the funds to close the site; they understand that the site is not impacting groundwater; they would like to see the City showing some sort of effort in moving forward. They have asked the City to provide a letter stating that we would apply for a grant from CalRecycle that would provide funding to close the site understanding that CalRecycle is not going to fund the site because there are not impacts to groundwater. We have agreed to apply for that grant and record a Land Use Covenant once the site is closed. **(No action necessary.)**

- 16. **Authorize Staff to create Plans & Specification and solicit Bids for the 2017 Street Paving Project for a section of Divisidero and El Verano Avenues and appropriate \$200,000 from various Gas Tax Funds for the Project.**

Public Works Director Dawn Grine briefed the Council on this item and responded to questions from City Council members. Councilor Linnet stated that he would like to see a street priority list. He further stated that his observation is that these two streets have very little traffic; however he has received complaints relating to other streets such as Tehama St. Ms. Grine stated that she has discussed this with City Engineer Ed Anderson and plan on creating a 10-plan (priority list) to be incorporated in the department's Capital Improvement Plan. She then explained the existing damage on the proposed streets. Councilor Dickison stated that improvement of these streets had been promised for many years to a now deceased resident complaining of the street conditions. Councilor Snow stated that one side of the road has recently been repaved on El Verano from McLane Avenue to Divisadero; Ms. Grine agreed and explained however that it is better and more cost effective to repave that whole section rather than just repaving the damaged west side half width.

Councilor Dickison moved to authorize Staff to:

- Proceed with Plans & Specifications;
- Solicit Bids for the 2017 Street Paving Project – Divisadero/El Verano; and
- Appropriate \$14,000 each from Funds 109; 110; 111; 108, and \$75,000 each from Funds 114 and 115 for a combined total of \$206,000 to Street Projects 3001 for the 2017 Street Paving Project.

Councilor Valerio seconded the motion. **Ayes: Dickison and Valerio. Opposed: Linnet, Snow and Hatley. Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was denied on a 2-3 vote.**

Staff was directed to provide Council will a prioritized list of the worst roads/streets in the City with associated traffic volume counts.

K. ITEMS PLACED ON THE AGENDA FROM THE FLOOR: None.

L. COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION: None.

M. REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS: City Councilmembers will report on attendance at conferences/meetings reimbursed at City expense (Requirement of Assembly Bill 1234).

Dickison: Reported tomorrow she will be attending the Senior Center Board meeting at 10 a.m. and next week she will attend the Tripartite Board Meeting. She announced the Corning Museum is hosting Corning in the Evening on May 11th and holding a raffle drawing that night (tickets are \$2 ea./\$6 for ten) to raise funds. The Museum Association is seeking new members.

Linnet: Reported on his attendance at the last Tehama County Board of Supervisors Meeting where they discussed marijuana initiatives in relation to Prop 64. He also reported on his attendance at the JPA (Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency) meeting reporting that they are discussing closing the dump at a cost of 2.5 million dollars for Phase 1. City Manager Miller clarified that the Red Bluff Landfill is not closing entirely, only the first Phase of the Landfill will be closing; there is over 25 years of life remaining in the second phase.

Valerio: Reported on his attendance at the Chamber of Commerce meeting and stated that the Chamber has partnered with Sunrise Rotary for the April 19th fund raising event whereas for \$20 citizens can place a faux "arrest warrant" out on individuals, once the arrest takes place, it costs the arrested individual \$20 to get out of jail. Discussed also was the Olive Festival and Car Show which will be held together this year.

Snow: Nothing.

Hatley: Report on attendance at a Joint Meeting in Red Bluff where the Drug Take Back Program was discussed.

N. ADJOURNMENT!: 7:36 p.m.

Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk