



**CITY OF CORNING
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
794 THIRD STREET**

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

B. ROLL CALL:

Council:

Darlene Dickison

Dave Linnet

Tony Cardenas

Willie Smith

Mayor:

Gary Strack

All members of the City Council were present.

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

D. INVOCATION: Led by Mayor Gary Strack.

Persons of no religious persuasion will not be expected in any manner to stand or to participate other than to remain quiet out of respect for those who do choose to participate.

Following the presentation of the invocation by Mayor Strack, Councilor Linnet moved add to the Agenda a Proclamation designating April 2015 as "Relay for Life Month in the City of Corning" and April 24, 2015 as "Paint Our Town Purple Day" in the City of Corning . Council Cardenas seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet, Cardenas and Smith. Opposed/Abstain/Absent: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote to add the Relay for Life Proclamation to the Agenda to follow Proclamation E-3.**

E. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS:

- 1. Proclamation – April 24, 2015 General Federation of Women’s Clubs Federation Day in the City of Corning.** Katherine Joseph, President of the Maywood Woman’s Club and members of the Corning Maywood Woman’s Club were present to accept the Proclamation on behalf of the Federation of Women’s Clubs.
- 2. Proclamation – April 2015 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the City of Corning.** Present to accept the Proclamation was Joe Hoffman, Volunteer and Member of the Board of Directors of the Butte, Glenn and Tehama County Rape Crisis Intervention and Prevention.
- 3. Proclamation – April 2015 as National Alcohol Awareness Month.** Denise Norwood, Tehama County Drug & Alcohol Division Supervisor and Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board Member Holly Wilson were present to accept the Proclamation.

Proclamation – April 2015 as Relay for Life Month and April 24, 2015 as “Paint Our Town Purple Day” in the City of Corning. Renee Blanchard was present to accept the Proclamation and announced that the Relay for Life Event this year will take place on the Corning High School track on Saturday, April 25th from 9 a.m. to 12 midnight and announced that the Luminari lap will take place at 9 p.m.

F. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Gena Bowen asked if there would be a specific time during the meeting for input on Item 15 listed under the Regular Agenda; she was informed yes.

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.

4. Waive reading, except by title, of any Ordinance under consideration at this meeting for either introduction or passage, per Government Code Section 36934.
5. Waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the March 24, 2015 City Council Meeting with any necessary corrections.
6. April 8, 2015 Claim Warrant - \$392,281.68.
7. April 8, 2015 Business License Report.
8. March 2015 Wages and Salaries: \$359,916.96.
9. March 2015 Building Permit Valuation Report - \$285,189.45.
10. March 2015 Treasurer's Report.
11. March 2015 City of Corning Wastewater Operation Summary Report.
12. Approve Partial Payment Request No. 9 and No. 10 to Trent Construction in the combined amount of \$4,520 for the Corning Community Park, Phase 2 Project.

Councilor Dickison moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 4-12; Councilor Smith seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet, Cardenas and Smith. Opposed/Abstain/Absent: 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:

13. Authorize recruitment and hiring of a part-time Animal Shelter Care Technician.

Police Chief Don Atkins briefed the Council on this item explaining that prior to having a Caretaker the Animal Shelter was known as a "Kill Shelter". He explained that the City's Shelter has not euthanized a single dog since 2001 thanks to the efforts of previous Caretaker Debbie Eaglebarger who worked at the Shelter along with the extensive support from Second Chance Pet Rescue.

Councilor Dickison moved to: Approve the proposed Job Classification for a Part-time Animal Shelter Care Technician; authorize City Staff to recruit and hire a part-time Animal Shelter Care Technician; and approve the proposed pay scale (\$10.32 Step A through \$12.55 Step E) for this position and authorize appropriation of funds necessary to fund the position from the General Fund reserves not to exceed \$3,000 this fiscal year. If approved, this position will be included in the subsequent FY 2015-16 Budget. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet, Cardenas and Smith. Opposed/Abstain/Absent: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote**

14. Authorize submittal of a Cal-OES California Disaster Assistance Act Project Application and adopt the required associated Resolution 04-14-2015-01, A Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution for Non-State Agencies.

City Manager John Brewer briefed the Council on this item explaining that Staff has been putting together an application for submittal to Cal OES (Office of Emergency Services) to recoup some of the expenses incurred during the December 2014 storm events. A component of the application requires the adoption of the "Designation of Applicant's Agent" Resolution which officially designates certain individuals as signatories for the application and associated documents. He further explained that when this first came to light Staff had estimated a possible reimbursement of \$10,803.84, however that amount has been reduced through the process as Staff has found that some expenses incurred do not qualify for reimbursement and some costs were overestimated.

Councilor Cardenas motioned to authorize Staff submittal of a California Disaster Assistance Act Program Project Application to recover some costs incurred during the December 2014 Storm Events; and to adopt the associated required Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution 04-14-2015-01 for Non-State Agencies. Councilor Linnet seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet, Cardenas and Smith. Opposed/Abstain/Absent: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote**

15. Continuing Drought and City of Corning Water Conservation Program. (No action necessary, informational item only.)

City Manager John Brewer presented the associated Drought and City of Corning Water Conservation Program Staff Report for discussion.

Gena Bowen: Announced the various steps that she and her husband have taken, and plan to take, to initiate water savings. She then stated her concerns regarding the City's existing water conservation Ordinance and the possible inequities for creating a beginning baseline between those households currently conserving and those that aren't.

Diana Robertson: Stated that she and her husband oppose a blanket percentage reduction requirement stating as an example those that live in apartment complexes that don't have yards, etc., their reduction would entail reduction in laundry, use of dishwasher, etc., whereas those that utilize yard sprinkling, washing car would just have to eliminate those less necessary activities.

Delbert David: Spoke about the Tuscan Aquifer, the Division of Water Resources and some of the "draconian" regulations.

Dean Coffer: Stated that the State is allowing draws for bottle water unfettered, whereas we as citizens are being asked to conserve. He stated that he is concerned by the use of a formula which he agreed was draconian. He further stated that the water conservation Ordinance as it currently exists has the potential of hurting those on fixed incomes, aid, etc. that can't afford the penalties and it doesn't prevent abuse, especially by those that can afford to pay the penalties.

Mr. Brewer agreed that we need to come up with a conservation measure that is equitable, understandable and fair to all of our customers.

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 on attendance at the LAFCo Meeting where among some of the discussion items they received an update on MSR's (Various Districts such as Cemetery District, Fire Districts, etc.) and selected a Logo. She announced that on April 16th the Community Action Agency Public Hearing would be held here in Corning at the Council Chambers.

Linnet: Reported he did not attend the recent JPA 1 Meeting due to the Easter Holiday. Reported on status of graffiti tagging within the City and thanked Jerry Lequia for his continued assistance.

Cardenas: Reported on the 3CORE Meeting here with Staff today and reported on the Chamber of Commerce meeting and upcoming Car Show to take place on May 1st and 2nd.

Smith: Thanked the City for changing locks, doors, etc. at the Senior Center. This Saturday the Senior Center is having a fundraiser from 10-1p.m. She stated that they will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner in Red Bluff to raise funds for the Tehama County Senior Nutrition Program, what they make off of this helps defer costs for those that can't afford this.

Strack: Spoke about concerns stated to him regarding some of the painting/murals on downtown buildings and the possibility of initiating a committee to review and possibly create standards relating to this.

N. ADJOURNMENT!: 7:38 p.m.

Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk