



**CITY OF CORNING
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11 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
Gary Strack**

Mayor:

All members were present except Councilman Linnet was on a fire.

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

D. INVOCATION: Led by Councilman Tony Cardenas.

E. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS:

- 1. Proclamation – August 21st – 22nd, 2015 as Olive Festival Week in the City of Corning.**

Mayor Strack presented the Proclamation to Chamber of Commerce Manager Valanne Cardenas. Mrs. Cardenas briefed the Council on the upcoming Olive Festival events and timeline. She invited everyone to attend.

F. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Ross Turner: Having sat through the preceding General Fund AdHoc Committee Meeting, I believe the elephant in the room facing the Committee is cash flow, because we have nine potential employees of the City who, although they are not on any thin ice at this time, their jobs are potentially in jeopardy due to the future finances of the City. He stated that between \$300,000 to \$400,000 is gradually being extracted from the City's Reserves to keep the City in the financial status that it currently is. We are facing potentially another downturn in the economy, referring to the new Pilot Truck Terminal being constructed in Orland. He then asked whether the City, or the Chamber of Commerce, had tried to lobby the facility to locate here. Mayor Strack responded stating that Pilot did not want to leave when they got involved in the situation resulting in the sale to Loves. Mayor Strack also stated development concerns regarding prohibitive costs involved to install services such as water/sewer to adjacent properties within the City located west of the Freeway.

Mr. Turner concluded by stating that the well is only going to be there so long to extract from and provide additional funding to the City.

G. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 2. Waive reading, except by title, of any Ordinance under consideration at this meeting for either introduction or passage, per Government Code Section 36934.**
- 3. Waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the July 14, 2015 City Council Meeting with any necessary corrections:**
- 4. August 6, 2015 Claim Warrant - \$296,909.13.**
- 5. August 6, 2015, 2015 Business License Report.**
- 6. July 2015 Wages and Salaries: \$365,293.12.**
- 7. July 2015 Building Permit Valuation Report: \$180,006.**

8. July 2015 Treasurer's Report.

9. July 2015 City of Corning Wastewater Operations Summary Report.

10. Approve recommendation of Douglas Hatley Jr. for appointment to the City Planning Commission.

Mayor Strack stated he wished to pull Item 10 for further discussion.

Councilor Dickison moved to approve Consent Items 2-9. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Cardenas and Smith. Absent: Linnet. Oppose/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote with Linnet absent.**

H. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

10. Approve recommendation of Douglas Hatley Jr. for appointment to the City Planning Commission.

Mayor Strack announced that Mr. Hatley was present in the audience and had him stand up. He then stated that Doug had previously served on the Commission and enjoyed it however, his two year work relocation made it necessary for him to resign. Mayor Strack stated that is no longer an issue and he now recommends his appointment to fill the vacant seat formerly held by Ryan Reilly.

Councilor Smith moved to appoint Douglas Hatley Jr. to the Planning Commission effective immediately to complete the term of the late Ryan Reilly which is to expire on June 30, 2017. Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Cardenas and Smith. Absent: Linnet. Oppose/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote with Linnet absent.**

I. REGULAR AGENDA:

11. Informational Presentation regarding proposed Groundwater Management Agency and Sustainable Groundwater Plan. City Manager John Brewer introduced Mr. Ryan Teubert, County Flood Control & Water Resources Manager who provided an information presentation on the proposed Groundwater Management Agency and Sustainable Groundwater Plan. He briefed the Council on the proposed Plan components, requirements, participants/Board, and possible agreements/participation with neighboring Counties.

Following the presentation and subsequent questions, Councilor Dickison moved to concur with the governance structure proposed on the attached document (that was presented with the Staff Report). Councilor Smith seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Cardenas and Smith. Absent: Linnet. Oppose/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote with Linnet absent.**

12. Authorize Director of Public Works to solicit Bids for the Downtown Solano Street Streetscape Project.

Councilor Cardenas confirmed that the project will go all the way to West Street and that we will not be repaving the portion that was just completed with the CDBG Street Paving Project.

Councilor Cardenas moved that Mayor and Council Members authorize Staff to solicit Bids for the Downtown Solano Street Streetscape Project. Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Cardenas and Smith. Absent: Linnet. Oppose/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote with Linnet absent.** Mayor Strack confirmed the project timeline with the City Engineer/Public Works Director; it will take 270 days from project beginning date to complete if there are no problems.

Jerry Lequia asked if there was any way to get the businesses to upgrade their awnings or paint their buildings prior to the start of this project. He stated it would be a shame to beautify the Streets when the properties look so bad. He was informed that those are private property, the City at one time had a Façade Loan Program available, however few businesses participated in the Program.

13. Authorize purchase of Soccer Goals for Lennox Fields from Fund No. 355; Bedroom Tax.

Public Works Director Dawn Grine briefed the Council on the cost, size and number needed. She stated that the costs presented are for goals with brackets and nets at a total cost of \$6,270.51 plus \$500 for contingency and explained why Staff is recommending this quote (next to lowest) over the lowest quote provided.

Councilor Smith moved to authorize the purchase of soccer goals from Soccer.com for a cost of \$6,270.51; authorize approved purchase of soccer goals as an expenditure from Fund 355, Bedroom Tax; and authorize an amount of \$500 for contingency from Fund 355 Bedroom tax. Councilor Cardenas seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Cardenas and Smith. Absent: Linnet. Oppose/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote with Linnet absent.**

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

K. COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION: None.

L. 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 her attendance at the Groundwater Sustainability Meeting & Transportation Commission Meeting and announced she will be attending the LAFCO Meeting tomorrow.

Linnet: Absent

Cardenas: Reported on his attendance at the General Fund Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting prior to this meeting.

Smith: Stated that she had recently worked with Dot Linnet and SPEEDCO (supporters of the Make a Wish Foundation) on a presentation at SPEEDCO that was made today to a 16 year old boy battling a brain tumor. They granted his wish to take his family on a vacation...they will be going to the Bahamas.

Strack: Reported that he spoke with John about looking into purchasing another cordless microphone for the Staff table. He also reported he had attended the Tehama County Transportation Commission Meeting.

M. ADJOURNMENT!: 7:26 p.m.

Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk