



**CITY OF CORNING
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2008
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
794 THIRD STREET**

A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

Council:

**Hill
Dickison
Zuniga
Turner
Strack**

Mayor:

All Council members were present.

C. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

City Manager Kimbrough led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITION'S, APPOINTMENTS:

- 1. Proclamation: August 16th – 24th as Olive Festival Week in the City of Corning.**
Chamber of Commerce Manager Valanne Cardenas was present to accept the Proclamation. Mrs. Cardenas announced the dates and times of the various events.

Mayor Strack asked the City Manager to introduce to the Council Resolution No. 08-12-08-01, which came up after the Agenda was produced and distributed. City Manager Kimbrough then read the Resolution. Councilor Turner motioned to add the Resolution for adoption to the City Council Agenda, Councilor Hill seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Hill, Dickison, Zuniga and Turner. Opposed: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Motion approved by vote of 5-0.** Councilor Hill then motioned to approve adoption and Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Hill, Dickison, Zuniga and Turner. Opposed: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Motion approved by vote of 5-0.**

Councilor Hill presented Director of Public Works John Brewer a non negotiable check in the amount of \$1,500,000 for Street Repairs and a First Time Home Buyer Program. The funds are a result of a Community Development Block Grant. Mr. Brewer then outlined the planned Street improvements.

E. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Kelly Flemming addressed the City Council regarding the City leash laws. She stated that a dog near West Street School bit her and nothing was done. However, she was later cited for her dog not being on a leash in her yard. The Mayor asked if Chief Cardenas was familiar with this issue; he stated that he was not. Chief Cardenas took Mrs. Flemming's name and phone number and stated that he would research the incident and would contact her.

Mr. Richard Lipari addressed the Council thanking City Staff for their assistance with the problems in the area of his business. He stated the problems with the truck traffic near his business has been reduced. Mr. Lipari also stated that he will be holding events beginning this Saturday and has requested the assistance of the Police Department for traffic and crowd control. Mr. Lipari also brought to the Councils attention the Red Bluff Daily Observer article relating to "Taco Trucks" and asked the Councils consideration of banning such mobile businesses within the City. Mayor Strack stated that the Council will have City Staff research the issue and provide a report for the Council to consider.

Councilor Hill asked if he would be serving alcohol during the concert events; Mr. Lipari stated that he would and that his staff would be present to make sure that alcohol would not be served to minors. Councilor Turner stated his concern relating to occupancy requirements during these events. Councilor Turner also stated his concerns relating to banning Taco Trucks within the City.

- F. **CONSENT AGENDA:** It is recommended that items listed on the Consent Agenda be acted on simultaneously unless a Councilmember or members of the audience requests separate discussion and/or action.
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 21, 2008 Special Meeting and July 22, 2008 Meeting with any necessary corrections.**
 4. **July 2, 2008 Claim Warrant - \$305,163.42.**
 5. **Business License Report – August 6, 2008.**
 6. **Treasurer’s Report – July 2008.**
 7. **Wages and Salaries –July 2008 - \$570,749.92.**
 8. **July 2008 Building Permit Valuation - \$284,983.26.**
 9. **July 2008 – Southwest Water Company Wastewater Operation Summary Report.**
 10. **Approve City Recommendation of John Brewer to Replace Tom Russ on the Integrated Waste Management Task Force, and the Tehama County Board of Supervisors Appointment of Tyler Felt and Russell H. Smith to the Task Force.**
 11. **Authorize Public Works Director to Seek Bids for the Safe Routes to School Grant Program, Including Asphalt Overlay of Marguerite Avenue.**

Mayor Strack requested that item 11 be pulled for further information.

With no further discussion, Councilor Turner motioned approval of Consent Items 1-10. Councilor Hill seconded the motion. , approved by vote of 5-0.

G. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

11. **Authorize Public Works Director to Seek Bids for the Safe Routes to School Grant Program, Including Asphalt Overlay of Marguerite Avenue.**

After receiving clarification of the locations of the sidewalk installation and area of Marguerite Avenue to be overlaid, Councilor Hill motioned approval and Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Hill, Dickison, Zuniga and Turner. Opposed: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Motion approved by vote of 5-0.**

H. **REGULAR AGENDA:**

12. **Presentation of Plans for Rodgers Theatre Renovation: Approve Plans as Presented, and Discuss Potential Ownership Structure to Allow Volunteers and local Contractors to Complete Work.**

Representing Friends of the Theatre, Tony Cardenas outlined the plans for the Theatre renovations presenting blue prints of the Theatre with changes as well as blue prints illustrating the Theatre as it is today. He stated that the plans show women’s restrooms with 7 stalls and the

men's with 2 stalls and 2 urinals therefore meeting code. He stated that the seating upstairs would be reduced to 24 seats, an office, a bathroom, two storage areas would be added, and the stairs widened in these plans. On the first floor the stage area would be expanded, dressing rooms would be added, new flooring installed, new roof, air conditioning, work on the sprinkler system, etc. These changes would make it a multi-use facility. Mr. Cardenas stated that they have obtained some costs, however these costs do not include prevailing wage.

Councilor Hill stated that the plans show a ramp, is it a handicap ramp and will it meet ADA compliance. Mr. Cardenas stated that the area on the blue prints she is referring to leads outside, however the plans were designed to be ADA compliant. Councilor Hill stated that at the CDBG Grant Award Ceremony she had recently attended, she was informed that the City could very possibly qualify for a Grant that would fund the renovation with no cash match from the City. She stated that she was informed because the City owned the Theatre Building, and there would be no land acquisition, ownership of the building would be considered the City's cash match. Councilor Hill stated that having a lift to the stage that meets ADA compliance would need to be addressed in order to possibly be considered for the Grant.

Mayor Strack stated his concerns in spending this kind of money on a Theatre that possibly won't be utilized. Members of the Council stated that they have been approached and asked when the Theatre would be opened and why is it closed. Danny Dunnigan addressed the Council stating he has been approached daily when out in the Community. Mayor Strack stated he wants to see the Theatre opened rather than something so grandeur and spending so much to do so. Mayor Strack also wanted clarification on what exactly is wanted from the Council on this issue.

City Manager Kimbrough stated that the Committee is asking approval of the plans as presented so that they can move forward. Councilor Turner stated that in looking at \$500,000 towards this program, as buildings/projects in other areas (State Theatre, etc.) it will become a cancer on the budget. Mr. Kimbrough asked if the Master Plan was acceptable to the Council, if it is, then we can concentrate on scaling it down to phases. Councilors Hill and Dickison stated that the Master Plan was acceptable to them. Mr. Cardenas stated that the group has raised \$49,000 through donations and fund raisers that is currently being held by Hometown Revitalization, this is in addition to the Roger's Funding. (Councilor Turner confirmed this.) Councilor Turner stated he could support this Master Plan as long as it is not cast in stone. Councilor Turner asked if it would be better to have a separate foundation, rather than mixing it with Hometown Revitalization. Councilor Hill stated that to qualify for a CDBG Grant it would have to be sponsored by the City, not an organization such as Hometown Revitalization.

Councilor Zuniga motioned to approve the Theatre renovation plans as presented. Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Hill, Dickison, Zuniga and Turner. Opposed: Strack. Absent/Abstain: None. Motion approved by vote of 4-1.**

13. Ratify Memorandum of Understanding between City and Operating Engineers Local #3 Representing Miscellaneous Employees Bargaining Unit.

Councilor Turner motioned approval with corrections to the final numbers stating the increased cost for the first year would be \$56,480 and \$35,400 for each additional year. Councilor Hill seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Hill, Dickison, Zuniga and Turner. Opposed: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Motion approved by vote of 5-0.**

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

J. COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:

City Clerk Lisa Linnet reported that the City had received a Thank You card from the teenagers visiting from China who toured the Police Department and the City Council Chambers. They each received a City pin as a remembrance of their visit.

K. REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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14. **Hill:** Stated that they would like some input from Staff relating to the League of CA Cities Resolutions to be voted on by the Council.
15. **Dickison:** Stated that the LAFCO meeting has been canceled due to lack of Agenda. She announced that the food donation box at City Hall Finance will be picked up tomorrow morning. She also stated that she has tickets for sale to raise funds for the Friends of the Theatre for the two items they will be raffling.
16. **Zuniga:** Questioned the ages listed on Mr. Lipari's advertisement, stating "All age event".
17. **Turner:** Nothing.
18. **Strack:** It will be Becky's meeting on the 26th as he will be out of town.

L. **ADJOURNMENT!:** 8:50 p.m.

Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk