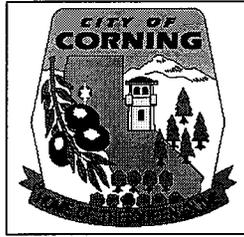


**CITY OF CORNING
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**



**TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2007
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 except Councilor Zuniga.

City Manager Stephen Kimbrough led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, APPOINTMENTS:

City Clerk Lisa Linnet read the Proclamation and Mayor Strack presented it to Teresa Amundson, President of the Chamber of Commerce. Teresa Amundson and Yvonne Boles briefed the Council on this year's Olive Festival Event and Harry Zemansky spoke about the hiding of the Olive for the Festival.

D. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Walter Dodd presented the Press and Council with a handout and addressed the Council regarding certain items on, or not on the Agenda. He referred to the attachments to agendaized Item H-17, the Fire Department Dispatch Staff Reports from previous Council meetings used as backup information for the Staff Report being presented at tonight's meeting. It was explained that the Staff reports he was referring to were acted upon at previous meetings.

E. 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.

- 1. Waive reading, except by title, of any Ordinance under consideration at this meeting for either introduction or passage, per Government Code Section 36934.**
- 2. Waive the Reading and Approve the Minutes of the July 10, 2007, and July 24, 2007 meetings with any necessary corrections.**
- 3. August 8, 2007 Claim Warrant - \$293,266.50.**
- 4. August 8, 2007 Business Licenses.**
- 5. Wages and Salaries for July 2007 in the amount of \$336,087.84.**
- 6. Building Permit Valuation Report - \$125,363.64.**

7. **Permission to seek Formal Bids for Installation of 420' of Chain Link Fencing for Security of the Blackburn Well.**
8. **Appropriate \$50,000 in Federal TEA and Amend Operating Budget to Provide for these Funds.**
9. **July 2007 Wastewater Treatment Plant Summary Report.**
10. **Award Bid and Approve Agreement for Three-Year Janitorial Services Contract with Ken Vaughn & Sons in the amount of \$9,000 per year.**
11. **Approval of Contract Change Order No. 2 and Partial Payment No. 5 in the amount of \$4,646.25 for the Safe Routes to School Project.**
12. **Approve and Accept the Notice of Completion for the Safe Routes to School Project.**
13. **Authorization to seek bids for a New 2008 Dump Truck.**
14. **Report on Energy Savings costs received after switch from incandescent bulbs to LED bulbs at the three traffic signals.**

Mayor Strack introduced each item by title. Councilor Turner asked to remove item 10 for further clarification. Councilor Turner then motioned approval of items 1-9 and 11-14. Councilor Hill seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Hill, Dickison and Turner. Opposed: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Zuniga. Motion was approved by a vote of 4-0 with Councilor Zuniga absent.**

F. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

10. **Award Bid and Approve Agreement for Three-Year Janitorial Services Contract with Ken Vaughn & Sons in the amount of \$9,000 per year.**

Councilor Turner questioned whether Mr. Vaughn would be providing his own Workers Comprehensive Insurance and whether the City had confirmed that he is paying current minimum wage. Public Works Director Tom Russ informed Councilor Turner that Mr. Vaughn provides his own insurance and does pay minimum wage, however he is not required to pay prevailing wage. Councilor Turner motioned approval of Consent Item 10, and Councilor Hill seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Hill, Dickison and Turner. Opposed: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Zuniga. Motion was approved by a vote of 4-0 with Councilor Zuniga absent.**

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MEETINGS: Any person may speak on items scheduled for hearing at the time the Mayor declares the Hearing open. ALL LEGAL NOTICES PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

15. **Community Development Block Grant Program, Annual Grantee Performance Report.**

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title and deferred to the City Manager to report on the performance report. Mayor Strack then opened the Public Hearing. With no comments from the audience the Public Hearing was closed. No further action was necessary.

H. REGULAR AGENDA:

16. **Update on Community Bulletin Board by Hometown Revitalization.**

Yvonne Boles stated that they have changed their minds from placing the board at the Transportation Center and move it back to the Park and Ride. By Council consensus they agreed to move the placement of it back to the Park and Ride. Mrs. Boles stated that they would get together with Tom and bring back to Council price information. **No action required at this time.**

17. Approve Fire Dispatch Service Contract with the City of Orland and Capay Fire District and authorize the City Manager to sign the Contract.

Mayor Strack introduced the item by title and deferred to Chief Pryatel for an update. Chief Pryatel stated that they are still working through the radio glitches and stated that the department would probably need to add additional phone lines. Councilor Hill asked if the Capay Fire District had acted on acceptance of the contract; she was informed that a representative from the Capay Fire District, Ian Turnbull, was present and could answer this. Mr. Turnbull stated that action on this has been postponed to August 21, 2007, however he doesn't feel that there will be a problem.

Councilor Hill motioned to approve the Dispatch Services Agreement between the City of Corning, the City of Orland, the Orland Fire Protection District and the Capay Fire Protection District, and authorize the Fire Chief and Staff to take the final actions necessary to implement this program of service. She also motioned to direct the City Manager and Fire Chief to provide progress reports to Council in October 2007, January 2008, April 2008, and during budget presentation in June 2008. Councilor Dickison seconded the motion.

Councilor Turner stated that he feels that some of the questions brought up by 75% of the dispatchers have not yet been answered; therefore he will not vote in favor of this. He stated that he believes it could come back to haunt the City legally. He also stated that two of the dispatchers have no medical training, and should they walk someone through an incident to the best of their knowledge, and give misinformation or put the caller on hold, how would this affect the liability to the City. Mayor Strack and Councilor Hill stated the City would have no more liability than the City currently has. Councilor Turner then stated that due to the increased number of calls the dispatch would receive, more problems could occur and a lower quality of service be provided to the residents of the City.

Mayor Strack stated that he was a little embarrassed that a Corning City Council member attended a meeting of another jurisdiction on an issue the City Council is currently addressing. Councilor Turner responded stating that he addressed the Orland City Council as a private citizen, not as a Corning City Council member. Councilor Hill stated her opinion that as an elected Council member, it is generally perceived by the general public that you always represent the City Council.

Vote: Ayes: Strack, Hill, Dickison, Opposed: Turner. Vote was passed by a vote of 3-1 with Turner opposing and Zuniga absent.

18. Continuation of League of California Cities Grass Routes Network Program.

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title and stated that he believes it is a successful program. Councilor Hill agreed. With little discussion, Councilor Turner motioned to direct the City's delegate to the League of California Cities to vote to support the continuation of the League Grass Routes Network Program at the meeting of the Board of Directors on September 8, 2007. Councilor Hill seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Hill, Dickison and Turner. Opposed: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Zuniga. Motion was approved by a vote of 4-0 with Councilor Zuniga absent.**

19. League of California Cities Annual Meeting, Policy Resolutions – Review and Give Direction to City Delegate.

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title explaining that these are the Policy Resolutions that City Delegate Councilor Hill, and Alternate, Councilor Dickison will be voting on at the League of California Cities General Assembly.

By Council Consensus, the Council authorized the City's Delegate and Alternate as listed below on the proposed Policy Resolutions.

Renewal of League Grassroots Program – Yes,

Healthy Aging – No,

Applying 300 ft. Distance Separation for All New Residential Care Facilities – yes,

Implementation of AB 38; Establishing a New "Department of Emergency Services and Homeland Security" – No.

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

J. **COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:**

Mayor Strack announced Corning in the Morning on August 15th, tomorrow at 8:15 a.m., and the Olive Festival Mixer is Thursday, August 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

K. **REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS:**

20. **Hill:** Reported on her attendance at the Monterey Convention. She stated that they are making new developments put in a percentage of low income housing units, basically intermingling them and they are actually maintaining and keeping up there properties better. She also stated that she obtained some information on successful campaigns thinking it might be helpful with the formation of a Recreation District.

21. **Dickison:** Will be attending Tripartite meeting on Thursday, August 16th.

22. **Zuniga:** Not Present.

23. **Turner:** Asked Council consensus on use of County Recycling Grant Funds in the amount of \$500 to the Friends of the Theatre for the Red Bluff Theatre and presentation and education on Recycling within the Community. Councilor Turner stated his concerns on this setting precedence. Council consensus is in favor, however they would like to see something brought to the Corning area.

24. **Strack:** Nothing.

L. **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:** 8:30 p.m.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION: Reconvened at 8:37 p.m.

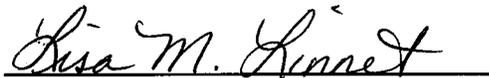
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957:

City Manager Evaluation

M. **RECONVENE AND REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION:** 10:10 p.m.

Mayor Strack reported that Council met in closed session and evaluated the City Manager and gave him direction on personnel.

N. **ADJOURNMENT!** 10:13 p.m.



Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk