



**CITY OF CORNING
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2013
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
794 THIRD STREET**

The City of Corning welcomes you to our meetings, which are regularly scheduled for the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Your participation and interest is encouraged and appreciated.

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A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 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 Councilman Cardenas.

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.

E. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS:

1. **Presentation to Corning Fire Department Dispatchers acknowledging their dedication and hard work by Orland City Manager Pete Carr and Orland Fire Chief Jeff Gomes.**

Fire Chief Martin Spannaus introduced Orland City Manager Pete Carr, Vice Mayor Dennis Hoffman, and Orland Fire Chief Jeff Gomes. Chief Gomes then thanked the Corning Fire Dispatchers for the outstanding service they have provided and presented them, on behalf of the Orland Fire Department and Capay Fire District, with a plaque in gratitude for this service. Present to accept the plaque on behalf of Corning Fire Dispatch were Fire Dispatchers Frank Rua, Damon Schlereth, and Rocky Peterson.

F. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Yvonne Boles, on behalf of Valanne Cardenas, thanked the City and their employees for all of the assistance during the Olive Festival. She also thanked Mr. Jerry Lequia for the help of he and his crew on clean up.

Jerry Lequia stated his hope that the City will someday enact an Ordinance requiring people to pick-up after their animals. He also announced that the Pay-it-Forward Group had painted at Martini Plaza and while doing so were informed very rudely by an individual there that it was a Homeless Park and they needed to leave. Mr. Lequia informed the Council that he had been approached by other individuals who have stated they are afraid to utilize this area. This has

become an ongoing problem and he would like to see some type of Ordinance to address this situation. Mr. Stephen Kimbrough suggested utilizing the no camping Ordinance to address the issue.

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 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 August 13, 2013 City Council Closed Session and Regular Meeting with any necessary corrections.**
4. **August 21, 2013 Claim Warrant - \$717,875.43.**
5. **August 21, 2013 Business License Report.**
6. **Authorize the purchase of a new vehicle from Corning Ford for the total amount of \$19,995 which includes \$1,000 for after-market equipment.**

Councilor Dickison moved to approve Consent Items 2-6. Councilor Smith seconded the motion.

Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet, Cardenas and Smith. Opposed/Absent/Abstain: None.

Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

H. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MEETINGS: Any person may speak on items scheduled for hearing at the time the Chairman declares the Hearing open. **ALL LEGAL NOTICES PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.** None.

J. REGULAR AGENDA:

7. **Adopt new Job Classification for Senior Accounting Technician, approve personnel job reclassification of employees Pala Cantrell and Mary Brimm, and approve pay increases for the two Administrative Secretaries and four Public Works Maintenance Workers.**

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title and City Manager Brewer explained that the Classification Study was requested during the Miscellaneous Unit negotiations. He further stated that the recommendation presented tonight for consideration was the result of this Study.

Councilor Cardenas moved to:

Adopt the new job classification of Senior Accounting Technician and approve the proposed associated salary range; approve reclassification of Pala Cantrell from Accounting Technician to Senior Accounting Technician – Step E; approve the reclassification of Mary Brimm from Accounting Assistant to Accounting Technician – Step B; approve salary equity increase of 3% for the City's two Administrative Secretaries; and approve the salary equity increase of 2% for the City's four Maintenance Workers. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet, Cardenas and Smith. Opposed/Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

8. **Extension of Lease Option Agreement for Solar Power Production at the City's vacant property adjacent to the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP).**

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title and City Manager Brewer explained that this is an 18-month extension to complete negotiations with PG&E and the Public Utilities Commission.

Councilor Cardenas moved to authorize the Mayor, upon receipt of the \$900 "Consideration Fee", to sign and execute Amendment No. 2 to the existing Lease Option Agreement with Ecoplexus for the use of vacant property adjacent to the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant. Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet, Cardenas and Smith. Opposed/Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

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 her attendance at the following meetings: August 14th LAFCO meeting at which they adopted their Budget, the August 15th Tehama Co. Heritage and Records Committee, and the Community Action Agency meeting that was cancelled for lack of a quorum.

Linnet: Nothing.

Cardenas: Thanked City for help with Olive Festival.

Smith: Reported on attendance at Senior Center meeting stating it is running great and is rented out for rest of the summer. She informed Council that Lynn is trying to take Wednesday's off.

Strack: Announced that he and John Brewer had met with the High School Superintendent and discussed the use of City owned land across from the High School for installation of solar panels and parking. He informed the Council that the High School will be coming before them at a later date regarding this proposal.

N. ADJOURNMENT!: 7:58 p.m.

Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk