



**CITY OF CORNING
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2008
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
794 THIRD STREET**

A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:32 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

Council:

**Hill
Dickison
Zuniga
Turner
Strack**

Mayor:

All Council members were present.

C. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

D. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None.

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. (a) Waive the Reading and Approve the Minutes of the January 8, 2008 City Council Meeting with any necessary corrections.**
(b) Waive the Reading and Approve the Minutes of the January 22, 2008 City Council Meeting with any necessary corrections.
- 3. February 6, 2008 Claim Warrant - \$275,688.75.**
- 4. February 6, 2008 Business Licenses.**
- 5. January 2008 Wages and Salaries - \$458,446.82.**
- 6. January 2008 Treasurer's Report.**
- 7. January 2008 – SWWC Services, Inc. Wastewater Operation Summary Report.**
- 8. Larry Johnson Appointment to the Recreation Commission.**
- 9. Adoption of Ordinance 629 to Approve changes to Flood Plain Ordinance 470.**
- 10. Extension Request; Tentative Tract Map 05-1021-TK Ranch Tract; Located at the south side of Carona Avenue and approximately 660 feet west of Oren Avenue, APN 73-120-18; Tom Kaye.**

11. Consider and Approve Amendment No. 1 for the Sewer Maintenance and Wastewater Contract with Southwest Water Company (SWWC) Services, Inc., formerly ECO Resources, Inc. and to have the City Manager sign the Amendment.

Mayor Strack requested to pull and holdover to the February 26, 2008 Council meeting Consent Item No. 11. He stated that he would like two Council members, Councilors Hill and Dickison volunteered, to meet with the City Manager and Kathy Stone of SWWC to discuss possible adjustments to the Amendment.

Mayor Strack also informed the Council Marya Mahutga is remaining on the Recreation Commission and with the appointment of Larry Johnson the Recreation Commission will now have a complete Commission of five members.

With no other discussion, Councilor Turner motioned approval of Consent Items 1-10 acknowledging that Councilor Zuniga would be abstaining from voting on Item 9 due to potential conflict of interest in relation to the proximity to her residence. Councilor Hill seconded the motion. **Items 1-8 and 10 - Ayes: Strack, Hill, Dickison, Zuniga and Turner on Consent Items 1-8 and 10. Opposed: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved 5-0. Item 9 - Ayes: Strack, Hill, Dickison and Turner. Opposed: None. Absent: None. Abstain: Zuniga. Approved by a vote of 4-0 w/Zuniga abstaining.**

G. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

11. Consider and Approve Amendment No. 1 for the Sewer Maintenance and Wastewater Contract with Southwest Water Company (SWWC) Services, Inc., formerly ECO Resources, Inc. and to have the City Manager sign the Amendment.

Mayor Strack pulled this item and it will be held over to the February 26, 2008 City Council meeting.

H. 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.

12. General Plan Amendment 2007-2A; Resolution No. 02-12-08-01; Prezone 2007-2; Ordinance 630; Corning Airport Annexation Area; City of Corning, APN's 67-260-77, 79, 80, 81, 82 and 75-020-04 & 23; 149.58 acres.

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title and Planning Director Brewer briefed the Council on the General Plan Amendment, the Prezone, and Ordinance. He explained one of the benefits of annexing these properties into the City are it will save the City on assessment taxes. Mayor Strack explained that these properties were purchased with FFA Grant money. Mayor Strack then opened the Public Hearing. With no discussion, Mayor Strack then closed the Public Hearing.

After some discussion, Councilor Dickison motioned to approve General Plan Amendment No. 2007-2A and Prezone No. 2007-2 subject to adoption of the:

- ✓ 6 Findings, adoption,
- ✓ 18 Recommended Conditions of Approval on G.P.A. No. 2007-2A and Prezone 2007-2,
- ✓ Resolution No. 02-12-08-01, The Resolution to Implement General Plan Amendment 07-2A; and
- ✓ Waive the first reading and introduce Ordinance No. 630, the Ordinance to Implement Prezone 2007-2.

Councilor Hill seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Hill, Dickison, Zuniga and Turner. Opposed: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by vote of 5-0.**

Mayor Strack then introduced Ordinance 630 by title.

13. Request for Disposal Service Rate Increase Public Hearing and Action.

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title. stated that the City had received four (4) letters in opposition, all were attached in the staff report contained in the Agenda Packet and an additional two were presented tonight in opposition. Councilor Turner stated that he had received a letter in opposition listing 3 separate parcels on the letter. Mayor Strack opened the Public Hearing to accept public comment on this item. A member of the audience asked when the final vote would be on the rate increase. Mayor Strack informed them that the vote would take place at the February 26, 2008 Council meeting pending a decision on the Solid Waste Franchise Extension for Corning Disposal Company. With no further comment, Mayor Strack continued the Public Hearing to the February 26, 2008 Council meeting. **No action taken – item continued to next meeting.**

I. REGULAR AGENDA:

14. Acknowledge receipt of Kids' Plate Grant and Establish Appropriation for Expenditure of Funds.

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title stating that this is the car seat safety program with no direct cost to the City is involved. Police Chief gave a brief explanation of the program. With no further discussion, Councilor Hill motioned for Council to approve the Kids' Plates Grant application and establish City Budget Line Item 071-9164-2116 in the amount of \$3,000 for the Grant expenditures. Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Hill, Dickison, Zuniga and Turner. Opposed: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.**

15. Approve Terms of Proposed Solid Waste Franchise Extension for Corning Disposal Company.

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title stating that Councilor's Hill and Dickison have met with City Staff and the Corning Disposal representative and the information resulting from this meeting has been provided to each Council member. Councilor Hill noted that in the latest proposal from Corning Disposal, the Company has withdrawn the "Bulky Waste" drop-off at their Highway 99W location; she stated this concerns her because she believes this to be a reduction of service.

Mayor Strack then stated the proposed Franchise Extension would include the following:

- Age to receive the Senior Rate will now be 62, however those receiving this rate under the previously approved age will be "Grandfathered" in.
- All residents will receive a 64 gallon recycle container. Councilor Hill stated that Corning Disposal has suggested using inlaid visual descriptions on the containers lids rather than dual language stating they would be more cost effective. Corning Disposal provided a visual example of the container lid.
- Explained the fuel formula used for requesting rate increase and that it would only apply to the previous year.
- Bulky Item pick up terms.
- Woodwaste site no longer open to public.
- Streetsweeping services. (Councilor Hill asked for a map of areas served and dates served.)

Mayor Strack stated that the contract would go into effect April 1st, however Corning Disposal needs to notify residents/customers in advance. Mayor Strack asked if the bulky item pickup could be scheduled for one day a month drop off at the Highway 99W site; the

Corning Disposal Representative stated he didn't see a problem with this. He also stated that we need to do some education on the recycling and the County will assist with this.

After some discussion, Councilor Hill motioned to hold this item over until the February 26, 2008 Council meeting until a final draft is available for review. Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Hill, Dickison, Zuniga and Turner. Opposed: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.**

16. Library Commission Requests \$6,000 from Rydell Trust Fund for library shelving.

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title. He then introduced Tehama County Librarian Caryn Brown and she briefed the Council on the shelving. Councilor Dickison requested a change to state that the Library Commission and the Tehama County Librarian are the recommending body for the Rydell Trust. Councilor Zuniga asked if there was any intend on expanding the Corning Library hours; Ms. Brown stated that she doesn't see that happening anytime soon due to lack of staffing requirements. Councilor Turner asked about possibility of altering hours in order to be open on Saturday; Ms. Brown stated that none of the library branches in Tehama County have been opened on Saturdays for roughly 25 years.

Councilor Hill motioned approval of the appropriation of \$6,000 from the Rydell Trust fund 403 to Library account 403-9300-1700 in the amount of \$6,000 for the purchase of three (3) library shelf units. Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Hill, Dickison, Zuniga and Turner. Opposed: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.**

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

K. **COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:** None.

L. **REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

17. Hill: Reported that the Sacramento Valley Division Representative for the League of California Cities, Tony Cardenas has left the Sacramento Valley Division to go to Orange County. Friday they will be interviewing applicants to be the new Sacramento Valley Division representative.

18. Dickison: Reported that she would be attending both the Tehama County Heritage and Historical Records and the LAFco meetings tomorrow. Announced that February 21, 2008 the Tripartite Board meeting will be in Corning.

19. Zuniga: None.

20. Turner: Thanked Chief Pryatel for the wonderful dinner he and Gary attended.

21. Strack: Updated the Council on the South Avenue Interchange stating that the Transportation Commission has met and the project is going to be done, the bid process should be completed in March of 2008 and the project should be completed the end of 2009.

O. **ADJOURNMENT!:** 8:46 p.m.



Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk