



**CITY OF CORNING
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14 2014
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
Gary Strack**

Mayor:

All members of the City Council were present.

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

D. INVOCATION: Led by Mayor Gary R. Strack.

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:

Police Chief Don Atkins introduced the City's new Volunteer Animal Shelter Caretaker Toni Williams and her husband Steve to the City Council.

F. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

DM-Tech employee Sheryln Downey stated her concerns regarding Martini Plaza, specifically loud arguments emanating from there and suggested a possible solution. She suggested installing cameras with a plaque below stating Corning Police is watching. She also stated that the back gate is used for drug deals... stating she witnessed this happening today. She also voiced her concerns regarding retaliation against adjoining businesses.

Councilor Linnet stated he has been working with Public Works and DM-Tech on the installation of cameras at Martini Plaza however some of the trees need to be trimmed to accommodate this. He also suggested possibly installing a second fence to eliminate the ability of reaching through and removing the tables for a short time to clean and remove graffiti.

Valanne Cardenas from the Chamber of Commerce reminded everyone of the annual dinner this Saturday.

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.

- 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 with any necessary corrections of the following City Council meetings:**
 - a) **December 10, 2013 Closed Session and Regular Meeting; and**
 - b) **December 20, 2013 Special Meeting.**
3. **January 7, 2014 Claim Warrant - \$595,601.72.**
4. **January 7, 2014 Business License Report.**
5. **Wages and Salaries: \$332,548.13.**
6. **December 2013 Building Permit Valuation Report - \$388,868.30.**
7. **December 2013 Treasurer's Report.**
8. **December 2013 City of Corning Wastewater Operation Summary Report.**
9. **Approve Progress Pay Estimate No. 11 in the amount of \$1,740.20 to Trent Construction for the Corning Community Park Project, Phase 1.**

Councilor Cardenas asked to remove item 3 for a separate vote because the Claim Warrant lists a payment to him and therefore he will need to abstain from voting on this item.

Councilor Dickison moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-2 and 4-9. 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:

3. **January 7, 2014 Claim Warrant - \$595,601.72.**

Councilor Cardenas requested item 3 be removed for a separate vote. He explained that this Claim Warrant includes a sick leave accrual payback check to him for health insurance per the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) in place during his employment with the City. With no further discussion, Councilor Dickison moved to approve Consent Agenda Item No. 3 and Councilor Linnet seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet and Smith. Opposed/Absent: None. Abstain: Cardenas. Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote with Cardenas abstaining.**

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MEETINGS: None

J. REGULAR AGENDA:

10. **Approve Compensation Plan for the unrepresented positions of City Manager and Administrative Assistant to the City Manager.**

Mayor Strack confirmed that the proposed is the same plan as was approved for the City's Management Association. Councilor Dickison noted a correction to the Deferred Compensation cost listed on the Staff report, clarifying that the \$50 listed is monthly, not annually. The annual Deferred Compensation cost is \$600.

With no further discussion, Councilor Cardenas made the motion, having confirmed that the compensation plan for the City Manager and Administrative Assistant to the City Manager is the same as the Corning Management Association for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, set the pay increase retroactive to the pay-periods stated in the Management Unit Memorandum of Understanding. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet, Cardenas and Smith. Opposed/Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

11. **Corning Volunteer Fire Department Training Facility; approve submittal of a Use Permit Application by the Corning Fire Department for the Establishment of a 200' x 200' Fire Training Facility on property owned by the City and zoned AV, Airport District. Location is 302 Blackburn Avenue, APN: 75-080-25.**

Fire Chief Spannaus briefed the Council on this proposal. He stated the proposal was presented to the City's Airport Commission on January 6, 2014 where they made a couple of suggestions that have since been incorporated into the proposal being presented to the Council tonight.

Chief Spannaus stated that an application supporting this facility has been submitted to the County Airport Land Use Commission on behalf of the City.

Councilor Dickison moved to:

- Approve the submittal of a Use Permit Application by the Corning Fire Department for the establishment of an approximately 200' x 200' Fire Training Facility on City owned property within the Approach Zone of the Corning Municipal Airport; and
- Recommend that the Planning Commission incorporate the comments from the Airport Commission as a Condition of Approval should they approve the Use Permit.

Councilor Linnet 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 LAFCO meeting and announced that she will be attending the Tripartite Board meeting on Thursday, January 16th.

Linnet: Stated he would be attending the Tehama County Sanitary Landfill Agency meeting to be held here tomorrow. He also reported on the Pay it Forward Clean up on Hwy. 99. He announced that he would be unable to attend the next meeting as he would be attending Fire Training.

Cardenas: Reported on his attendance at the Everett Freeman Promise Grant Committee meeting the January 9th. He also reported on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting tonight stating that they discussed the car show to be held in May. Councilor Cardenas announced that 3CORE cancelled their meeting this month. He also announced that the Corning Community Foundation will hold a Theater fund raising concert at the Corning Veterans Hall on Friday, January 31st.

Smith: Reported on her attendance at the Senior Center Board meeting where she was sworn onto the Board of Directors.

Strack: Reported that he also attended the Everett Freeman Promise Grant Committee meeting on the January 9th.

N. ADJOURNMENT!: 7:52 p.m.

Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk