



**CITY OF CORNING
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 14 2015
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
794 THIRD STREET**

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 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 Councilman Tony Cardenas.

E. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS: None.

F. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Ross Turner: Asked about the current Street Project, specifically the street cuts, and clarification on whether the current street construction on Solano Street was part of the Streetscape Project or is it part of the 2015 CDBG Street Paving Project. In response Mr. Turner was informed that Public Works Director Dawn Grine will follow up on the street cuts, the current street work on Solano Street west of the railroad tracks is part of the 2015 CDBG Street Paving Project. PG&E is currently doing some underground conduit work just east of the railroad tracks on Solano Street. The Streetscape Project has not yet begun; Staff has not yet completed the bid process for that project.

Susan Price asked for a project schedule to be placed on the website for the CDBG Street Paving Project and the Streetscape Project. Public Works Director Dawn Grine announced the schedule for the CDBG 2015 Street Paving Project.

Councilor Linnet commended the Fire Department for the great job they did on a recent apartment complex fire.

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 request 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 June 23, 2015 City Council Meeting with any necessary corrections:**
- 3. July 8, 2015 Claim Warrant - \$390,275.81.**
- 4. July 8, 2015 Business License Report.**
- 5. June 2015 Wages and Salaries: \$359,160.61.**
- 6. June 2015 Building Permit Valuation Report: \$186,273.81.**
- 7. June 2015 Treasurer's Report.**
- 8. June 2015 City of Corning Wastewater Operations Summary Report.**
- 9. Approve consolidation of Tehama County Sanitary Landfill Agency and the Tehama County/Red Bluff Landfill Management Agency and adopt the two following Resolutions that accommodate this action:**

- a) **Adopt Resolution 07-14-2015-01 terminating the City of Corning's Membership in the Tehama County Sanitary Landfill Agency; and**
- b) **Adopt Resolution 07-14-2015-02 approving the City of Corning becoming a member of the Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency and approving the amended and restated Joint Powers Agreement (JPA).**

Councilor Dickison moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-9; Councilor Smith seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet, Cardenas and Smith. Absent/Abstain/Oppose: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

H. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

I. REGULAR AGENDA:

10. Approve Amendment to existing Agreement for City Attorney Services.

City Attorney Jody Burgess presented this Staff Report with a brief explanation of the changes proposed with this Amendment consisting basically of a change in the name of the Firm. He stated that the compensation, term, and the self-indemnification will remain the same as in the existing Contract.

Councilor Cardenas moved to approve the attached Amendment to the Legal Services Agreement between the City of Corning and Maire and Burgess, and appoint the Law Firm of Burgess & Bogener, Inc. as Corning's City Attorney effective July 1, 2015. Councilor Linnet seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet, Cardenas and Smith. Absent/Abstain/Oppose: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

11. Objectives for the Advisory Committee on General Fund Expenditures and Budget Savings.

Mayor Strack stated that this is a guideline prepared by the City Attorney from the direction received at the previous meeting. Mr. Burgess presented the list of objectives one by one. He explained that this Committee would be subject to the Brown Act. Councilor Linnet also asked the question of whether discussion among members of the Committee is subject to Brown Act; he was informed yes. City Manager Brewer also stated that per suggestion by Susan Price, the "Golden Handshake" was added to the proposed Agenda listing of discussion items under Regular Agenda, Item 4-b(IV).

By consensus of the Council, Mayor Strack asked that the Fire and Police Chief get back to the City Manager and City Clerk with their selected representatives (Police/Fire Dispatch and Police Officer/Fire Volunteer) and proposed meeting schedule by Friday, July 17th.

12. Approve the purchase and installation of Emergency 911 Equipment for the Fire Department Dispatch.

Mayor Strack asked the Fire Chief if there was a time limit for the use of the funds; Chief Spannaus stated that there is, explaining that they are currently two years behind. Mayor Strack questioned Mr. Spannaus on why this was not brought to the Council or Staff prior to this time; when did he obtain this information? Mr. Spannaus stated he was informed in April of 2014 of the approval for funding and confirmed that there is no expense to the City; it is all grant funded.

Councilor Cardenas stated his disagreement with this statement because as was recently discovered by the Police Department, if the City accepts these funds, the City is then financially obligated to maintain the Center for an additional five years or risk having to pay back the grant funds. He further stated that the City is currently starting a process as outlined on the previous item and this seems counter-productive. It was then asked if this upgrade could be rolled over/postponed for another year; Chief Spannaus stated no, they had already rolled it over for two years. He then stated that should the system fail, the City of Corning will be out of pocket for any repairs/equipment replacement because AT&T or 911 will not fund system maintenance or replacement. He did confirm that the City does have until June 30, 2016 to make a decision.

Dave Demo asked for clarification regarding why the Police Department Dispatch Center is listed for consideration on the Ad Hoc Committee Agenda when they are already locked into a five-year Agreement...why is it even being discussed? Councilor Cardenas stated that had the Council and

Staff known when the Agreement for the Police Dispatch was approved it would have been discussed then, however two wrongs don't make a right. Mr. Demo again questioned why the City Attorney has included the Police Dispatch contract on the Ad Hoc Committee Agenda. In response, City Attorney Burgess stated that it was on there so that the Committee can review, research and consider both items. The Committee might determine a more financially feasible alternative for these services.

Chief Spannaus then stated that the Staff Report presented to night was the same as that presented and approved by the Council for the Police Department 3 months ago on the Consent Agenda. City Manager Brewer corrected Mr. Spannaus by stating it was actually a year ago in 2014.

By consensus of the City Council, this item will be pulled and brought back for consideration at the July 28, 2015 City Council meeting.

13. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Program of Service and Annual Budget.

City Manager John Brewer briefed the Council on the contents of the draft document presented. He directed the Council to some corrections to the listed expenditures for the 2015-2016 Budget. These corrections were:

- ❖ Sewer and Water budget provide for carpet which was installed last year; also
- ❖ The Police Department duplicated \$7,500 under equipment replacement.

Mayor Strack confirmed that the Public Works vehicle would be (possibly a sedan) split between the Streets, Water & Sewer funds.

Susan Price: Asked about the General Plan update costs asking whether these costs are associated with a contract with Eihnard Diaz (Pg. 71); Mr. Brewer confirmed that yes those expenses related to the contract with Mr. Diaz.

Ross Turner: Asked about the Clark Park Restroom/Concession Stand costs budgeted.

By consensus of the City Council the City Manager was directed to bring this item back to the next Council meeting on August 28, 2015 with the correction/changes discussed for consideration. Councilor Linnet stated that he disagrees with spending in the red by moving forward with the capital improvement expenditures. He doesn't believe we should approve a deficit budget. Chief Spannaus announced that the Fire Department has no problem forgoing their capital improvements expenditures for this year.

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

K. COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:

City Clerk Lisa Linnet presented a "Thank You" sign received from Students at Maywood Middle School in relation to the City Council and Staff participation in the recent measuring for and presentation of a pair of shoes to Students and Staff.1

L. 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 attendance at the July 8th LAFCO Meeting and announced that she will be attending the Tripartite Board Meeting on Thursday, July 16th.

Linnet: No graffiti to report and he will be attending the meeting of the new Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency JPA meeting on July 20th.

Cardenas: Thanked everyone who attended and participated in the Crawdad Feed.

Smith: Reported that the Senior Center/Fire Department had a successful auction benefitting both the Senior Center and the Fire Department and announced that the Senior Center will be having an Ice Cream Social on Monday, July 27th.

Strack: None.

M. ADJOURNMENT!: 7:44 p.m.

Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk