



**CITY OF CORNING  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2014  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
794 THIRD STREET**

**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 City Council Member Tony Cardenas.**

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

**F. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None.**

**G. CONSENT AGENDA:**

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 8, 2014 City Council Meeting with any necessary corrections.
3. July 16, 2014 Claim Warrant - \$273,237.78.
4. July 16, 2014 Business License Report.
5. Approve waiver of Recreational Use Fees for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Tucker Mesker Memorial Scholarship Softball Tournament Fundraiser.
6. Approve waiver of City Pool Fees for the Police Department PAL Program Swim Party to be held at the City Pool in August 2014.

Councilor Smith moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-6. Councilor Dickison 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:**

**7. Annual Grantee Performance Report for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Income.**

City Manager Brewer explained that the City is required to hold a Public Hearing each fiscal year to take comments on the Annual Grantee Performance Reports for reporting the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Income. Tonight's report notes that the City did approve a single housing rehab loan in the amount of \$44,808 to a low income owner occupied household located at 1661 Herbert Avenue. Rehab construction begun and should be completed this year. Mr. Brewer noted that one other loan had been approved but was not funded due to the unfortunate death of the applicant. Mr. Brewer explained the source of the funding, how these funds can be used, and the approximate amount of Program Income Funds the City currently has (\$400,000). The Public Hearing was then opened at 7:34 p.m.; with no comments it was closed at 7:34 p.m.

Councilor Cardenas moved to, having conducted the Public Hearing and having received no comments, direct the City Manager to execute all documents pertaining to the Annual Grantee Performance and Program Income Reports and submit them to the California Department of Housing and Community Development. Councilor Linnet seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet, Cardenas and Smith. Opposed/Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

**J. REGULAR AGENDA:**

**8. Authorize Boy Scout John J. Houston to construct and place 4 concrete picnic tables in Estil Clark Park on Fig Lane for his Eagle Scout Service Project.**

Mayor Strack introduced John Houston, a Life Scout with troop #62 in Corning. Mr. Houston stated he was 13 years old and would like to construct and install 4 concrete picnic tables at Estil Clark Park for his Eagle Scout Project.

Councilor Dickison moved to approve John J. Houston's proposed Eagle Scout Service Project to construct and install 4 concrete picnic tables at Estil Clark Park and direct the Public Works Director to coordinate the installation and location of the picnic tables with Mr. Houston. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet, Cardenas and Smith. Opposed/Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

**9. Accept Proposal from Trent Construction for the Martini Plaza Fire Repairs in the amount of \$42,400.**

Mr. Brewer explained that a fire occurred at 1405 Solano Street on March 16<sup>th</sup> which caused damage not only to that building, but also to the City's Park, Martini Plaza which was immediately closed for safety reasons. Staff contacted Robert Jones Insurance who sent a Claims Adjuster to assess the damage. The result of the insurance assessment rendered \$33,503.36 for allowable repairs. The City then sought and received three proposals to complete the repairs; Trent Construction provided the lowest proposal at \$42,400. Staff recommends that \$8,900 be appropriated from Fund 341-Parkland Fees to make up the difference between the insurance assessment and the lowest proposal received for repairs. It was confirmed that the wall would remain the same height.

Councilor Cardenas moved to accept the Proposal from Trent Construction for the Martini Plaza Fire Damage Repairs in the amount of \$42,400, and appropriate \$8,900 from Fund 341 – Parkland Development Fees to FY 14/15 Budget Line Number 001-6140-6100 Martini Plaza/Park Maintenance. Councilor Linnet seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet, Cardenas and Smith. Opposed/Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

**10. Authorization to purchase a police vehicle in the amount of \$33,350.93 plus an additional \$10,000 for the necessary after market purchases (lights, siren, MDC, radio, etc.) for a total amount of \$43,350.93.**

With little discussion, Councilor Smith moved to authorize the purchase of one 2015 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle from Corning Ford at a total price of \$33,350.93, and after-market emergency equipment at an estimated \$10,000 cost. Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet, Cardenas and Smith. Opposed/Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

**11. Study Matter: Review and update the City's Weed Abatement Ordinance.**

Mr. Brewer briefed the Council on the reason necessitating the review and update of our City's Weed Abatement Ordinance and options for dealing with violations/citations as a result of the closing of the local courthouse. Attorney Michael Fitzpatrick stated that he has already been reviewing this and has started the process of making some proposed changes.

Councilor Dickison moved to direct Staff to prepare and present an Ordinance to update the current Weed Abatement Ordinance (CMC Chapter 8.14) to replace references to "Tehama County Municipal Court" with "Tehama County Superior Court" or alternatively, an Administrative Appeals Process as considered and presented by the City Attorney. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet, Cardenas and Smith. Opposed/Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

**12. Approve emergency access to water for Communities within Tehama County.**

Mr. Brewer provided the Council with information relating to a County Ordinance he believed stemmed from an incident that occurred sometime around 1980. He then briefed the Council on the Staff Report presented tonight as well as information relating to the City's water resources and reserves. Mayor Strack confirmed that the proposed cost to be charged to provide this service would be that currently charged for construction water which is somewhat higher than that charged to our resident customers.

Councilor Cardenas moved that, the City Council finds that:

1. The current drought conditions have depleted groundwater resources for communities in Tehama County, and
2. The foothill communities in western Tehama County now have very limited water resources, and
3. The limited water resources pose a serious risk to the health, safety and welfare to residents of Paskenta and Lowery Districts; and

having made these findings, the City Council of the City of Corning, during the current drought conditions, make up to 20,000 gallons of water per day available to the Paskenta Community Services District or the Lowery Water Users group that provides similar public water service. Said water is to be collected via a metered hydrant connection at the rate regularly charged for construction water. Unless extended by action of the City Council, this approval shall expire on June 30, 2015. Councilor Linnet seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet, Cardenas and Smith. Opposed/Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.** City Manager Brewer will be the contact person for the City.

**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 July 17<sup>th</sup> Community Action Tripartite Board Meeting stating that they were updated on all of the current projects. She stated that there will be a food give-a-way in Los Molinos for low income persons this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Linnet:** Reported on his attendance at the JPA (Landfill) Meeting, they have an agreement with the Disposal Company so they don't have to swap the money back and forth between JPA 1 and JPA 2. He announced that the Pay-It Forward Committee met today and will meet on August 16<sup>th</sup> to paint bleachers at Yost Park.

**Cardenas:** Reported he attended the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup> and the Olive Festival Committee meeting tonight. Everything is moving forward with the Olive Festival preparations.

**Smith:** Nothing.

**Strack:** Noted that the ribbon cutting was held today for Sweet Swirls.

**N. ADJOURNMENT!: 7:55 p.m.**

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**Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk**