



**CITY OF CORNING  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2009  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
794 THIRD STREET**

**A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.**

**B. ROLL CALL:**

**Council:**

**Becky Hill  
Ross Turner  
Toni Parkins  
John Leach  
Gary Strack**

**Mayor:**

All Council Members were present.

**C. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

City Attorney Michael Fitzpatrick gave the invocation and City Manager Kimbrough led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**D. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITION'S, APPOINTMENTS:**

**1. Presentation of Certificates of Completion from the League of California Cities Mayors and Council Members Academy – Becky Hill.**

Vice Mayor Becky Hill presented Certificates of Completion from the League of California Cities to Mayor Strack and Councilors Leach and Parkins. These three members of the City Council have completed the first level of the Mayor and Council's Academy.

**E. NOLAN SCHLERETH, CORNING HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON REPORT: Not present.**

**F. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Dean Cofer on behalf of himself and Mr. Bucky Bowen congratulated Recreation Supervisor Kimberly Beck on her recognition and award from Chico State University. He thanked the City for hiring Kimberly, stating that she is a valuable asset to the City.

**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 May 26, 2009 Meeting with any necessary corrections.**

**4. June 3, 2009 Claim Warrant - \$113,268.95.**

**5. May 2009 Wages and Salaries - \$357,415.04.**

**6. April 2009 – Treasurer's Report.**

**7. Business License Report – June 2009.**

**8. May 2009 Building Permit Valuation - \$110,590.99.**

**9. City of Corning Wastewater Operation Summary Report – May 2009.**

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10. **Award Bid for Pruning 789 City Street and Park Trees to Bill's Tree Service in the amount of \$38 per tree for a total of \$29,982.**
11. **Approve Budget Adjustments in Support of New Woodson Park Play Apparatus Project – Final Accounting.**
12. **Approve Budget Adjustments in Support of the Marguerite Avenue Overlay Project – Final Accounting.**
13. **Agreement for Collection of Special Assessment with Tehama County Auditor-Controller; Landscaping and Lighting Districts.**

Correction to the Minutes: On the second page, should read Property Negotiator, not Labor Negotiator.

Councilor Leach asked to pull Item 10 for further discussion. Councilor Hill stated that the Play apparatus is great at Woodson Park.

With no further discussion, Councilor Turner moved to approved Consent Items 2-9 and 11-13 noting the correction to Item No. 3. Councilor Parkins seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Hill, Turner, Parkins and Leach. Opposed: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Motion approved by a vote of 5-0.**

**H. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

10. **Award Bid for Pruning 789 City Street and Park Trees to Bill's Tree Service in the amount of \$38 per tree for a total of \$29,982.**

Councilor Leach asked if the local tree trimmers were notified of this bid, John Brewer responded stating that a Legal Notice had been published requesting Bids as is required. Councilor Leach moved to approve Consent Item 10 and Councilor Hill seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Hill, Turner, Parkins and Leach. Opposed: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Motion approved by a vote of 5-0.**

11. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MEETINGS: None.**

12. **REGULAR AGENDA:**

14. **Presentation and Discussion of Present and Future Personnel Needs:**

- a) **Police Department – Chief Cardenas**

Chief Cardenas thanked the Council for their continuing support and stated that the Department is fully staffed at this time (15 Sworn Officers, 5 Dispatchers, 2 Community Service Officers, 4 Cadets, and 2 Volunteers on Patrol). He stated that our single greatest asset is our personnel. With that said, he went into his PowerPoint presentation.

Chief Cardenas presented the Police Department Staffing and briefly outlined each of their duties. He stated that he proposes at this time to fill the remaining vacant sergeant position. Out of class pay for an officer equates to an additional cost of 5%, so the difference between paying out of class and paying someone sergeants pay is about \$2,004 with benefits. He also stated that it has been discussed at Staff level about combining a position (code enforcement/water meter reader at \$20,600 from water and \$6,981 additional cost to City).

Mayor Strack stated that it would be an additional position to the Police Department and the existing Part-time Public Works position would go to a full-time maintenance position.

Chief Cardenas then informed the Council on the number of calls that the Dispatch Center currently handles.

**b) Fire Department – Chief Spannaus**

Chief Spannaus addressed the Council introducing the Council to the Fire Department Staffing Personnel via PowerPoint Presentation. He stated that the Department currently has 4 Dispatchers that maintain the Dispatch Center 24/7. Chief Spannaus outlined his duties, the duties of the dispatchers, the number of calls they respond to, and noted that the Department dispatches for Corning, Orland and the Capay Fire District. He stated that they perform station and equipment maintenance and they are currently in negotiations with the Orland and Capay Fire Districts in regards to the Dispatch service contract.

Chief Spannaus commended the Volunteers and outlined the number of hours volunteered last year for training and service to the public, and what duties they performed. He informed the Council that the Department inducted five new volunteers last year and one so far this year.

**c) Public Works Director – John Brewer**

John Brewer presented his PowerPoint Program outlining the Public Works Department. John outlined the state of Public Works personnel noting that currently this department is two employees down (vacant positions). John outlined the various sub-departments under public works supervision and the various duties associated with each department. Councilor Turner noted the support the department provides for community events, etc. Mayor Strack asked about the shared position suggested by Chief Cardenas in regards to the water meter reader. In response, John explained that Troy Grootveld currently serves as part-time meter reader and part-time maintenance. Mayor Strack confirmed that both of the currently vacant positions were budgeted last year.

City Manager Kimbrough stated that funding for Troy's position would be moved out of water and that doing this would provide funding for a part-time water meter reader and the other half of the funding would come from Code Enforcement Officer Funding. Mr. Kimbrough stated that this would provide for a Code Enforcement Officer/Water Meter Reader position that would be reading meters and seeing first hand where problems lie.

Mayor Strack asked Mr. Kimbrough what he needed from the Council tonight. Mr. Kimbrough stated that most of this will be presented during the final budget, however this gives the Council a chance to consider some of the options presented tonight. Councilor Turner asked some questions regarding budget funds. **No action was taken at this time.**

**15. Review Proposal from Second Chance Pet Rescue – Discussion and Direction.**

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title. Councilor Turner stated that he felt no discussion can be made prior to seeing the budget and having the advocates present. Discussion and possible action on this item was postponed until the next meeting by Council consensus. Staff was directed to ensure that Second Chance receive a copy of the Staff Report prior to this meeting.

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

**14. COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:**

It was announced that the Council continues to receive letters in opposition of TANC.

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

**16. Hill:** Reported on attendance at the League of California Cities Meeting, noting that media efforts were made towards the "Save our Cities" campaign for the State to quit using local Cities and Counties as their financial safety support and quit raiding our coffers. For information on this Councilor Hill suggested going to [saveourcities.com](http://saveourcities.com) for more information. She also stated that the League of California Cities is supporting opposition to the TANC project.

**17. Turner:** Nothing.

**18. Parkins:** Nothing.

**19. Leach:** Nothing.

**20. Strack:** Stated that the Recreation Commission Meeting was well attended and the Council extends a special thank you to the Hakes for their presentation.

The **Brown Act** requires that the Council provide the opportunity for persons in the audience to briefly address the Council on the subject(s) scheduled for tonight's closed session. Is there anyone wanting to comment on the subject(s) the Council will be discussing in closed session? If so, please come to the podium, identify yourself and give us your comments.

Dean Cofer asked if the City Council has made the decision to purchase the property; he was informed not at this time. He asked if the purchase of the property would come from Park Funds...Mayor Strack stated no decision has been made to purchase it, or how it will be funded. Mr. Cofer asked why the public can't be informed of what the intention of the Council is should they decide to purchase this property. The Mayor informed Mr. Cofer that to date no decision had been made. Councilor Turner tried to clarify the process, stating that there would be an opportunity for general public input once a decision is made. Mr. Cofer asked if the City has any definitive information on the contamination of the property, what the contamination is, the cost for the clean-up, and who will pay for it.

**N. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: 8:54 p.m.**

**CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR**

**Pursuant to Section 54956.8**

**Potential Land Acquisition for Parks – Accessor Parcel No's. 71-136-01 thru 09  
Negotiating Party: City Manager.**

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: Anticipated Litigation, Initiation of  
Litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of section 54956.9.**

**3 Potential Issues**

**O. RECONVENE AND REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: 9:30 p.m.**

Mayor Strack reconvened the meeting and reported that the Council had met with the Property Negotiator and Legal Council and gave them direction.

**P. ADJOURNMENT!: 9:31 p.m.**

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**Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk**