



**CITY OF CORNING
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 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: None.

F. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None

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 of the February 25, 2014 City Council Meeting with any necessary corrections.**
- 3. March 5, 2014 Claim Warrant - \$252,992.16.**
- 4. March 5, 2014 Business License Report.**
- 5. February 2014 Wages and Salaries: \$341,269.20**
- 6. February 2014 Treasurer's Report.**
- 7. February 2014 Building Permit Valuation Report - \$138,516.16.**
- 8. February 2014 City of Corning Wastewater Operation Summary Report.**
- 9. Approve request for an AG Well within City Limits located at 250 E. Carona Avenue.**

Councilor Cardenas requested that Item 3 be pulled for a separate vote as he will need to abstain from voting on this item because the Claim Warrant lists a payment to him for prior employment related health benefits.

Councilor Dickison then moved to approve Consent 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. March 5, 2014 Claim Warrant - \$252,992.16.

Councilor Linnet moved to approve this item, and Councilor Dickison 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:

10. Continued Public Hearing and Action on request for Disposal Service Rate Increase.

Mayor Strack and City Manager Brewer announced the following:

- This is a public hearing continued from the February 11, 2014 City Council Meeting
- That a second Notice of Public Hearing had been sent out to all City residents informing them of the revised proposed 3.35% rate increase which would increase residential rates from \$21.17 to \$21.88 for residential (an increase of \$0.71), and the senior rate would increase from \$10.59 to \$10.87 (an increase of \$0.28).
- No protests had been received by the City Clerk

With no other questions or discussion, Mayor Strack closed the Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m.

Having conducted the public hearing and receiving no protests, Councilor Cardenas moved to approve the proposed Disposal Service Rate Increase of 3.35%, as shown on the Rate Schedule attached as Exhibit "B", to be effective April 1, 2014 noting that this rate increase equates to an additional \$0.71 (residential) per month, and \$0.28 per month (senior). 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:

11. Approve Agreement with Bob Metzger and Overcoming Drafting Services to provide plans for flooring at Rodgers Theater.

Mr. Brewer stated that this is a Staff recommended Agreement with Mr. Metzger to provide plans for the new Theater floor. He explained that he is now requesting a change to the funding source because the previously listed \$10,000 Rodgers Theater Restoration fund only has \$500 which is dedicated this year for the marquee, therefore Staff now requested changing the funding to the bedroom tax development impact fee revenues, fund 355, for up to \$700.

Mayor Strack asked if the plans would tie in to the stage; Mr. Brewer stated that the stage has been taken into consideration and explained the dimensions relating to the floor elevation. He explained that the stage floor cannot be elevated because the existing stage floor height works with the existing dimensions of the screen.

Councilor Dickison moved that Mayor and City Council approve the Service Agreement with Bob Metzger and Overcoming Drafting Service for construction plans not to exceed \$700 and that it be funded from recreation bedroom tax fund. 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 Proposed Salary Schedules for City Pool Manager, Assistant Pool Manager, and Lifeguards I and II.

Public Works Director Patrick Walker explained that this proposed salary schedule will be in compliance with the new State Mandated Minimum Wage Laws that will become effective July 1, 2014.

Councilor Dickison moved to approve the attached proposed 2014 and 2016 salary schedules for Part-time Temporary Pool Staff. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet, Cardenas and Smith. Opposed/Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

13. Approve Contract with Lawrence and Associates for evaluation of former City Disposal Site at southeast corner of Rawson Road and Carona Avenue at a cost not-to-exceed \$19,280.

City Manager Brewer stated that the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has taken an interest in the former burn dump site located at Corona Avenue and Rawson Road. Recently CalRecycle, working on behalf of the City and DTSC, has conducted soil testing at this site and as a result of the testing DTSC has recommended installing two shallow groundwater monitoring wells and collect some sediment within the creek for testing. Staff contacted Lawrence and Associates of Redding because they are soils and water scientists; they are local and have performed work in this area. This is proposed to be funded from the Water Enterprise Pooled Cash Fund. He also stated that the City performed testing of the water well at the Animal Shelter and no contamination was found.

Councilor Cardenas moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the attached "Authorization and Contract for Professional Services" with Lawrence and Associates for a cost not to exceed \$19,280; and approve the expenditure of up to \$19,280 from Fund 630 (Water Enterprise Pooled Cash) in accordance with said contract. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet, Cardenas and Smith. Opposed/Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

14. Annual Mid-Year Budget Review and General Discussion.

City Manager John Brewer presented the Mid-Year Budget for review and discussion. He noted that there is a correction to page 8, under General Fund Rev. Total, the column "through 1/31/2013" should list \$2,652,169 showing a difference of \$76,554 from that listed in the next column (through 1/31/2014) of \$2,575,613. He concluded by stating that some revenues are up a little, some down a bit, however expenditures are near what was projected when the FY 2013-2014 budget was approved. He stated that overall, barring any catastrophic event or condition, we believe we will finish the fiscal year without the need to "raid" our \$830,000 Operating Reserve, and be positively positioned to go into the next fiscal year.

Mayor Strack stated that it doesn't appear that the City will be able to hire an additional Public Works Maintenance Worker in light of the new Park. Also discussed were the Clark Park restrooms and possible funding for improvements. By Council consensus they received the Mid Year Budget.

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: Announced that tomorrow is the LAFCO Meeting and the Gerber Park Association has withdrawn their application for assuming responsibility for the Park, and on Thursday the Tripartite Board is having a Board Orientation Meeting, but she does not need to attend as she attended last year.

Linnet: Announced that the Tehama County Sanitary Landfill (JPA 1) meeting is on the 19th, and stated that on March 22nd the Pay it Forward group is painting bathrooms at Martini Plaza.

Cardenas: Attended Corning in the Morning at the Library this morning where the County Librarian presented information on different grants they have received and talked about the possible

sites for the new County Library. He also stated that he attended the Chamber Board of Directors meeting where they talked about insurance, but had to leave early to attend the Closed Session. He stated that he attended the 3CORE Meeting on February 26th and was informed that Corning can apply for CDBG funding and one of the types of funding is "Public Facilities" and he immediately thought of the Theater. He stated that it is listed on the 3CORE priority listing for the City. He informed the Council that he and Chief Atkins have been meeting with Matt Russell from the Center for Evaluation Research on the Everett Freeman Grant the City received and hope to have a presentation ready for May 8th.

Smith: Stated that tomorrow is her Senior Center Board of Directors Meeting and announced that Waste Management presented the Center with new tables and chairs.

Strack: Nothing.

N. ADJOURNMENT!: 8:14 p.m.

Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk