



**CITY OF CORNING
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2008
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
794 THIRD STREET**

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

B. ROLL CALL:

Council:

**Hill
Dickison
Zuniga
Turner
Strack**

Mayor:

All Council members were present except Mayor Strack.

C. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

City Manager Kimbrough led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITION'S, APPOINTMENTS:

Introduction of new Police Dispatch Clerk Kim Varner by Police Chief Tony Cardenas, and new Recreation Supervisor Kimberly Beck by City Manager Stephen Kimbrough.

1. April 2008 SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH.

Vice Mayor Hill presented the Proclamation to Outreach Counselor Michelle Bouma, Rape Crisis Intervention and Prevention of Tehama, Butte and Glenn Counties.

Council Consensus added this Proclamation to the Agenda because the request was submitted after the posting of the Agenda. Councilor Turner motioned to add the Proclamation to the Agenda. Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Hill, Dickison, Zuniga and Turner. Opposed: None. Absent: Strack. Abstain: None. Motion approved by a vote of 4-0 with Strack absent.**

APRIL 2008, VOLUNTEER MONTH IN THE CITY OF CORNING.

Vice Mayor Hill presented the Proclamation to Senior Center Director Lyn Lima and Volunteers from the Senior Center.

E. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None.

F. 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 March 11, 2008 meeting with any necessary corrections.**
- 4. March 19, 2008 Claim Warrant - \$197,234.061.**
- 5. March 19, 2008 Business Licenses.**
- 6. February 2008 Building Permits - \$1,103,124.51.**

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7. **Set Compensation for City Manager at an Increased Annual Cost of \$9,873.**
8. **Resolution 03-25-08-01 Eliminating a Designated Parking Stall and Creating a "No Parking Zone" at 1915 Solano Street.**
9. **Approve Placement of a Medical Waste Collection Kiosk at the Corning Fire Department and Authorize City Manager to Sign Agreement with Tehama County Sanitary Landfill Agency.**
10. **Approve Progress Pay Estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$51,695.20 to Sunrise Excavating, Inc. for the 2007 Street Paving Project.**
11. **Request to seek Bids for Public Works Fuel, Asphalt, Gravel, and Oil/Grease for Fiscal Years 2008/09 through 2010/11.**
12. **Accept Patterson Electric Proposal to Install I-5 Freeway Sign Lighting at a Cost of \$5,696, Approve Additional \$500 for PG&E Fees, and Appropriate \$6,196 from General Fund 001.**

Councilor Turner requested item number seven be removed and Vice Mayor Hill requested to remove item 12 for further discussion. Councilor Dickison motioned approval of Items 2-6 and 8-11. Councilor Zuniga seconded the motion. **Ayes: Hill, Dickison, Zuniga and Turner. Opposed: None. Absent: Strack. Abstain: None. Motion approved by a vote of 4-0 with Strack absent.**

G. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

7. **Set Compensation for City Manager at an Increased Annual Cost of \$9,873.**

Councilor Turner asked the reason for and definition of "Longevity Pay" versus "Seniority Performance Incentive Pay". City Manager Kimbrough responded to Councilor Turner's question explaining that they are the same. Councilor Turner then confirmed that the City Manager, should this item be approved, would receive a combined raise of 8.5% (6% standard raise and 2.5% seniority performance incentive pay). Councilor Zuniga motioned to approve, the following:

- As was done for the Management Association, six percent salary increase for the City Manager effective January 13, 2008, a CPI plus 2% increase on January 1, 2009 and January 1, 2010; and
- A 2.5% "Seniority Performance Incentive Pay" Increase effective February 24, 2008; and
- An increase in Life Insurance from \$30,000 to \$70,000; and
- The change in the application of the sick leave conversion for retirees.

Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Hill, Dickison, and Zuniga. Opposed: Turner. Absent: Strack. Abstain: None. Motion approved by a vote of 3-1 with Turner opposing and Strack absent.**

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Councilor Hill stated she would rather see these funds utilized to support the Recreation Program than on this at this time. Councilor Turner asked if we had explored the cost of utilizing solar for lighting the signs, he was informed that we had. Councilor Zuniga motioned not to accept the Patterson Electric proposal, and not approve an additional \$500 for PG&E, and not approve the appropriation of \$6,196 from General Fund 001. Councilor Turner seconded the motion. **Ayes: Hill, Dickison, Zuniga, and Turner. Opposed: None. Absent: Strack. Abstain: None. Motion NOT TO APPROVE succeeded by a vote of 4-0 with Strack absent.**

- H. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MEETINGS:** Any person may speak on items scheduled for hearing at the time the Mayor declares the Hearing open. **ALL LEGAL NOTICES PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**

13. Public Hearing; Resolution No. 03-25-08-02 Approving a Fiscal Year 2008-2009 CDBG Grant Application for Infrastructure in Support of new Housing and a First Time Homebuyer Assistance Program.

Vice Mayor Hill introduced this item by title and then opened the public hearing. Planning Director John Brewer gave a brief explanation of the infrastructure needs to enlarge the one-way Street on Blackburn Avenue to a two-way street and noted that the application will also encompass encasing the Blackburn Moon Drainage Ditch (piping it). Mr. Brewer also stated that the proposal also lists a first time homebuyer incentive program in the amount of \$495,370. Councilor Hill asked if the adjacent 5-acre property were to be developed, would the developer be responsible for reimbursement to the City for infrastructure improvements; she was informed no. City Manager Kimbrough informed the Council that the City would need a Consultant to administer these funds should this be approved.

Councilor Dickison motioned to adopt Resolution No. 03-25-08-02, approving an application for funding and the execution of a Grant Agreement and any Amendments thereto from the general allocation of the State CDBG Program. Councilor Zungia seconded the motion. **Ayes: Hill, Dickison, Zuniga, and Turner. Opposed: None. Absent: Strack. Abstain: None. Motion approved by a vote of 4-0 with Strack absent.**

I. **REGULAR AGENDA:**

14. Introduce Ordinance 631 to Adopt New Uniform Building codes and Permit Adjustment of Building Fees by Resolution. (First Reading)

Vice Mayor Hill introduced this item by title and requested that the City Building Official briefly explain the need for the Ordinance and the increase in Building Fees. Mr. Alexander stated that the new building codes reflect changes initiated by the State and the increased fees are a result of a survey of surrounding communities and reflect increased costs. The last increase was in 1999. Councilor Turner motioned approval of the first reading of Ordinance 631 approving changes to Corning's Building and Technical Codes in compliance with the new requirements of the State of California Building Standards Commission. Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Hill, Dickison, Zuniga, and Turner. Opposed: None. Absent: Strack. Abstain: None. Motion approved by a vote of 4-0 with Strack absent.**

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

K. **COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:** None

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

15. Hill: None.

16. Dickison: Reported on Tripartite Board Training she attended last Thursday, 2/20/08.

17. Zuniga: None

18. Turner: Announced the JPA meeting Wednesday, 3-25-08.

19. Strack: Absent.

M. **ADJOURNMENT!:** 8:04 pm



Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk