



**CITY OF CORNING
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 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

Mayor:

Gary Strack

All members of the City Council were present except Councilor Smith.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by the City Manager.

D. INVOCATION: Led by Mayor Gary 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:

1. **Proclamation – Head Start/Early Head Start 50 Years of Opportunity.** Northern California Child Development, Inc. Family and Community Outreach Director Tina Robertson, Christina Robertson, and Head Start Parent Dago Bobadilla were present to accept the Proclamation.
2. **Presentation by Tehama County Landfill Agency Manager Kristina Miller – Discussion of the possible consolidation of the Tehama County Sanitary Landfill Agency (JPA-1) and the Tehama County/Red Bluff Landfill Management Agency (JPA-2).** Ms. Miller explained the reasoning for, and the process to complete the proposed consolidation. She stated that she would be back to present a formal proposal and Resolution for approval by the City Council prior to July 1, 2015.

F. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Delores May: Inquired about the public walk around town scheduled for tomorrow. Planning Consultant John Stoufer explained that it is in relation to a City grant for bike and pedestrian trail improvements. He stated that the walk allows the public to participate and interact directly with the City's Consultant and relay their ideas, concerns and preferences.

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.

3. **Waive reading, except by title, of any Ordinance under consideration at this meeting for either introduction or passage, per Government Code Section 36934.**
4. **May 7, 2015 Claim Warrant - \$199,415.75.**
5. **May 6, 2015 Business License Report.**
6. **April 2015 Wages and Salaries: \$359,916.96.**
7. **April 2015 Building Permit Valuation Report - \$504,714.**
8. **April 2015 Treasurer's Report.**
9. **April 2015 City of Corning Wastewater Operation Summary Report.**
10. **Approve Janitorial Scope of Service Amendment Increasing the Monthly Fee to \$3,115**

Councilor Dickison moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 3-10; Councilor Linnet seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet, and Cardenas. Absent: Smith. Oppose/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote with Smith absent.**

H. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MEETINGS: None.

J. REGULAR AGENDA:

11. Dollar General Store Determination of Public Convenience or Necessity for a Type 20 Off-Site Beer and Wine License for the Dollar General Store located at 530 Solano Street.

Planning Consultant John Stoufer explained that on the east side of the railroad tracks currently only 3 sites have a type 20 license so there isn't an over concentrated amount there. Type 20 is only beer and wine.

Cardenas moved that the issuance of a Type 20, Off-site beer and wine License at the Dollar General Store at 530 Solano Street will provide a "Public Convenience or Necessity". Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison and Cardenas. Opposed: Linnet. Absent: Smith. Motion was approved by a 3-1 vote with Linnet opposing and Smith absent.**

12. Approve Agreement with the Tehama County Auditor-Controller to recover billing and collection costs in the amount of \$1.19 per parcel for City Landscape and Lighting District 1, Zones 1, 3 & 4 Special Assessments.

City Manager John Brewer stated the proposed three-year Agreement allows the County Auditor-Controller to recover billing & collection costs for the annual Landscaping and Lighting District assessments for Zones 1, 3 and 4 by initiating a \$1.19 increase per parcel. He explained that the current assessments are: District 1, Zone 1 is \$63.09 per parcel, District 1, Zone 3 is \$142.10 per parcel, and District 1, Zone 4 is \$4,772.90.

Councilor Dickison moved to approve the Agreement with the Tehama County Auditor-Controller to recover billing and collection costs in the amount of \$1.19 per parcel for collection of Special Assessments for City Landscaping and Lighting District 1, Zones 1, 3 and 4. Councilor Linnet seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet, and Cardenas. Absent: Smith. Oppose/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote with Smith absent.**

13. Authorize Expenditure of \$15,958 to Telstar Instruments for the Corning Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) from Capital Replacement/Sewer Improvements fund 380-9206-5250.

City Manager Brewer explained that this annunciator panel is an alarm system that alerts WWTP Staff when attention is required to specific issues relating to effluent treatment. It is basically an alarm system that notifies the Staff at the Wastewater Treatment Plant of problems. The proposed replacement system would alert and signal Staff of a problem and identify the issue allowing Staff to determine if the alert required an immediate action requiring them on site, or if the situation was less serious in nature. It will also provide an alert that WWTP Staff would be able to retrieve remotely on their cell phones. Mayor Strack confirmed that this instrument keeps us from being in violation by notifying Staff of problems.

Councilor Cardenas moved to authorize the expenditure of \$15,958 to Telstar Instruments for equipment purchase for the Corning Wastewater Treatment Plant from budget line number 380-9206-5250, Capital Replacement/Sewer Improvements. Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet, and Cardenas. Absent: Smith. Oppose/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote with Smith absent.**

14. Presentation regarding possible refinancing of Water and Sewer Debt; Placement Agent Services Agreement with Brandis Tallman, LLC.

City Manager Brewer explained the reasoning behind the proposed refinance which is to save considerable City funds without extending the loan term. He stated the 3 loans proposed for the refinance are related to Water/Sewer improvements and the expansion at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and consist of:

- The 1999 A & B COPs from USDA to refinance the City's 1997 Loan Anticipation Notes issued to finance capital improvements to the City's water and sewer systems. The interest rate is 4.375% and the current balance is **\$3,465,100**;
- The 2005 A COPS-refinance of the 1997 Certificates of Participation at 5.65% interest rate/maturity date of 2027 and has a current balance of **\$1,745,000**;
- The 2005 A & B USDA Bonds with a balance of **\$3,827,000** at the interest rate of 4.25% and matures in 2045.

Mr. Brewer further explained that the City has the potential to save approximately \$819,000 through the proposed refinance if the market remains stable, however we will take on some processing costs estimated to be \$20,000. Jeff Land and Nicki Tallman of Brandis Tallman LLC were present to answer any questions related to the refinance.

Mayor Strack confirmed that once the credit rating is determined, and should the City fall below what is necessary for this refinance proposal to be beneficial should we proceed, would the City be out the \$20,000; the answer was yes.

Following additional questions and discussion, Councilor Dickison moved to authorize Kronick Moskovitz to proceed with the preparation of final consolidated refinancing documents, authorize City Staff to acquire credit rating for City's Water and Sewer Enterprise Systems, and present the consolidated refinancing document for Council consideration and approval at a subsequent City Council meeting. Councilor Cardenas seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet, and Cardenas. Absent: Smith. Oppose/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote with Smith absent.**

15. City of Corning Long-Range Capital Improvement Program and Priorities for Service (CIP).

City Manager John Brewer provided a brief introduction of the Staff Report explaining that the CIP is basically a departmental wish list for the next year, Council will then prioritize funding based upon available resources. He then provided some early financial projections for fiscal year ending balances as well as financial concerns that could affect next fiscal year.

Staff members representing each Department then presented their departmental CIP's.

Fire: Chief Spannaus explained that the things on his list reflect basically the same as was requested in the previous years. He stated that although the Ladder Truck is now paid in full, he would like to continue receiving the \$21,000 previously used for the loan on the Engine to build a fund for Engine replacement as needed. Councilor Cardenas asked if that wasn't already addressed with Priority #2 for \$19,000; Chief Spannaus concurred, therefore the corrected total for the Fire Department CIP would be \$40,509, or \$42,509 if Council chose to allocate \$21,000 instead of the \$19,000.

Police: Chief Atkins also stated that his CIP is basically the same as the previous years with the exception of the addition of two body cameras. He stated his top priority is vehicle replacement. Mayor Strack confirmed that the Dispatch remodel is funded via a State Grant and it encompasses all equipment. He also discussed the K-9 Program and confirmed that the City's current K-9, Oso, possibly will only be able to work in this capacity for another year, possibly two.

Public Works: Public Works Director Dawn Grine corrected typos within her CIP such as funding related to the Clark Park restrooms/concession stand, Solano Streetscape Project, etc. Mayor Strack pointed out that the Pickleball Courts previously approved have not been completed and suggested looking into a reuse/recycling program for water rather than dumping into the river. He also, suggested checking into a possible reimbursement agreement for the contamination of the Petro Wells.

Mayor Strack stated that the City has a big shortage coming up and we are currently spending approximately \$820,000 for two Dispatch Centers, referencing costs paid by surrounding communities for this service. He stated that Police Dispatch currently is doing a remodel funded by a grant and suggested that maybe it was time to consider consolidating the Centers or contracting out the service. This would possibly save us the \$300,000 we might be short.

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 the LAFCo Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow however she hasn't received an Agenda yet. Announced Thursday, May 18th is the scheduled Community Action Tripartite Board Meeting.

Linnet: JPA-1 Meeting is next Wednesday night.

Cardenas: Reported on attendance at the Chamber Board Meeting and thanked, on behalf of the Chamber, Public Works, Police and Fire Department for their assistance with the Car Show. Reported on a presentation by Maywood School Principal David Cory and Rich Fitzpatrick on the "Positive Behavior Intervention and Systems" Program currently utilized at the School. They have found that it has reduced problems with students, especially at Maywood School by 70-80%. He explained that this is being done at all four Elementary Schools and consists of rewarding students for good behavior by giving them cards that benefit the students by allowing them for instance to be first in line at the cafeteria, not having to run in P.E., etc. They now want to involve the Community, i.e. businesses and City Hall and are providing cards for businesses to use to reward students when observing students displaying this positive behavior, behavior that should be rewarded. Chamber is scheduling a "customer service training" on a Tuesday morning in July possibly at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Smith: Absent.

Strack: Announced that the High School is currently using our Pool and paying for the Lifeguards. Reported that he participated along with John and Christina Meeds in handing out shoes to students and Staff at Maywood School and stated that the shoes were well received.

N. ADJOURNMENT!: 7:43 p.m.

Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk