



**CITY OF CORNING
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 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:

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

D. INVOCATION: Led by City Council Member Tony Cardenas

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: May 2014 as National Community Action Month.

Council Representative to the Community Action Agency Darlene Dickison, Tehama County Community Action Agency and Social Service Agency Executive Director Charlene Reid, along with Agency Member John Leach accepted the Proclamation. Councilwoman Dickison informed the Council of the various programs the Community Action Agency provides and Ms. Reid stated that she would be happy to come to a future meeting to inform the Council and Community of the various programs provided by the Tehama County Community Action Agency.

F. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Tina Saavedra (Youth Soccer League Contact Person) and other members of the Corning Youth Soccer League Board (A Non-Profit Organization) addressed the Council. Mrs. Saavedra stated that they currently have 750 members, 54 teams and they play year round. She stated that they would like to take an active role in soccer planning and field planning. They would like to be included on the next Council Agenda and be involved in the planning of Phase II of the new Park, particularly discussions relating to the soccer field(s). Mrs. Saavedra also stated they would like approval to use the Concession Stand and request that an Ordinance be adopted to keep Street Vendors at a certain distance from the Park. She also requested to place a storage container, nicely painted with the League's logo in the Park to store their soccer equipment. She stated they would like to take an active role in the daily maintenance and responsibilities of the Park. They presented the Council with a letter outlining their ideas relating to the new Park and expressing the need for additional soccer fields. Mayor Strack suggested that they come in to discuss the matter with Public Works Director Patrick Walker. He further suggested that they attend the next Recreation Commission meeting to discuss this matter further.

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 April 22, 2014 City Council Meeting with any necessary corrections.**
4. **May 7, 2014 Claim Warrant - \$325,092.48.**
5. **May 7, 2014 Business License Report.**
6. **April 2014 Wages and Salaries: \$338,978.19.**
7. **April 2014 Treasurer's Report.**
8. **April 2014 Building Permit Valuation Report - \$132,277.**
9. **April 2014 City of Corning Wastewater Operation Summary Report.**
10. **Authorize Director of Public Works to solicit Bids for an asphalt overlay on Marin Street from Hoag to Sixth Street.**

Councilor Dickison moved to approve Consent Items 2-10. 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: None.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MEETINGS: None.

J. REGULAR AGENDA:

11. **One-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update – 1 year CEDS Plan Update. Establish priority projects to be included in the 3CORE Economic Development District's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.**

City Manager Brewer stated that this is the annual update that the City does to the 3CORE Economic Development District's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy List. He further explained that the only change Staff recommends is to elevate Rodgers Theater from the Priority "B" to the Priority "A" Project List. This supports the City's intention to solicit a revolving loan through 3CORE to complete the Theater flooring necessary to open the Theater and recover the retention funds held by the State. Mayor Strack confirmed that the reason for doing this is to remain eligible on the list for any available funding. He then confirmed that the City did get shut down in reference to grant funding for getting water/sewer services to City property located west of the Freeway. He was informed by Mr. Brewer, in terms from the Federal Government; California is not a ripe environment for investment into infrastructure for economic development. Mr. Brewer then explained that we have asked City Community Development Consultant Jo Ann Anders to look into revising our existing Reuse Plan to enable use of existing Reuse Funds for an economic development loan to assist qualifying new businesses constructed within City Limits west of I-5 to extend water/sewer services to their sites.

Councilor Cardenas moved to approve the CEDS Priority Project List as recommended by City Staff. Councilor Linnet seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet, Cardenas and Smith. Opposed/Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

12. **2014 City of Corning Long Range Capital Improvement Program and Priorities for Service.**

City Manager Brewer outlined the Plan that encompasses anticipated future needs of the City's Police, Fire and Public Works Departments emphasizing that approval does not assure funding; funding is determined by the City Council when the final budget is approved. Approval of this Capital Improvement Program by the City Council establishes a Policy for the priority of spending the limited City Funds towards major public improvements.

Public Works: Mayor Strack asked about savings from PG&E should solar panels be placed at Wastewater Treatment Plant; could this possibly be used to reduce sewer fees. He also asked if the Program provides for additional help in Public Works for Parks Maintenance in light of the additional Parkland. Mr. Brewer and Mr. Walker responded to both questions stating the reduction in sewer fees could be a possibility in the future should the solar panels produce a significant savings, and additional park help has been included within the plan.

Police Dept.: Mayor Strack confirmed with Police Chief Atkins that the City is receiving most of the funds from the State for the Dispatch Center upgrades. Chief Atkins stated that the phone system could be delayed. He explained that the existing system serves both the Police Dept. and City Hall (not the 911 System) and because of this, he explained that it might be a good idea to upgrade this before a major breakdown. Mayor Strack then asked about the K-9 Program to which Chief Atkins stated that current K-9 Dog "Oso" probably only has two more years. He also stated that another Officer is interested in becoming a handler. Mr. Atkins outlined the other associated needs related to the K-9 Program. He also briefed the Council on the other priorities listed by the Department such as the Tasers, etc.

Fire Dept.: Chief Spannaus outlined his departmental needs listing the security fencing around the new training facility. He explained that some of the building funds for this might be recouped by allowing use of the facility by other agencies for a fee. Mayor Strack also stated that the remaining items are mainly protective gear that is necessary.

Councilor Dickison moved to adopt the 2014 City of Corning Long-Ranger Capital Improvement Program and Priorities for Services. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet, Cardenas and Smith. Opposed/Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

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 was cancelled due to lack of Agenda, and that she would be attending the Community Action Agency Meeting on Thursday, May 15th.

Linnet: Announced that Thursday, May 22nd at 4:30 p.m. the Pay it Forward Committee would be hosting a cleanup around the Skateboard Park. He also announced that the memorial for former City Building Official/Fire Chief Jim Calbreath will be Sunday at 1:00 p.m. at the Corning Fire Hall. Councilman Linnet also invited everyone to the Youth Bowlers Carnival on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at Northside Park.

Cardenas: Reported on his attendance at the May 8th Planning Meeting for the Byrne Grant. When everything is put together it will be brought back to the Council and taken to DC in July. Lucero's Spring Bloom went well. He also reported on his attendance at the Chamber of Commerce meeting stating that the Car Show went well and they are now moving forward on the Olive Festival.

Smith: Nothing.

Strack: Thanked the City's Public Works Department, the Fire Department and Police Department for their assistance and work supporting the Chambers Car Show Event.

N. ADJOURNMENT!: 8:23 p.m.

Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk