



**CITY OF CORNING
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2011
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
794 THIRD STREET**

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

B. ROLL CALL:

Council:

**Toni Parkins
John Leach
Darlene Dickison
Dave Linnet
Gary Strack**

Mayor:

All members of the Council were present.

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

D. INVOCATION: Led by Mayor 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:

Presentation by Dewey Lucero: Branding and Marketing Corning, a progress report.

Mayor Strack introduced Dewey Lucero who provided a PowerPoint Presentation on tourism "Branding" Plan for the City of Corning. Mr. Lucero presented ideas and examples of possible "branding" logos such as "All Things Olives" and suggestions for "Wayfinding" Signs. He also suggested funding ideas to implement such a plan.

Mayor Strack suggested the possibility of reactivating the Business Improvement District to assist with the generation of revenue for the plan and wayfinding signs.

Public Works Director John Brewer suggested incorporating the ideas, professionalism and knowledge of Roger Brooks on this project before moving forward on such things as "Wayfinding Signs", etc. Mr. Lucero stated that he would of course like to utilize Mr. Brooks' suggestions and ideas however some of these items local businesses can start utilizing now.

City Manager Kimbrough stated he would like Council support for City Staff to start moving forward with some of these suggestions utilizing the energy and enthusiasm Mr. Lucero is generating.

Mayor Strack clarified with Mr. Lucero that some of the first focuses should be funding for billboards and wayfinding signs. **Presentation only - no action taken.**

F. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Ruby Tapp approached the Council and read a statement from Gladys Nelson and herself relating to an issue that occurred on May 13th that involved her neighbor. Ms. Tapp asked for help from the City and Council to put an end to this ongoing issue. Mayor Strack referred this to Police Chief Cardenas. Chief Cardenas responded stating that numerous meetings have been scheduled with the City Attorney, himself and parties from both residents, however one party or the other have not attended the scheduled meetings. Following some discussion, Chief Cardenas was asked to again try to schedule a meeting between both parties.

Sonja Akers, Chamber of Commerce representative addressed the Council regarding the Farmers Market. She stated that they have coordinated the times with County Librarian Jessica Hudson. Mrs. Akers announced the start date of June 10th from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Mayor Strack stated that he did not like the look of the non-painted K-rails and the pens should be installed if plan on leaving them there permanently. Councilor Leach stated his safety concerns for children.

Ms. Akers outlined the vendor fees that will be charged by the Chamber and informed the Council that the event would be covered under the Chambers insurance policy. She listed the types of vendors that will be allowed such as vegetables, food, homemade items, etc. and outlined the limits for the number of specific types of vendors.

Ross Turner asked if the City would require Vendors to obtain Business Permits, will they be required to charge sales tax for prepared food and who will be responsible to verify this is being done? Mayor Strack and City Manager Kimbrough responded stating that as has been done for other events, Business Licenses are not required for Community Events however, sales permits will be required.

Mayor Strack asked Mrs. Akers to contact Police Chief Cardenas and Public Works Director John Brewer to coordinate any necessary actions related to traffic barricades, etc.

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 May 10, 2011 Closed Session and Regular City Council Meeting with any necessary corrections:**
3. **May 18, 2011 Claim Warrant - \$148,243.13.**
4. **May 18, 2011 Business License Report.**
5. **Recommend the appointment of Blaine Smith to the Corning Recreation Commission.**
6. **Approve Contract Change Order #4 increasing the Solano St./Marguerite Avenue Traffic Signal Installation Project by \$5,115.90 for a total project cost of \$289,955.47.**

Mayor Strack introduced the Consent Agenda Items by title and asked if anyone wished to pull any of the Consent Items for further discussion. With no Items requested to be pulled for discussion, Councilor Parkins moved to approve Consent Items 1-6. Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Parkins, Leach, Dickison and Linnet. Opposed: None; Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.**

H. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MEETINGS:

7. **Adopt Resolution No. 05-24-2011-02 accepting the Housing Element Update and preparation of a "Mixed Use Ordinance" resulting from a grant allocation from Planning and Technical Assistance funds for the State Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).**

Mayor Strack announced that there is a sign-up sheet on the table and explained that this is a requirement of the CDBG Grant. Planning Director John Stoufer stated that this public hearing is basically the close-out for the grant and finalizing the close-out documentation. Mayor Strack clarified that this update was necessary in order to qualify for State funding.

Mayor Strack declared the public hearing open at 8:39 p.m. With no comments received he closed the hearing at 8:39 p.m.

Councilor Dickison moved to adopt Resolution No. 05-24-2011-02, the Resolution to determine that the update of the City of Corning Housing Element and preparation of a "Mixed Use Ordinance" was in accordance with the Planning and Technical Assistance Funds that provided funding for this work and hereby accepts the update for the purposes of the Grant. Councilor Linnet seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Parkins, Leach, Dickison and Linnet. Opposed: None; Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.**

J. REGULAR AGENDA:

8. Ordinance No. 646; an Ordinance amending Chapter 15.32 of the Corning Municipal Code regarding the Informal Bid Limit of the "Contract and Bidding Procedures for Public Projects". (First Reading)

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title and City Manager Kimbrough explained the reasoning behind this proposed amendment to the Ordinance stating it will increase the dollar amount limits from \$125,000 as currently listed in the Corning Municipal Code, to \$175,000 as the informal bid limit.

City Attorney Michael Fitzpatrick pointed out that the Ordinance must also address the value change from \$75,000 to \$175,000 listed in Section 15.32.020 – Informal bid procedures.

Councilor Linnet moved to waive the first reading and introduce Ordinance No. 646, an Ordinance to amend the "dollar amount limits" of Corning Municipal Code Section 15.32.010 and 15.32.020. Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Parkins, Leach, Dickison and Linnet. Opposed: None; Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.** City Attorney Michael Fitzpatrick then read the Ordinance by title.

9. Solano Street Tree Pruning and Temporary U.S. Flags – Discussion and Possible Action.

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title and City Manager Kimbrough presented a bid received from North Valley Tree Service for trimming 5 trees at a total cost of \$900.

Dave Demo stated that two of the trees are Pistachio trees and are not susceptible to fire blight. He stated that he would hate to see the City spend a lot of money for something he believes could be done in about an hour.

Councilman Linnet stated that in trying to remedy this issue, he and his wife went and turned the flags that were becoming entangled in the trees. He stated that this seemed to remedy the problem for all but the one across the street which still tangled.

Councilor Dickison suggested seeing if this cures the problem. Councilor Linnet asked if Mr. Demo wanted to collect donations to offset the cost of the pruning. Mr. Demo responded stating he would rather see any donations go towards replacing the flags that have been torn. Councilor Parkins stated she would rather direct this issue to City Staff to address, stating that she didn't feel it was something that the Council needed to address.

Councilor Parkins moved to see if Councilor Linnet's actions correct the problem and have City Staff take care of this issue making any minimal trimming necessary. Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Parkins, Leach, Dickison and Linnet. Opposed: None; Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.**

10. Approve annual Agreement with 3CORE Economic Development District at a cost of \$3,500.

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title. Councilor Leach (current Council representative to 3CORE Economic Development District) informed the Council of some of the benefits 3CORE provides to the City and Community. Councilor Leach moved to approve the annual participation in 3CORE, formerly known as Tri-County Economic Development Corporation and commit \$3,500 from the City's General Fund as the City's share of the local grant match. Councilor Parkins seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Parkins, Leach, Dickison and Linnet. Opposed: None; Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.**

11. One Year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update: Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) – 1-year Plan Update. Establish Priority Projects to be included in the 3CORE Economic Development District's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title. He then asked, since Dewey Lucero is present, could his suggestions be incorporated into this? Mayor Strack also asked if the items listed under the three Priorities were numbered in priority order; he was informed no.

Planning Director John Stoufer responded stating that we could add to the priorities list, such as adding the Branding Project. He also emphasized the priorities that support economic growth such as expansion of water/sewer services on the west side of I-5. Following some discussion, it was suggested to add "Branding" to Priority "A".

Councilor Dickison moved to the CEDS Priority Projects List as recommended by Staff with the addition of the Branding Project to Priority A. Councilor Parkins seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Parkins, Leach, Dickison and Linnet. Opposed: None; Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.**

12. Approve Agreement for the provision of half-time Interim Planning Director Services by City to County of Tehama.

Mayor Strack introduced by title and City Manager Kimbrough outlined the proposed agreement. Councilor Leach asked Planning Director Stoufer how he feels about this to which he responded that he believes it to be beneficial to both entities. Councilor Parkins asked if there were any conflicts between his position at the City and the County explaining that she was asked this question; Mr. Stoufer stated that to date he has not encounter any. City Engineer Ed Anderson stated his opinion that if anything this agreement is beneficial to both entities. Councilor Parkins moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Tehama for the provision of half-time Planning Director services to the County and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement. Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Parkins, Leach, Dickison and Linnet. Opposed: None; Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.**

13. Adopt Resolution No. 05-24-2011-01 setting every other Friday from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 as closure dates for City Hall and the City Yard, and Ratify Furlough Sideletters for the Dispatchers Association and the Public Safety Unit to continue Furloughs through December 31, 2011.

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title, and clarification was made stating that the Sideletters were to continue through December 31, 2011. Councilor Parkins moved to ratify the Sideletters to the Memorandums of Understanding to continue furloughs with the City of Corning Dispatcher's Association and the Public Safety Unit through December 31, 2011; and adopt Resolution No. 05-24-2011-01 setting every other Friday as closure dates for City Hall and the City Yard during the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. Councilor Leach seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Parkins, Leach, Dickison and Linnet. Opposed: None; Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.**

14. Award Bid for the Clark Park Municipal Water Well and related work in the amount of \$594,089 to Trent Construction; approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$7,619 for a revised contract price of \$601,708; set the Budget Appropriation for the Well Project Fund 346 at \$640,000 and transfer \$27,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund 630 Reserve to Fund 346.

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title and City Manager Kimbrough stated that the City Engineer Ed Anderson and Public Works Director John Brewer both have done an excellent job on this project. City Engineer Ed Anderson outlined the process that will take place prior the actual construction beginning and explained the reasoning behind the Change Order. Mayor Strack stated that Trent Construction is somewhat local and therefore should create jobs locally. City Engineer Ed Anderson stated that Trent Construction he believed was the Company awarded the City contract for the Carona Avenue Bridge construction.

Councilor Dickison moved to:

- Award the Bid for the Clark Park Municipal Water Well and Waterline Extension and related work in the amount of \$594,089 to Trent Construction,
- Approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$7,619 for a revised contract price of \$601,708, and
- Set the budget appropriation for the Clark Park Well Project Fund 346 at \$640,000 and transfer \$27,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund 630 Reserve to Fund 346.

Councilor Linnet seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Parkins, Leach, Dickison and Linnet. Opposed: None; Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.**

15. Set study session date and approve Calendar for the 2011-2012 City Budget discussion, final presentation and adoption.

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title. Following discussion the Budget Calendar was revised as follows:

- **Friday, June 17th:** Proposed Budget placed on City's website and copies delivered to City Council.
- **Thursday, June 23rd at 6:30 p.m.:** Public Special Budget Study Session Meeting.
- **Tuesday, June 28th:** Public Meeting for budget discussion (Regular City Council Meeting Date).
- **Tuesday, July 12th:** Second Public Meeting (Regular City Council Meeting Date) and final budget presentation and adoption.

Councilor Parkins moved to approve the 2011-2012 budget calendar as revised. Councilor Linnet seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Parkins, Leach, Dickison and Linnet. Opposed: None; Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.**

16. Corning Municipal Airport Improvement Project: Approve \$118,421 Loan from the City's Traffic Mitigation Fund 116.

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title. Following discussion and confirmation of available funds in this account, Councilor Linnet moved to approve the loan of \$118,421 from the Transportation Development Fee Account 116 to the Corning Municipal Airport Enterprise Fund 620 in accordance with the terms listed in the promissory note, and authorize the Mayor to execute the Note. Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Parkins, Leach, Dickison and Linnet. Opposed: None; Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.**

K. ITEMS PLACED ON THE AGENDA FROM THE FLOOR: None

L. COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION: City Clerk Lisa Linnet read a thank you card received from Chamber of Commerce for City assistance during the May Madness Car Show.

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).

Parkins: None

Leach: None

Dickison: None

Linnet: Still working on Certificates for Businesses and should be presented to the Council at the next meeting.

Strack: Attended the Tehama County Transportation Commission meeting today and the City received an award for the South Avenue Interchange.

N. ADJOURNMENT!: 9:21 p.m.

Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk

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