



**CITY OF CORNING
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2009
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
794 THIRD STREET**

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

B. ROLL CALL:

Council:

**Becky Hill
Ross Turner
Toni Parkins
John Leach
Gary Strack**

Mayor:

All Council Members were present except Councilor Hill.

C. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilor Leach led the Invocation and City Manager Kimbrough led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITION'S, APPOINTMENTS: None

E. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Dean Cofer addressed the Council stating that he had sent a letter to the Council regarding a CalPERS Issue he requested be placed on the Agenda for tonight's meeting, however he realizes that the Agenda was already finished. He now requests that it be placed on the next Agenda. Mayor Strack stated that he has asked the City Manager to place this issue on the next Agenda for authorization to seek a legal opinion on this matter. He asked Mr. Cofer if he would mind waiting until the City was able to obtain this legal opinion; Mr. Cofer stated that was fine.

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

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 October 27, 2009 City Council Meeting with any necessary corrections.
3. October 2009 Wages and Salaries - \$342,416.79.
4. October 2009 - Treasurer's Report.
5. November 4, 2009 Claim Warrant - \$200,395.66.
6. Business License Report – November 7, 2009.
7. October 2009 Building Permit Valuation - \$177,751.
8. City of Corning Wastewater Operation Summary Report – October 2009.
9. Approve Progress Pay Estimate No. 1 for \$830,806.30 to Teichert Construction for the Airport Runway Improvement Project.
10. Authorization for Contract with Municipal Code Corporation for Codification Services.
11. Approve Resolution No. 11-10-09-02 Authorizing the Installation of Pedestrian Crosswalks Across Solano Street at First Street and Peach Street.

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12. Approve Construction of Little League Batting Cages at Clark Park.

13. Approve Installation of a Storage Unit for Corning Youth Football League at Clark Park.

Councilor's Turner and Leach requested that Consent Agenda Item number nine be removed for further discussion.

Councilor Turner then moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 8 and 10 through 13. Councilor Leach seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Turner, Parkins and Leach. Opposed: None. Absent: Hill. Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a vote of 4-0 with Hill absent.**

G. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

9. Approve Progress Pay Estimate No. 1 for \$830,806.30 to Teichert Construction for the Airport Runway Improvement Project.

Councilor Turner stated that members of the Airport Commission and others have informed him that there are some issues at the Airport relating to the improvement project. He then stated some of the issues raised. Mayor Strack responded stating that he and Public Works Director John Brewer were at the Airport today and Mr. Brewer can respond to these issues. Mr. Brewer stated that he has been in touch with Mr. Wadell about the two issues (grading at interface between the current runway and the extension and at the taxiway extensions) and Mr. Wadell has informed the Contractor to correct them.

Councilor Turner stated that the City is paying a professional to monitor this project at \$2.5 million dollars and he doesn't think that the City should have to pay for correcting these errors. Dean Cofer suggested that the Public Works Director research the contract and the minutes where the Consultant was approved.

Councilor Turner moved to approve Progress Pay Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$830,806.30 to Teichert Construction for the Airport Runway Improvement Project with Council updates on the project and the situation. Councilor Parkins seconded the motion. **Approve Progress Pay Estimate No. 1 for \$830,806.30 to Teichert Construction for the Airport Runway Improvement Project.**

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MEETINGS: None.

I. REGULAR AGENDA:

14. Request Authorization to fill upcoming vacant Equipment Operator Position and any vacancy due to promotion.

Councilor Turner moved to authorize the filling of the vacant equipment operator position resulting from Fred McGee's retirement and refilling a potential vacant maintenance worker position that may result from promotion to equipment operator. Councilor Leach seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Turner, Parkins and Leach. Opposed: None. Absent: Hill. Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a vote of 4-0 with Hill absent.**

15. Resolution No. 11-10-09-01 Authorizing Installation of a Raised Pedestrian Crossing and Expenditures; Houghton Avenue at North Street.

Councilor Turner asked if it would be possible to post signs at the school. He also asked about a stop sign at Houghton and Blackburn Avenue. Mayor Strack suggested possibly doing the same raised crosswalk on Toomes instead of a Stop Sign. Mr. Brewer stated that the current raised crosswalk on Fig Lane is wide and the proposed one at Houghton and North might not be as wide.

Councilor Turner moved to amend Resolution No. 11-10-09-01 authorizing installation of a raised pedestrian crosswalk across Houghton Avenue at North Street and authorize expenditures

necessary to complete the installation, signage and striping from Account Fund No. 107-6150-3001 and include an additional raised pedestrian crosswalk at Toomes Avenue and North Street. Councilor Parkins seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Turner, Parkins and Leach. Opposed: None. Absent: Hill. Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a vote of 4-0 with Hill absent.**

16. Recreation Commission Recommendation of New Park Location.

John Stoufer stated that he and Recreation Supervisor Kimberly Beck attended a training today related to this issue. He gave a brief report on the training and the Proposition 84 Grant stating that it will be extremely competitive. Mr. Stoufer outlined some of the proposed locations emphasizing the sites they believe would be the best contenders for this grant. He stated that the City would have to be able to operate and maintain the proposed park site locations. He also emphasized the importance of the Community FactFinder Report in making this grant application be competitive. He announced that the maximum award is \$5,000,000 and does not require any City match. Mr. Stoufer informed the Council that he and Ms. Beck were informed to start with the Community, find out what they want since it will be a Neighborhood Park. Mr. Stoufer emphasized that this Grant will not pay for any offsite improvements. He also informed the Council that the City can acquire multiple properties and leave some open space, however if we acquire the property, it does have to be designated for recreation and be contiguous. He also stated that if a willing property owner backs out on the sale, the City would lose the Grant. Mr. Stoufer informed the Council that the deadline for submission of the completed application is March 1st.

Dean Cofer stated that the Skateboard and Bike Park Committee approved both sites, however he stated that the property near Woodson School would probably best suit the Skateboard Park and Soccer Fields. Councilor Leach pointed out the potential cost for offsite improvements, etc. at this location.

After further discussion, Councilor Parkins moved to recommend the 10.87 acre parcel off of Fig Lane, and the 2.5 Acres and 10 Acres off of Toomes Avenue and Fig Lane. Councilor Leach seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Turner, Parkins and Leach. Opposed: None. Absent: Hill. Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a vote of 4-0 with Hill absent.**

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

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

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

17. Hill: Absent.

18. Turner: Reminded the public of the Veterans Day Parade at 11:00 a.m. and lunch following at the Veterans Hall.

19. Parkins: Stated that she was proud of our Landfill and encouraged everyone to recycle, Tehama County recycled 51%.

20. Leach: Nothing.

21. Strack: Nothing.

Tony Miller, Airport Commissioner addressed the Council voicing his concern about the burm and other issues related to the current Airport Expansion. He emphasized that his concern is the weather shutting down this project and suggested that someone on staff needs to stay on top of this project.

M. **ADJOURNMENT!:** 8:35 p.m.

Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk

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