



**CITY OF CORNING  
CLOSED SESSION MINUTES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2011  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
794 THIRD STREET**

**A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.**

**B. ROLL CALL:**

**Council:**

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

**Mayor:**

All members of the City Council were present.

The **Brown Act** requires that the Council provide the opportunity for persons in the audience to briefly address the Council on the subject(s) scheduled for tonight's closed session. Is there anyone wanting to comment on the subject(s) the Council will be discussing in closed session? If so, please come to the podium, identify yourself and give us your comments.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.**

**D. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: 6:30 p.m.**

**CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 54957.6:**

**Agency Negotiator: William May, Labor Relations Consultant**

**Management, Dispatch and Public Safety Employees Bargaining Units**

**E. RECONVENE SPECIAL MEETING AND REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: 7:30 p.m.**

Mayor Strack announced that the Council has obtained agreement with the Dispatch and Management Units. He further stated that after meeting and conferring in good faith, the City and the Public Safety Unit has come to an impasse. Having exhausted the Impasse Resolution Procedures set forth in the Employer-Employee Relations Code, the City will now move to implement its Last, Best and Final Offer as permitted under Government Code Section 3505.4, which will be set forth as an Agenda Item for adoption on December 13, 2011.

**F. ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL: 7:30 p.m.**

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Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk



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**Council:**

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Gary Strack**

**Mayor:**

All members of the City Council were present.

**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: None.**

**F. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Chamber of Commerce Manager Valanne Cardenas announced that the Hometown Christmas parade will be at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. She also stated that banners and trees will go up on the light posts next week. She encouraged all businesses to put up their lights.

**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 November 8, 2011 Closed Session and Regular City Council Meeting with any necessary corrections:**
3. **November 16, 2011 Claim Warrant - \$121,278.19.**
4. **November 16, 2011 Business License Report.**
5. **Recommend Appointment of Chris Copley to the City's Recreation Commission.**
6. **Approve Progress Pay Estimate No. 4 in the amount of \$44,256.28 for the Clark Park Municipal Water Well Project.**
7. **Authorize Eagle Scout Candidate Wyatt Haywood to install picnic tables with benches, plant trees and repaint the Wellhouse at Children's Memorial Park on Edith Avenue.**

Councilor Linnet asked to pull Consent Item No.5 for an explanation of Mr. Copley's eligibility to serve on the Recreation Commission as he resides outside the City Limits. Councilor Parkins asked to pull Consent Item No. 7 for further discussion.

With no further comments, Council Parkins moved to approve Consent Items 1-4 and 6. Councilor Linnet seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Parkins, Leach, Dickison and Linnet. Opposed: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

#### **H. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

##### **5. Recommend Appointment of Chris Copley to the City's Recreation Commission.**

Mayor Strack explained that the City had set the policy a few years ago which allowed individuals not residing within the City Limits to serve on the Recreation Commission, however the majority of the Commissioners must be City residents. Assistant City Attorney Jody Burgess explained that as the Recreation Commission is an advisory Commission only, being a City resident was not required. With no more discussion, Councilor Linnet moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Chris Copley to the City's Recreation Commission for a four-year term. Councilor Leach seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Parkins, Leach, Dickison and Linnet. Opposed: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

##### **7. Authorize Eagle Scout Candidate Wyatt Haywood to install picnic tables with benches, plant trees and repaint the Wellhouse at Children's Memorial Park on Edith Avenue.**

Mayor Strack asked Mr. Haywood if he would describe his proposed project and state his rank in the scouts. Mr. Haywood stated that he plans on planting three sycamore trees, installing three picnic tables, painting the well house and repairing the fence. Following Mr. Haywood's project description and some discussion of the project, Councilor Parkins stated he was taking on a big project and that she is very proud of him. With no further discussion, Councilor Parkins moved to authorize Eagle Scout candidate Wyatt Haywood and other volunteers to complete improvements to Children's Memorial Park, including picnic tables, planting trees and painting the well house, with the positions of tables and trees, tree species and size, and the paint color of the well house subject to the approval by the Public Works Director or City Manager. Councilor Leach seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Parkins, Leach, Dickison and Linnet. Opposed: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

#### **I. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MEETINGS: None.**

#### **J. REGULAR AGENDA:**

##### **8. Ordinance No. 648, An Ordinance amending existing City Purchasing Procedures. (Second Reading and Adoption.)**

With no discussion, Councilor Linnet moved to introduce by short title and adopt Ordinance 648, an Ordinance proposing to amend the City's existing Purchasing and Procedures Ordinance. Mayor Strack announced the upcoming Special Recreation Commission Meetings on November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at which time representatives from three different playground equipment companies will present their products and designs for consideration for the new park. Councilor Parkins seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Parkins, Leach, Dickison and Linnet. Opposed: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

##### **9. Set Public Hearing Date of January 24, 2012 for Proposed Annual Rate Increase for Corning Disposal Service.**

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title and City Manager Stephen Kimbrough explained that Waste Management/Corning Disposal are asking, as they are entitled to per their Franchise Agreement, for a 3.76% CPI and 1.47% Fuel Factor rate increase which would take the residential rate from \$19.73 to \$20.76. He explained that our agreement provides that Council shall not unreasonably withhold a rate increase, and we established a procedure which was by CPI only because there is really no effective way to look at a Corporation's books and know whether or not they need a rate increase or not when they ask for it. So, this agreement limits them to no more than the CPI and a fuel factor that was added to the agreement about six years ago when we were experiencing the dramatic increase in fuel costs. He stated that he has already been told by a couple of people, including the City Clerk, that they don't consider it appropriate to consider an

increase at this time. Mr. Kimbrough stated however, that we do need to move forward and set the date for the public hearing. Councilor Leach asked when the contract will come back up for renewal; Mr. Kimbrough stated he believed it would be in 2018. Mr. Kimbrough explained that this is still the best service agreement in the valley for the service that our residents receive.

Councilor Leach asked what the savings was to Waste Management for the City handling the billing for residential customers; Mr. Kimbrough stated it really doesn't save them much and doesn't cost the City much more other than the time spent by Finance Employees to sign up new accounts because the billing is attached to our existing water bills. He further explained that the City however, earns about \$3,000 to \$5,000 interest on the funds that we hold for about two months before we pay them their quarterly payment. Mayor Strack stated that at the time we did this, the City was able to hold the rate down by about 2% which was a savings at that time that has compounded. Following some other discussion, Councilor Parkins moved to set January 24, 2012 for the Public Hearing on the proposed rate increase. Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Parkins, Leach, Dickison and Linnet. Opposed: None. 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).

**Parkins:** Reported on attendance at the Tehama County Sanitary Landfill Meeting which meets every other month. She stated that the drug "Take-Back" day yielded 116 pounds of prescription drugs through our Police Department, stating her appreciation to the Chief, Police Department Staff, and especially to Laura Calkins for her efforts in organizing this event. She further stated that this action keeps these drugs out of our grey water system.

**Leach:** Reported on his attendance at the Senior Center Meeting.

**Dickison:** Stated that she missed the Fair Booth Meeting where they were to discuss funding.

**Linnet:** Reported that the Downtown Beautification Committee, with assistance from the Tehama Job Training Center, painted the "Golden Rooster" (former orange building on Solano Street). Monday, Mayor Strack cleaned our block and the Tea Party cleaned the next block. Fire Dispatcher & Volunteer Frank Rua and his son Jimmy cleaned the show-house block on Sunday. Monday night he stated he went out with his leaf blower and got the leaves out in the Street for the Street Sweeper that comes on Tuesday morning. He also reported on the graffiti removal at the various locations that have been recently hit.

**Strack:** Reported on his attendance at the Transportation Commission meeting today stating that RTIP (Regional Transportation Improvement Plan) approved the Corning Streetscape funding as the number one on the list. They also approved the December 16<sup>th</sup> lighted tour. Mayor Strack announced that the Recreation Commission will hold two Special Meetings on Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. here to discuss playground equipment for the new park with various company representatives.

**N. ADJOURNMENT!: 7:53 p.m.,**

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**Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk**