



**CITY OF CORNING
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
CLOSED SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2015
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
794 THIRD STREET**

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A. CALL TO ORDER: 5:31 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

Council:

**Darlene Dickison
Dave Linnet
Tony Cardenas
Willie Smith
Gary Strack**

Mayor:

All members of the City Council were present.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

D. REGULAR AGENDA:

- 1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 54957.6:
Agency Negotiator: William May, Labor Relations Consultant
Management, Miscellaneous, Dispatch and Public Safety Bargaining Units**

**E. ADJOURN TO REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND REPORT ON
CLOSED SESSION: 6:30 p.m.**

Mayor Strack reported that Council met in Closed Session with the City's Labor Negotiator and gave him direction.

Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk



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

Mayor Strack called for a moment of silence in memory of those recently affected by terrorist activities.

D. INVOCATION: Led by Mayor Strack.

E. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS: None.

F. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Chamber of Commerce Manager Valanne Cardenas announced the times and locations of the Hometown Christmas parade and activities Saturday, December 5th.

Councilman Linnet requested that incoming City Manager Kristina Miller check the Budgets of the Cities of Orland, Willows and whatever other City of similar size and see if we can find some savings somewhere. He stated that two of the things he learned as a member of the General Fund Ad Hoc Committee was that, 1) Our Volunteer Fire Department, per call, is one of the cheapest around; and 2) the City's Volunteer Fire Department is the second to third cheapest overall of any Fire Department so we need to look elsewhere for savings, so he is glad that Mrs. Miller is here.

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.

- 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 10, 2015 City Council Closed Session and Regular Meeting with any necessary corrections:**
- 3. November 18, 2015 Claim Warrant - \$168,370.96.**
- 4. November 18, 2015 Business License Report.**
- 5. Approve Cancellation of the December 22, 2015 City Council Meeting due to the Christmas Holiday.**
- 6. Appoint local Contractor Tom Jones as an Alternate Member to the Board of Appeals pursuant to Section 205 of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings.**
- 7. Authorize to seek Proposals for City Tree Spraying and Weed & Pest Control Service Agreement.**

Councilor Linnet moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-7; Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet, Cardenas and Smith. Absent/Abstain/Opposed: 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:

8. Approve new Lease Agreement for Transportation Center Suite A (Hometown Café) to Mark and Tami Olsen.

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title and stated that the Olsens were present in the audience tonight. With no questions or discussion, Councilor Smith moved to approve the new Lease Agreement between Mark and Tami Olsen and the City for Suite "A" in the Corning Transportation Center and set the annual lease payments as:

- \$5,000 for lease years January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2018, payable on January 1st of each year;
- \$6,500 for lease years January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2021, payable on January 1st of each year; and
- \$7,500 per year, due on January 1st of each year for years 7-10; and
- Authorize the City Manager to sign the Lease on behalf of the City of Corning.

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

9. Award Bid for the Downtown Solano Street Streetscape Project in the amount of \$1,295,208.57 to Trent Construction.

Councilor Smith announced that she would be abstaining from voting on this item due to a possible conflict of interest.

Public Works Director Dawn Grine stated she could respond to any questions and that Trent Construction is on track to accept the contract however they were unable to be present tonight. She explained that all of the Bids were favorable and were way under budget and that \$500,000 of the funding obligated from Tehama County for air quality issues (CMAQ funds) which was going to be within the paving portion of the project will be de-obligated by the County. We are going to use just the Federal funds of \$1.6 million which will provide sufficient funding to complete the project.

Councilor Dickison moved to award the Bid for the Downtown Solano Street Streetscape Project to Trent Construction for the amount of \$1,295,208.57. Councilor Linnet seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet and Cardenas. Absent/Opposed: None. Abstain: Smith. Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote with Smith abstaining.**

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: Reported on her attendance at the Community Action Agency meeting last week.

Linnet: Reported on the Tehama County Sanitary Landfill JPA Meeting last night, graffiti cleanup within the City (2 taggings) and shopping cart returns.

Cardenas: Nothing.

Smith: Reported on the Senior Center "Soup Off", announced that Dot Linnet was preparing a lamb dinner for the first Monday in December at 5 p.m. at a cost of \$5 per person. She also thanked the City for painting the "In and Out" arrows in the parking lot.

Strack: Asked that Council allow City Attorney Jody Burgess to provide some type of Agreement for John that will enable him to provide guidance to incoming City Manager Kristina Miller after January 1, 2016. He also stated that at the next meeting the Ad Hoc Committee recommendations will be provided to Council for consideration and subsequent action at a meeting in January. City Manager Brewer stated that the third quarter sales tax information probably won't be available until mid to late January. Mayor Strack also made a statement in regard to negative attitudes and comments towards City Manager John Brewer recently. Mr. Brewer just recommends to the Council. The Council is the one that is going to make the decisions on what happens...so the Council is really the people in charge of it. He explained that it is John's job to recommend or inform the Council of any problems he foresees. He did foresee this as a problem coming up as a shortfall and properly did what he was supposed to be doing. He notified me and I was the one that made the comment at the Council meeting that we need to look at doing something. Mayor Strack commended John for doing a great job for the City of Corning.

N. ADJOURNMENT!: 6:45 p.m.

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