



**CITY OF CORNING
SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
794 THIRD STREET**

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A. CALL TO ORDER: 5:00 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 except Councilor Linnet.

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:

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: 6:25 p.m.

Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk



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

D. INVOCATION: Led by Mayor Strack.

E. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS:

- 1. Proclamation – October 23-31, 2015 as Red Ribbon Week in the City of Corning.** Tehama County Sheriff's Department Captain David Kain and members of the Tehama County Young Marines were present to accept the Proclamation.
- 2. Proclamation: October 18 – 24, 2015 as Western Open Fiddle Week in the City of Corning.** Tex Ash, Pat Scott and Rich Reynolds were present to accept the Proclamation and performed a few numbers for the Council. They invited everyone to the Western Open Fiddle Championships Kick off Concert on October 22 at 7 p.m. at the Red Bluff Elks Lodge.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Strack reported that Council met in closed session with the City's Labor Negotiator Bill May regarding negotiations for all four Bargaining Units and gave him direction.

F. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Marty Mathisen addressed the Council regarding action taken at the August 11, 2015 City Council Meeting relating to the County Groundwater Sustainability Plan. He disagrees with the action the Council took by relegating the Council's authority to the County and not maintaining at least one vote. He now asks that the City take time to revisit this issue and possibly change their decision and rescind the previous action.

City Manager Brewer stated that the City's action at that time was to become a member of a committee represented as a second layer; however the County Board of Supervisors will make the ultimate decision. Mayor Strack stated that a decision cannot be made on this issue at this time as it is not agendaized; this item would need to be placed on a future agenda for discussion and possible action.

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.

- 3. Waive reading, except by title, of any Ordinance under consideration at this meeting for either introduction or passage, per Government Code Section 36934.**
- 4. Waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the following City Council Meetings with any necessary corrections:**
 - a) August 25, 2015; and**

b) September 22, 2015

5. **October 7, 2015 Claim Warrant - \$498,338.58.**
6. **October 7, 2015 Business License Report.**
7. **September 2015 Wages and Salaries: \$329,900.86**
8. **September 2015 Building Permit Valuation Report: \$ 344,636.75**
9. **September 2015 Treasurer's Report.**
10. **September 2015 City of Corning Wastewater Operations Summary Report.**
11. **Approve Recommendation to prune Street Trees for fiscal-year 2015/2016 next fall.**

Councilor Cardenas asked to have number five pulled for separate action as he will need to abstain from voting on that particular item due to a possible conflict because he is listed on the Claim Warrant. Mayor Strack asked if the Palm tree pruning could be moved to the fall rather than the spring.

Councilor Dickison moved to approve Consent Items 3, 4 and 6 through 11. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Cardenas and Smith. Absent: Linnet. Abstain/Opposed: None. Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote with Linnet absent.**

H. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

5. **October 7, 2015 Claim Warrant - \$498,338.58.**

Councilor Dickison moved to approve Consent Item #5; Councilor Smith seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison and Smith. Abstain: Cardenas. Absent: Linnet. Opposed: None. Motion was approved by a 3-0 vote with Cardenas abstaining and Linnet absent.**

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MEETINGS: None.

J. REGULAR AGENDA:

12. **Appoint "Board of Appeals" Members pursuant to Section 205 of the 1997 Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings.**

City Manager John Brewer stated that this is a result of a request for an "Appeal of Action" by the Building Official. He announced the names of the recommended Board Members; they are local Building Contractors Richard Rezendes, John Eller and Rick Jones.

Councilor Cardenas moved to appoint Richard Rezendes, John Eller and Rick Jones as members of the City of Corning Board of Appeals established pursuant to Section 205 of the 1997 Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Cardenas and Smith. Absent: Linnet. Abstain/Opposed: None. Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote with Linnet absent.**

13. **Approve Contract Task Order No. 1-2015 for Construction Engineering Services with Ed Anderson Engineering in the amount of \$50,000 for the Downtown Streetscape Project.**

Public Works Director Dawn Grine explained that this Task Order is in accordance to a Caltrans requirement relating to the Downtown Streetscape Project. Councilor Dickison moved to approve Contract Task Order No. 1-2015 for Construction Engineering Services with Ed Anderson Engineering in the amount of \$50,000 for the Downtown Streetscape Project. Councilor Cardenas seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Cardenas and Smith. Absent: Linnet. Abstain/Opposed: None. Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote with Linnet absent.**

14. **Approve Addendum to Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Corning Union High School and the City of Corning extending the term of the MOU for the provision of counseling support services to Students in the Corning Union High School District.**

Mayor Strack clarified that this Addendum will extend the existing MOU through September 2016 and is funded by the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program (BCJI) Grant.

Councilor Smith moved to approve the Addendum to extend the term of the MOU with the Corning Union High School District from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016 and authorize the

Mayor to sign the Agreement. Councilor Cardenas seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Cardenas and Smith. Absent: Linnet. Abstain/Opposed: None. Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote with Linnet absent.**

15. Adopt Resolution 10-13-2015-01 authorizing City Fire Chief Martin Spannaus to sign Cooperative Agreement No. 992503 with CAL FIRE for the loan of Federal Excess Personal Property.

Chief Spannaus stated that this is a renewal of an existing contract which provides the Fire Department a tool for obtaining equipment. Councilor Dickison moved to adopt Resolution 10-13-2015-01 authorizing City Fire Chief Martin Spannaus to sign Cooperative Agreement No. 992503 with Cal Fire for the Loan of Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP). Councilor Smith seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Cardenas and Smith. Absent: Linnet. Abstain/Opposed: None. Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote with Linnet absent.**

16. Approve Letter of Support of a Community Services Building for the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians.

Councilor Cardenas briefed the Council on the request from the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians. The tribe has requested a letter of support from the City for their application to the Community Development Block Grant Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages. This application is requesting funding to develop a Community Services Building on tribal lands located south of the City of Corning. Mayor Strack clarified that the property in discussion is the prune orchard on Liberal Avenue.

Councilor Smith moved to approve the proposed letter in support of the Tribe's Community Services Building and authorize the Mayor to sign the letter. Councilor Cardenas seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Cardenas and Smith. Absent: Linnet. Abstain/Opposed: None. Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote with Linnet absent.**

Upon presentation of the letter to Andy Freeman, Chairman of the Nomlaki Tribe who was present in the audience, Mr. Freeman thanked the Council for their support. He then presented the City with a check in the amount of \$8,569 to complete the purchase of 11 Police Officer Body Cameras.

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: Stated she had no meetings to report on. She invited everyone to the 100th Birthday Party Pot Luck being held for her husband Vic on Saturday, October 17th at the Corning Veterans Hall at 4 p.m.

Linnet: Not present tonight because his wife had surgery today.

Cardenas: Announced that Chamber of Commerce Manager Valanne Cardenas is planning to retire in February of 2016.

Smith: Announced that the Senior Center had an awesome week of cleaning and reported on an upcoming event.

Strack: Asked if we can move time up for watering due to darkness and if this could be brought back for any necessary action. He then stated that he would like to initiate some kind of regulations regarding the downtown area.

N. ADJOURNMENT!: 7:10 p.m.