



**CITY OF CORNING  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2008  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
794 THIRD STREET**

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

**B. ROLL CALL:**

**Council:**

**Hill  
Dickison  
Zuniga  
Turner  
Strack**

**Mayor:**

All Council members were present.

**C. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

City Manager Stephen Kimbrough led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**D. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITION'S, APPOINTMENTS:**

- 1. Proclamation – October 18-26, 2008 Fiddle Week in the City of Corning.** Mayor Strack presented the Proclamation to Tex Ash, Co-Chairman of the Western Open Fiddle Championship. Pat Scott, Rich Reynolds and Mr. Ash provided the Council and audience with a short jam session. Mr. Ash announced the concert activities to take place on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at the State Theater in Red Bluff.
- 2. Proclamation – October 16, 2008 “Lights on After School” Day and October 19-25, 2008 as Character Counts Week in the City of Corning.** Mayor Strack presented the Proclamation to Beth Birk, Recreation Specialist with SERRF, Tehama County Department of Education. Ms. Birk announced that this is the 10<sup>th</sup> year for SERRF in Tehama County and informed the public and City Council of the various programs available and their locations.

**E. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Charles Nace addressed the Council regarding the house across the Street and discussed the proposed Variance for this property and its similiarites to his request for an amendment to his existing Variance. He stated that he had received a notice relating to the Planning Commission Public Hearing scheduled on Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Strack informed Mr. Nace that he should attend the Planning Commission Meeting to voice his opinions on this issue.

Nolan Schlereth, CUHS Representative updated the City Council on events happening at the High School. He announced that this week is Homecoming Week and Lissette Azevedo is the Homecoming Queen this year.

**F. 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.

- 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 September 23, 2008 with any necessary corrections.**
- 5. October 8, 2008 Claim Warrant - \$495,541.38.**

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6. **Business License Report – October 8, 2008.**
7. **Treasurer’s Report – September 2008.**
8. **Wages and Salaries –September 2008 - \$335,553.56.**
9. **September 2008 Building Permit Valuation - \$678,576.27.**
10. **Approve Temporary Funding for North and Southbound Entry Signs Adjacent to Interstate 5.**
11. **September 2008 – Southwest Water Company Wastewater Operation Summary Report.**
12. **Authorize Reimbursement of \$140.03 to SHHIP for Over Payment of Strong Motion (Earthquake) Fees.**
13. **Approve Budget Amendment for Animal Control Spay and Neutering Program.**
14. **Accept \$22,205.69 Proposal from Playgrounds by Design, Inc. for the Purchase of Playground Equipment for Woodson Park, and Authorize Expenditure of \$2,794.31 for Concrete Perimeter Curbing and Handicap Accessible Path.**

Consent Items 10 (Strack), 13 (Turner) and 14 (Hill) were removed from Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Councilor Turner motioned approval of Consent Items 3-9, and 11-12. Councilor Hill seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Hill, Dickison, Zuniga and Turner. Opposed: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Motion approved by vote of 5-0.**

**G. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

10. **Approve Temporary Funding for North and Southbound Entry Signs Adjacent to Interstate 5.**

Mayor Strack questioned the wording for the sign and suggested possibly playing-up the Olive Industry and other industries/business located in the City. City Manager Kimbrough informed the Council that the signs have already been ordered, however, if the wording has not been completed it can be stopped.

By Council consensus, the decision was made to hold a Special Joint Public Meeting with the Chamber of Commerce on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. (prior to the regularly scheduled Council Meeting) to discuss other wording alternatives for the signs. City Manager Kimbrough stated that Staff would contact McDaniel signs and stop the sign production until the wording has been resolved.

Councilor Turner motioned to continue discussion of this item to the October 28<sup>th</sup> Special Joint Meeting. There was no second to the motion, therefore motion failed.

Commissioner Zuniga motioned to approve the expenditure as recommended in the Staff Report. Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Hill, Dickison and Zuniga. Opposed: Turner. Absent: None. Abstain: Strack. Motion approved by a 3-1 vote with Strack abstaining.**

By Council consensus a Special Joint Meeting with the Chamber of Commerce was scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. (prior to the regularly scheduled meeting) to discuss the signs.

- 13: **Approve Budget Amendment for Animal Control Spay and Neutering Program.**

Councilor Turner asked if there was any way a cat spay/neuter program could be started to deal with the feral cat situation. He stated that he has received numerous requests for such a

program. Chief Cardenas stated that this particular money could only be used for dogs because of the Grant stipulations. He stated that currently our facilities won't accommodate cats...possibly in the future some type of program could be established should funding be found.

Councilor Hill asked if revenues received under the current program are returned to the program; she was informed that they were. Chief Cardenas stated that the program was originally set up to be self-sufficient.

Councilor Hill motioned to approve a budget amendment to increase the appropriation in account number 072-6300-2200 to \$6,340. Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Hill, Dickison, Zuniga and Turner. Opposed: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Motion approved by vote of 5-0.**

**14. Accept \$22,205.69 Proposal from Playgrounds by Design, Inc. for the Purchase of Playground Equipment for Woodson Park, and Authorize Expenditure of \$2,794.31 for Concrete Perimeter Curbing and Handicap Accessible Path.**

Councilor Hill asked when the playground equipment would be installed. Public Works Director John Brewer stated that weather allowing, the equipment would be installed as soon as received. Councilor Turner asked if the equipment is ADA accessible; Mr. Brewer stated no, that is really not feasible; however access paths to the equipment will be ADA accessible. Mayor Strack asked what would be done with the old equipment, John Brewer stated it would probably be scrapped.

Councilor Hill motioned to accept the \$22,205.69 proposal submitted by Playgrounds By Design, Inc. and purchase the "Summit Crest" playground equipment and rubber matting for Woodson Park from Fund 001-9171-6100; and to authorize expenditure up to \$2,794.31 for installation of concrete curb and accessible path around perimeter of the new equipment area by the City's Concrete Contractor from fund 001-9171-6100. Councilor Zuniga seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Hill, Dickison, Zuniga and Turner. Opposed: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Motion approved by vote of 5-0.**

**H. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MEETINGS:** Any person may speak on items scheduled for hearing at the time the Mayor declares the Hearing open. **ALL LEGAL NOTICES PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.** None

**I. REGULAR AGENDA:** None.

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

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

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

**15. Hill:** Thanked the Council for allowing her to attend the League Conference in Long Beach. She reported on the results of the various Resolutions. She also requested Council approval to hold the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the year for her committee (get from Becky). She stated that it would require Council and Staff support. Mayor Strack asked what the projected cost would be to the City. Councilor Hill stated she would like to see much of the items needed being donated. By Council consensus it was approved.

**16. Dickison:** Reported that the LAFCO meeting was rescheduled to tomorrow and stated that she is unable to attend due to other meeting commitments. She will be attending the Tripartite Board meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

**17. Zuniga:** None

**18. Turner:** None

**19. Strack:** Reported that he will be attending the Tehama County Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for next Tuesday. He also explained the gas tax ratio received by the City and County and the possibility for indexing. He stated that

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although fuel cost have gone up, revenues have remained flat. To be discussed at the meeting is how federal transportation funding will be funded.

**M. ADJOURNMENT!: 8:43 p.m.**

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**Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk**