



**CITY OF CORNING
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
CLOSED SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
794 THIRD STREET**

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A. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 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: 6:31 p.m.

Mayor Strack stated 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.

D. INVOCATION: Led by Mayor Strack.**E. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS:**

1. **Proclamation – Expressing appreciation to Police K-9 OSO for his unwavering dedication and service to the Corning Police Department, his fellow Officers, and the Community upon his retirement.** Mayor Strack presented the Proclamation to K-9 Oso and K-9 Officer (soon to be Police Chief) Jeremiah Fears. City Clerk Lisa Linnet presented OSO with his favorite Jerky.
2. **Presentation – Marketing Presentation provided by Caylyn Brown, Tehama County Economic Development & Jobs Development Coordinator.**
3. **Proclamation – November 1st – November 14th as Veterans of Foreign Wars “2015 Buddy Poppy Sales Days”.** VFW Post 4218 Jr. Vice Commander Dean Blankenship was present to accept the Proclamation. (Because the VFW Post 4218 Representative was delayed, the Proclamations/Presentations schedule listed was rearranged and this Proclamation was presented last.)

F. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Dave Demo spoke regarding the “budget crisis” stating that he feels it is a personal attack on the Volunteer Fire Department. He further stated that he believes it is time to do some downsizing in the Public Works Department explaining that a few years ago a suggestion was made to eliminate the Assistant Public Works Director position, at that time my brother-in-law was employed by the City in that position so I could not support that action. However, he has since retired and therefore I now suggest eliminating this position as the Public Works Director could handle these duties. Mr. Demo further suggested the following:

- Eliminate the position currently held by Tom Watson (Police Administrative Services Manager);
- He announced that the Building Official is speaking about retirement, and due to a reduction in construction, he suggested not filling behind him, but rather having someone on Staff perform this job; and
- He suggested eliminating the Planning Consultant currently under contract also because of the reduced construction and suggested having the new City Manager assume on these duties.

Audience member Susan Price stated that the position of Building Official/Inspector requires specialized training and falls under a Health and Safety requirement.

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.

4. **Waive reading, except by title, of any Ordinance under consideration at this meeting for either introduction or passage, per Government Code Section 36934.**
5. **Waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the October 13 2015 City Council Closed Session and Regular Meeting with any necessary corrections:**
6. **October 21, 2015 Claim Warrant - \$142,812.16.**
7. **October 21, 2015 Business License Report.**
8. **Adopt Resolution 10-27-2015-02 accepting the 2015 California Citizen’s Options for Public Safety Grant.**

Councilman Linnet asked to pull item 8 for further discussion. Councilor Linnet then moved to approve Consent Items 4-7. Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet, Cardenas and Smith. Opposed/Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

H. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

8. Adopt Resolution 10-27-2015-02 accepting the 2015 California Citizen's Options for Public Safety Grant.

Councilor Linnet asked if this was to fund a new position. He was informed that this was funded by a grant and supplies funding for one of our existing Police Officers.

Councilor Linnet moved to adopt Resolution 10-27-2015-02 accepting the funds offered through the Citizen's Options for Public Safety Grant and approve the use of these monies to fund a Police Officer position in the Police Department. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet, Cardenas and Smith. Opposed/Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MEETINGS:

9. Adopt Resolution 10-27-2015-01; A Resolution ordering annexation of Stonefox Ranch Subdivision into Landscaping and Lighting District No. 1 as Zone 2; Gary Bergen.

Public Works Director Dawn Grine briefed the Council on the justification for this Resolution and the history regarding this project. She explained that this was initially formed in 2005 as part of the "Stonefox Ranch Subdivision", formerly known as the Wold Subdivision project, however when the housing market fell, the project was not completed. The property has since been sold and is now moving forward and among the Conditions of Approval for the Tentative Tract Map is the requirement to form or annex into a Landscaping and Lighting District, this is the third and final action required to annex this project into the City's Landscaping and Lighting (L&L) District 1.

Councilor Dickison moved to accept the Engineer's Report for L & L District No. 1, Zone 2 and adopt Resolution 10-27-2015-01, a Resolution annexing the Stonefox Ranch Subdivision into the City of Corning Landscaping and Lighting District No. 1, as Zone 2. Councilor Cardenas seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet, Cardenas and Smith. Opposed/Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

J. REGULAR AGENDA:

10. Clarifying Employment Status of Administrative Assistant to the City Manager.

City Manager Brewer explained that he had met with the City's Personnel Specialist/Labor Negotiator and City Attorney in response to concerns stated by Confidential Administrative Assistant Lisa Linnet in relation her position.

Councilor Smith moved to confirm that the Administrative Assistant is a confidential position and the employee is not "at will", and the City Council will continue its past practice of setting the Administrative Assistant salary after reaching agreement with the Corning Management Association. Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet, Cardenas and Smith. Opposed/Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

11. Accept Final Tract Map 05-1003 for the Stonefox Ranch, Phase 1 Subdivision submitted by Gary Bergen.

Public Works Director Dawn Grine presented this item to the City Council informing them that the project was formerly known as the Wold Subdivision and was approved on June 14, 2005 with 53 Conditions of Approval that must be met prior to approval of the "Final Tract Map" as provided in the City Code and the Subdivision Map Act. She then briefed the Council on the project components, Conditions of Approval and public dedications.

Councilor Cardenas moved to accept the offers for dedication shown on the final Tract Map 05-1003 for the Stonefox Ranch Subdivision, Phase 1 and authorize the City Clerk to certify the acceptance on the final map; and to direct Staff to record final Tract Map 05-1003; Stonefox Ranch, Phase 1 Subdivision. Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet, Cardenas and Smith. Opposed/Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

12. Adopt Resolution 10-27-2015-03, a Resolution Declaring a Public Nuisance on 5 properties within the City and authorizing the Fire Chief to initiate abatement procedures.

Mayor Strack stated he is glad to see staff working on this. Fire Chief Martin Spannaus briefed the Council on the situation and provided pictures of the sites.

Councilor Smith moved to adopt Resolution 10-27-2015-03 declaring that a public nuisance exists on the properties listed on the presented exhibit A, that such conditions are seasonal and recurrent nuisances, and authorize the Fire Chief to initiate abatement procedures on these properties/parcels as outlined in the City's Municipal Code. Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Dickison, Linnet, Cardenas and Smith. Opposed/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).

Dickison: Announced that she was unable to attend any October meetings due to other obligations and she thanked the City for the Proclamation commemorating the 100th birthday of her husband Victor Dickison.

Linnet: Reported on tagging in the City. He also announced the Zombie Run taking place this Saturday, October 31st that starts and ends at Woodson Park.

Cardenas: Announced that "Hometown Hero's" is the theme for the Chamber of Commerce Hometown Christmas this year. They are planning to have a K-9 show.

Smith: Announced that the November Senior Center Activities are: Nov. 2nd - Deviled egg tasting contest; Nov. 4th - Veterans Hall Dinner at 5 p.m. (Special is Krab Looie Salads for \$5), Nov. 5th Alzheimer's Health talk with Elaine, Nov. 5th - Diabetes Support Group, Nov. 9th at 5 p.m. Tostada Bar & Music (\$5 cost), Nov. 12th at 11a.m. Honor Veterans & Flag Dedication, Nov. 23rd at 5 p.m. Super Soup Supper & Music (\$5 Cost), Nov. 23rd at 11 a.m. Thanksgiving Party & lunch (Reservations Required). The Center will be closed on November 26th & 27th.

Daymon Schlereth asked if the City will be doing the landscaping for the previous project; he was informed yes by the City Manager. Mr. Schlereth stated that some of the other projects such as the median between Woodson School and the Salado Orchard Apartments are not being properly maintained. Staff will look into this.

Strack: Announced that the City opened Bids for the Downtown Streetscape Project, 6 Bids were received and they came in lower than projected.

N. ADJOURNMENT!: 7:45 p.m.

Lisa M. Linnet