



**CITY OF CORNING  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2006  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
794 THIRD STREET**

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

**B. ROLL CALL:**

Councilmember:

Hill  
Parkins  
Zuniga  
Dickison  
Strack

Mayor:

All Council members were present except Councilor Parkins.

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

City Manager Kimbrough led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**D. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, APPOINTMENTS:**

**1. Proclamation: October 1, 2006 through October 7, 2006 as 4-H Week in the City of Corning.** (Cindy McClain will be present to accept the Proclamation.)

Cindy McClain, Cole Maclachlan, Dominic Azevedo and Bryce Maclachlan of the Corning 4-H Club were present to accept the Proclamation from City Mayor Gary Strack. Cole, Dominic and Bryce reported on their results at the Tehama County Fair pig sales.

**2. Proclamation: October 12, 2006 as "Lights on After School Day" in the City of Corning.** (Beth Birk, SERF After School Program Recreation Specialist will be present to accept the Proclamation.)

Beth Birk, SERF After School Program Recreation Specialist accepted the Proclamation from City Mayor Gary Strack and updated the Council on the various local activities scheduled to commemorate the Lights on After School Day.

**E. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Walter Dodd addressed the Council regarding Ballot Measure 90 relating to Imminent Domain, he recommends a "No" vote on this measure when voting on November 7, 2006.

**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 12, 2006 City Council Meeting with any necessary corrections.**

**5. August 16, 2006 Claim Warrant - \$101,597.62.**

**6. Business License Report – September 26, 2006.**

**7. Recommend Appointment of Marilyn Bright to the Corning Library Commission.**

**8. Tract Map 05-1001; Accept Public Improvements and Partial Release of Financial Security; Monroe and Alan Wingate.**

**9. Public Works Request to Seek Bids for a New Loader/Backhoe.**

Mayor Strack introduced each item by title and stated that the minutes of the September 12, 2006 meeting were not yet available therefore Consent Item No. 4 would be pulled from the Consent Agenda for acceptance at the October 10, 2006 meeting. With no further discussion on the remaining items, Councilor Hill motioned approval of Consent Agenda Items 3, and Items 5 through 9. Councilor Zuniga seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Hill, Dickison and Zuniga. Opposed: None. Absent/Abstain: Parkins. Motion was approved by a vote of 4-0 with Parkins absent.**

**G. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.**

**H. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MEETINGS: None.**

**I. REGULAR AGENDA:**

City Manager Kimbrough requested to add item "Declare Police Department Vehicle as Surplus and Authorize Disposal" to the Regular Agenda as Item No. 15. This item arose after the posting of the Agenda and requires immediate action due to time constraints. Councilor Hill

motioned to add the item to the Consent Agenda and Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Hill, Dickison and Zuniga. Opposed: None. Absent/Abstain: Parkins. Motion was approved by a vote of 4-0 with Parkins absent.**

**10. Approve Salary Range for Office Assistant II Position.**

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title and then asked City Manager Kimbrough to give a brief explanation of the item and proposed salary. Mr. Kimbrough explained the methodology for setting the pay rate and stated that the position would provide no City benefits, the only benefits available for this position would be Social Security. Mayor Strack confirmed that this position would be advertised, Mr. Kimbrough stated that it would. With no other discussion, Councilor Hill motioned to accept the proposed salary range as presented and Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Hill, Dickison and Zuniga. Opposed: None. Absent/Abstain: Parkins. Motion was approved by a vote of 4-0 with Parkins absent.**

**11. Vehicle Replacement – Public Works Pickup Truck.**

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title and then asked the City Manager to give a brief explanation of the item. City Manager Kimbrough stated this item proposes to give the Public Works Director's truck to the Building Official rather than replacing it, and provide the Public Works Director a \$400 monthly vehicle allowance to compensate him for use of his personal vehicle. He explained the financial savings to the City in vehicle repairs, maintenance, and insurance, not to mention the initial purchase of another vehicle to the City. Mr. Kimbrough stated that the yearly cost to the City would be \$4,800 would be effective as of September 1, 2006. Mayor Strack stated that this is currently done for the Police Chief and confirmed that the same Agreement would be used for the Public Works Director. With no further discussion Councilor Hill motioned to approve a \$400 monthly car allowance for the Director of Public Works in full compensation for his use of his personal vehicle on City Business and authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to prepare the associated Use Agreement. Councilor Zuniga seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Hill, Dickison and Zuniga. Opposed: None. Absent/Abstain: Parkins. Motion was approved by a vote of 4-0 with Parkins absent.**

**12. Request for Full-Time Community Officer (CSO).Position:**

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title and then asked City Manager Kimbrough to provide a brief explanation of the item. Mr. Kimbrough stated that the Police Department has offered to assume the Public Nuisance Code Enforcement if another full-time Community Service Officer position is added to the Department. Should this be approved, the Department would then have two full-time Community Service Officer positions with full benefits and two part-time positions with no City benefits. Councilor Dickison questioned an omission on the staff report related to the salary range of the full-time CSO and an hourly rate increase. City Manager Kimbrough stated that no salary increase is requested at this time. Councilor Hill asked the current number of full-time and part-time CSO's; she was informed currently there are one full-time CSO and three part-time CSO's.

Councilor Hill suggested that since mid year budget is only a few months away, possibly the existing CSO (Taitia Dawley) could assume the Public Nuisance Code Enforcement and transfer the existing animal control duties to the part-time CFO's and see how that works out and evaluate this item again during mid year budget. Councilor Zuniga stated that having the existing CSO assume these additional duties might be an overload. Councilor Dickison questioned whether the County was taking over vehicle abatement; she was informed no.

With no further discussion, Councilor Zungia motioned authorization of the addition of one full-time Community Service Officer Position to the Police Department budget and a reduction in part-time CSO's from three to two, and concurrence with the City Manager and Police Chief's plan to conduct Public Nuisance Code Enforcement through the Police Department. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hill. **Ayes: Strack, Hill, Dickison and Zuniga. Opposed: None. Absent/Abstain: Parkins. Motion was approved by a vote of 4-0 with Parkins absent.**

**13. Request City Support for Veteran's Day Parade.**

Mayor Strack introduced this item and City Manager Kimbrough explained that the support requested was for street closure and traffic control. Members of the Council voiced their support of the event. Councilor Hill motioned to acknowledge the Veteran's Day Parade as a Community Event and authorize City support of the event. Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Hill, Dickison and Zuniga. Opposed: None. Absent/Abstain: Parkins. Motion was approved by a vote of 4-0 with Parkins absent.**

**14. Approve Resolution No. 09-26-06-01 Making The Alley between Houghton Avenue and Fairview Avenue, North of Solano Street a One-Way Alley West Bound and Reaffirming City Code Section 10.60.010 Designated.**

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title and briefly explained the request. He stated that he wasn't sure this was a good idea, however after talking to City Engineer Ed Anderson and Public Works Director Tom Russ he is now in favor of the Resolution making this alley one-way. Councilor Dickison stated that she often utilizes this alley from both directions for access to the Cozy Cow Restaurant and during community events such as parades when many of the side roads are closed.

With little more discussion, Councilor Hill motioned approval of Resolution No. 09-26-06-01 designating the alley between Houghton Avenue and Fairview Avenue, north of Solano Street a One-Way Alley west bound. Councilor Zuniga seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Hill, Dickison and Zuniga. Opposed: None. Absent/Abstain: Parkins. Motion was approved by a vote of 4-0 with Parkins absent.**

**15. Declare Police Department Vehicle as Surplus and Authorize Disposal.**

City Manager Kimbrough briefly explained that the police department recommends the retirement and removal of vehicles 206 and 201. He stated that the next Orland Public Auto Auction is October 7, 2006, and in order to include these vehicles in this auction a decision would need to be made tonight, which is why Staff requested the addition of this item to this Agenda. With no other discussion Councilor Hill motioned to declare vehicles 206 and 201 as surplus property and authorize disposal by sale through the Orland Public Auto Auction. Councilor Zuniga seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Hill, Dickison and Zuniga. Opposed: None. Absent/Abstain: Parkins. Motion was approved by a vote of 4-0 with Parkins absent.**

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

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

L. **REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS:**

16. **Hill:** Reported on the Hospital District meetings stating that going into negotiations on the Migrant Head Start was defeated.

17. **Parkins:** Absent.

18. **Zuniga:** None.

19. **Dickison:** Reported that the Agenda and Minutes of the Tripartite Board meeting and LAFco meeting has been given to the City Clerk and she will distribute.

20. **Strack:** Nothing.

M. **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:** 8:09 p.m.

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION:**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957:

N. **RECONVENE AND REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION:**

Council met in Closed Session and gave the City Manager his periodic evaluation.

O. **ADJOURNMENT!** 9:17 p.m.

**/s/ Lisa M. Linnet**

**Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk**