



# City of Corning

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## THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
FROM: KRISTINA MILLER, CITY MANAGER  
DATE: May 31, 2019

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### **CITY MANAGER:**

#### **FY 2019/2020 Budget:**

Roy Seiler and I met on Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup> to finalize the proposed FY 2019/20 budget. \$190,800 is being proposed to be transferred from Measure A (Fund 002) to the General Fund to balance the budget. Measure A will also fund capital replacement fund reserves for the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments totaling \$609,197, along with \$75,000 for park projects, \$150,000 for street projects, \$11,000 for the grant match for the development of an Opportunity Zone Prospectus, and \$75,000 for economic development projects. Per the respective Memorandum of Understandings, the budget includes a 1.5% pay increase effective the first pay period in July 2019 for Miscellaneous, Management, and Dispatch Bargaining Unit Employees. Public Safety Employees received a 2% pay increase the first pay period of January 2019.

#### **Proposition 68 Park Development and Community Revitalization Grant:**

Staff are proceeding with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis and appraisals for the proposed properties that will be purchased should the grant be awarded, as well as other work related to the grant. The next Community Meeting will be held June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m. at the Corning City Council Chambers, where community members will choose recreation amenities to include within the Recreation Center, along with art, beautification, landscaping, and shade structures.

#### **Shelter Services Agreement with the County of Tehama:**

The City Council approved the Shelter Services Agreement at the May 28<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. The Agreement will be considered for approval by the Tehama County Board of Supervisors on June 4<sup>th</sup>. If the Agreement is approved by the Tehama County Board of Supervisors, beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> impounded dogs will have to be picked up in Red Bluff. Some fees assessed to the public will need to be increased. As a result, the outdated and flood prone Corning Animal shelter will close. The County of Tehama will also assume the responsibility of dog licensing. Dog licensing can be processed via the mail or in person in Red Bluff.

#### **Swim Lessons for Corning Schools 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders:**

The City held swim lessons for every 2<sup>nd</sup> grader in Corning schools the week of May 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> amounting to 9 classes total each day. It was cold and we had to cancel one day again this year due to rain, but the kids were troopers. I am super proud of the progress the kids made this week. Thank you to everyone who contributed to make this wonderful program happen (Superintendent and his Secretary, the Teachers & Aides, Parents, Bus Drivers, City Recreation Coordinator, PE Teacher & Pool Manager, City Public Works Crew Members, City Council & Admin Staff, Lifeguards, and most importantly the students), it really takes a team to pull this off. We are saving lives.

### **Proposed Water, Sewer, and Garbage Rate Increases:**

The City Council at the May 28<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting directed Staff to schedule Public Hearings to consider implementing a 7.0% annual rate increase for the next four (4) years for water; and five (5) separate annual sewer rate increases of 3.0% (amounts to an \$1.16 per month increase for residential). Staff also sought Council direction to schedule a Public Hearing for a garbage rate increase of 4.07%, which amounts to \$0.93 per month for 96-gallon residential cart service. Should the Council not approve the rate increases for water services as proposed, the Water Enterprise Fund **will continue to not be solvent** as we are currently pulling more than \$100,000 each year from our capital reserves, and the City **will not be in compliance** with our rate covenant, as part of the 2017 refunding of the City's water and sewer debt. Should the Council not approve the rate increases for sewer as proposed, the Sewer Enterprise Fund **will not be solvent beginning in FY 2019/2020**, and the City will have to pull from Sewer Capital Reserves to balance the budget, and larger rate increases will need to occur at a later date. The garbage rate increase proposed is consistent with the current rate increase allowed within the Agreement with Waste Management.

### **Meetings/Events:**

**July 16<sup>th</sup>, August 20<sup>th</sup>, and October 8<sup>th</sup>:** Food Truck Tuesday event from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Solano Street between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets.

### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

#### **Fairview and Elizabeth Streets Project:**

The Contractor SnL Group, Inc. has been actively working on the Street Project, working on both streets simultaneously. The new curb and gutter are scheduled to be completed this week and paving to soon follow. They are still on schedule to complete the project by mid-June.

#### **Community Events:**

- The Corning Chamber of Commerce will be starting the weekly Farmers Market on Thursday nights from 5-8 p.m. at Northside Park on June 6<sup>th</sup>.
- The Corning Junior Rodeo is this weekend with the Mixer and Queen night on Friday May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and the Rodeo on Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 5:00pm.

#### **Swimming Pool:**

- This week and next week the local Schools will be hosting their end of year parties at the Swimming Pool.
- The Pool will be open to the public starting June 10<sup>th</sup> and will remain open until August 9<sup>th</sup>. See the City website for the Pool Schedule.
- Swim Lesson Sign-up's will be occurring June 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

#### **Patrol:**

In addition to responding to 210 calls for service, a total of 35 officer reports were taken and there were 163 officer-initiated incidents, including 82 traffic stops. Officers made 16 misdemeanor and 6 felony arrests. Officers issued 38 citations, of which; 17 were misdemeanors, 1 were animal, 7 were parking and 13 were infractions during the period of May 22, 2019 through May 29, 2019.

#### **Training:**

Officers continue to participate in POST Portal Training and Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. Other POST on-line training continues for Patrol and Dispatch personnel. Two Officers attended a CART Training.

**“There are no limits to what you can accomplish, except the limits you place on your own thinking”**

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

### **Corning Volunteer Fire Department Call Volume:**

The Corning Volunteer Fire Department responded to 14 calls for service last week; they consisted of 8 medicals, 3 mutual traffic collisions and 3 public service.

### **Orland Volunteer Fire Department Call Volume:**

The Orland Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to 15 calls for service last week, they consisted of 6 medicals, 4 fires, 3 traffic collisions, 1 investigation and 1 public service.

### **Capay Volunteer Fire Department Call Volume:**

The Capay Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to 1 fire last week.

### **Training:**

Training for the Corning Volunteer Fire Department consisted of 23 Volunteers working on changing over Engine 12 and training on the filling and application of foam in the new Engine.

**Grass is drying up, please take care in mowing it soon.**