



**CITY OF CORNING
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
794 THIRD STREET**

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

B. ROLL CALL:

Council:

**Darlene Dickison
Dave Linnet
Jose "Chuy" Valerio
Robert Snow
Douglas Hatley Jr.**

Mayor:

All members of the City Council were present.

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

D. INVOCATION: Led by Mayor Hatley.

E. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS:

1. **Proclamation: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 as Tehama County Peace Officers' Memorial Day.** Present to accept the Proclamation was Police Chief Jeremiah Fears of the Corning Police Department. Chief Fears stated that the Corning Police Department will participate in the 23rd Annual Tehama County Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony at 7 p.m. on May 17th at the High Point Assembly Church in Red Bluff. This event honors those California Peace Officers who gave their lives in the line of duty in 2016.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Restore Program Coordinator Ric Schoon introduced and recognized Program Graduate Bridget Ramirez. Ms. Ramirez stated some of the things she most liked about the Program, specifically the Hope Haven Farm north of Corning. Mr. Schoon also introduced a two Mentors associated with the Program.

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.

2. **Waive reading, except by title, of any Ordinance under consideration at this meeting for either introduction or passage, per Government Code Section 36934.**
3. **Waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the April 25, 2017 regular City Council Meeting with any necessary corrections. (Removed from this Agenda – to be presented at the May 23, 2017 Meeting).**
4. **May 3, 2017 Claim Warrant - \$191,877.27.**
5. **May 3, 2017 Business License Report.**
6. **April 2017 Wages & Salaries: \$333,059.76.**
7. **April 2017 Treasurer's Report.**
8. **April 2017 Building Permit Valuation Report in the amount of \$191,157.55.**
9. **April 2017 City of Corning Wastewater Operations Summary Report.**
10. **Authorize Public Works to seek Proposals for Fuel, Asphalt, Gravel, Oil/Grease for July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020.**

Councilor Linnet moved to approve Consent Items 2-10; Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Hatley, Dickison, Linnet, Valerio and Snow. Absent/Abstain/Opposed: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

H. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

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I. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MEETINGS:

11. Public Hearing and Action on Request for Disposal Service CPI Rate Increase of 0.36%.

This item was presented by City Manager Kristina Miller who explained that the increase results in \$0.08 per month for 96-gallon roller carts and \$0.04 cents for Senior Citizen 32-gallon roller carts.

Mayor Hatley opened the Public Hearing at 6:43 p.m. One resident stated his opposition to the rate increase. He stated his belief that it has increased every year and stated that because the service is mandatory and suggested that possibly if companies competed for the Agreement to provide the service the City could obtain a lower rate. With no further comments, Mayor Hatley closed the Public Hearing at 6:44 p.m.

Councilor Dickison moved to, having conducted the Public Hearing and received all protests, approve the proposed disposal service rate increase of 0.36%, as shown on the rate schedule attached as Exhibit "C", to be effective May 10, 2017. This rate increase equates to an additional \$0.08 (Residential) per month, and \$0.04 per month (Senior). Commissioner Valerio seconded the motion. **Ayes: Hatley, Dickison, Linnet, Valerio and Snow. Absent/Abstain/Opposed: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

J. REGULAR AGENDA:

12. Award Repair/Replacement of the Blackburn House Hail Damaged Roofs to Hinkle Roofing in the Amount of \$22,580.00.

Public Works Director Dawn Grine presented this item.

With little discussion, Councilor Snow moved to:

1. Award Repair/Replacement of the Blackburn House Roof to Hinkle Roofing for the amount of \$22,580 to be funded from budget line number 620-6810-3500 – Building Maintenance; and
2. Appropriate \$23,000 from 001- General Fund to the project.

Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Hatley, Dickison, Linnet, Valerio and Snow. Absent/Abstain/Opposed: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

13. Direction Regarding Feral Cat Problem.

City Manager Miller presented information related to this item. City Attorney Jody Burgess presented the City Council with possible liability issues/problems that the City could incur relating to euthanasia or a Spay/Neuter Program.

Sharon Novak (audience member) stated the steps she has taken utilizing a trap/spay/neuter program and stated she believes it has been successful. She recommends tagging/notching the ear of the animals to verify that they have been spayed/neutered. She suggested initiating a community meeting and a licensing program for cats and cat feeders. She confirmed with Chief Fears that the City has no program currently in place for the cats. She also strongly suggested not doing anything for free. She stated that feeding in the alleys is a large part of the problem.

Another gentleman stated that he and his wife have considered moving out of the town due to the cat population surrounding his property. He also stated that cats kill other rodents, birds, lizards, etc. which could affect the flora and cats also destroy property. He suggested initiating a public bounty for feral cats. Another resident stated that she has taken it upon herself to spay/neutered over 400 cats and tagged/notched their ears. She reiterated that feeding feral cats is a large part of the problem. She believes that a group can be formulated and that the problem can be brought under control.

Sue Eisenger (audience member) stated that the cat population is dire and supports a TNR (Trap, Neuter/Spay and Release) Program. She stated that the people of this town do a great job with dogs however we have to take care of the cat problem now. She stated she would like to see the City adopt a No Kill Policy in relation to cats.

A member of an advocacy Program (PETS) offered their services with a TNR (Trap, Neuter/Spay and Release) Program. Another individual stated that utilizing the trap/spay/neuter and release effort they have been able to neutralize the cat population in her neighborhood for two years.

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Councilor Linnet reiterated that the City is not putting a "Kill Policy" in place as has been stated on social media/Facebook. Mayor Hatley stated that this was an informational item only. A decision is not being made tonight; the City Council and City Staff are looking for ideas on how to deal with the existing problem...this is an informational study item.

Councilor Valerio suggested citing individuals that are alley feeding. He also stated that false information should not be placed on social media.

Councilor Snow stated that he believes that the City needs to put a Policy/Program in place, possibly a TNR Program.

Councilor Linnet suggested directing the City Manager in looking into budgeting possibly \$2,500 for dealing with this issue and to research possible grants and Veterinarians that would possibly work with the City on a TNR Program. This direction was given by consensus of the Council.

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: Reported she would be attending the Senior Center Meeting tomorrow morning and next week the Tripartite Community Action Meeting. She also provided information on the City's Museum Raffle Fund Raiser.

Linnet: Reported that the JPA Executive Council (Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency) meeting was held last Thursday and on June 3rd there will be a Tire Pick-up across the street (limited to 9) and there will be a mattress pick-up the 2nd Friday of every month. He also stated that there has been a lot of tagging recently.

Valerio: Reported on his attendance at the Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting at which they discussed plans for the upcoming Olive Festival.

Snow: Nothing.

Hatley: Nothing.

N. ADJOURNMENT!: 7:50 p.m.

Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk