

THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: KRISTINA MILLER, CITY MANAGER
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CITY MANAGER:

COVID-19:

Paycheck Protection Program:

The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) provides loans to help businesses keep their workforce employed during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis. Borrowers may be eligible for PPP Loan forgiveness. In order to reach the smallest businesses, the United States Small Business Administration will offer PPP loans to businesses with fewer than 20 employees and sole proprietors only from Wednesday, February 24 through Wednesday, March 10, 2021. President Biden has also announced additional program changes to make access to PPP loans more equitable. More information can be found by visiting the Small Business Administration website at <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program>.

Vaccines are still in short supply. As a result, those at high risk of exposure and those 65 or older are the priority for vaccinations right now. You can find out if you are able to get a vaccination right now and schedule your vaccination by accessing **MyTurn**: <https://myturn.ca.gov/>. If you do not have access to the internet you may call **1(833) 422-4255**.

Please use public health practices to keep yourself and others safe; wear face coverings, wash your hands, social distance, and meet outdoors as much as possible.

Annual Financial Statements:

The City's annual financial statements were presented at the February 23rd City Council meeting. The Total General Fund "Fund Balance" on June 30, 2020 was \$3,724,365 equating to 8.09 months of operating expenditures, based on reported fiscal year 2019-2020 expenditures. Management is exceeding its goal of six (6) months of operating expenditures.

Mid-Year Budget Review:

While revenue is still down from previous years, the financial impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic are not as significant as originally projected thanks to auto sales remaining strong and the Wayfair Decision. Prior to the Wayfair Decision and the Marketplace Facilitators Act, internet sellers only had to collect sales tax if they had employees or property in the State. The Wayfair Decision is increasing the amount of sales tax received by the City, offsetting losses in fuel sales tax. The total of these general fund revenue adjustments amounts to a projected increase by \$637,000 at year's end.

Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget Development and Capital Improvement Plans:

Department Heads will be preparing their Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) adjustments for internal review and consideration. The Plans are due by April 12th. I will begin meeting with Department Heads regarding their respective budgets and CIP on April 12th.

Annual Report as part of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate:

The annual report of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate required by the issuance of the 2017 Water and Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds was submitted.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Wastewater Treatment Plant Transfer Switch Update:

The manual transfer switch has been installed and is functioning properly. In the case of a power outage Staff can now manually transfer to generator and can keep the WWTP functioning. The automatic transfer switch has been ordered and will be installed once delivered. The manual transfer switch will remain in place as a backup switch in the case that the automatic does not operate in the future.

Water Service Repairs:

Staff is aware of the water leak on Toomes Avenue. A USA has been called in and once it has been marked Staff will perform the repair.

Vandalism:

The play equipment at Northside Park was vandalized this week. Staff is working on repairing the damage.

Public Works New Hire:

The City's recently hired Meter Reader/Maintenance Worker, Michael Hill started on Monday, February 22nd. Congratulations Michael and welcome aboard!

POLICE DEPARTMENT:**Patrol:**

In addition to responding to 177 calls for service, a total of 30 officer reports were taken and there were 141 officer-initiated incidents, including 56 traffic stops. Officers made 9 misdemeanor and 1 felony arrests. Officers issued 19 citations, of which; 7 were misdemeanors, 2 were infractions, and 10 were parking during the period of February 17, 2021 through February 24, 2021.

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.

Notice:

For the health and safety of our Citizens, Officers, Dispatchers, and Staff our lobby will remain closed due to COVID 19. Please use the intercom system at the lobby door if you need our assistance.

“You only fail when you stop trying.”

FIRE DEPARTMENT:**Corning Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD) Call Volume:**

The Corning Volunteer Fire Department responded to 21 calls for service last week, they consisted of: 18 medicals, 2 fires, and 1 public service.

The Orland, Capay, Artois, Glenn Cadora, Ord Bend, and Butte City Volunteer Fire Department Call Volumes:

The Orland, Capay, Artois, Glenn Cadora, Ord Bend, and Butte City Volunteer Fire Departments were dispatched to a combined total of 18 calls for service last week, they consisted of: 16 medicals and 2 fires.

“I’m a great believer in luck and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it.” Thomas Jefferson