

## THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES



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

#### **COVID-19 Updates:**

According to Tehama County Public Health, there are currently 1,967 Tehama County residents in isolation. There have been 44 deaths, with 3 deaths occurring in the last 14 days. 17 individuals are currently hospitalized, and one ICU bed is available in Tehama County.

Information about the vaccine distribution plan can be found at:

<https://www.tehamacohealthservices.net/covid-19/covid-vaccine/>

To sign up for a vaccine register at: <https://www.tehamacohealthservices.net/covid-19/covid-vaccine/>. If you already called or emailed a vaccination request, please do not recontact Tehama County Public Health. They have received more than 8,000 requests for appointments in the last week and it will take some time to respond to all.

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

#### **Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Funds Rounds 2 and 3:**

There will be a public hearing to discuss how the CDBG CV-2 CV-3 funds should be allocated on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Based on initial outreach and analysis of options available, the following suggestions are provided:

1. Provide additional funding to the Business Technical Assistance Program, Economic Development Program; and
2. Provide funding for utility assistance payments for those impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic. The City is experiencing a significant amount of bad debt due to its inability to perform water shutoffs. Utilizing a portion of the funding to assist residents and businesses impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic with utility payments, may allow the City to forego future rate increases due to there being over \$100,000 in bad debt.

#### **On-Bill Financing Agreements with Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E):**

AirCon Energy was able to receive final certifications for the energy efficiency improvements from Pacific Gas and Electric. As authorized by the City Council, I signed the On-bill Financing Agreements with PG&E. The City will receive \$354,669 less down payment costs as a reimbursement for its upfront costs with AirCon Energy. The costs of the improvements will be repaid through a 10-year, 0% interest On-Bill Financing Loan Program through PG&E. The energy savings will fund the cost of these improvements. This program allowed the following improvements to be made:

- Replacement/Upgrading critical HVAC Systems/Heaters at City Hall, the Police Station and Fire Department, Museum, and City Corporation Yard;
- Lighting Retrofit with LED Lighting, the Police Station, Museum, Library, Transportation Center, City Corporation Yard, Fire Department, Wastewater Treatment Plant, City Pool, and Well Pump sites; and
- Replacement of three Well Pump Motors.

#### **Annual Debt Transparency Report:**

California Government Code Section 8855(k) requires State and local issuers to submit an Annual Debt Transparency Report for any issue of debt for which they have submitted a Report

of Final Sale on or after January 21, 2017. The Annual Debt Transparency Report is due to CDIAC within seven (7) months of the close of each reporting period which is defined as July 1 through June 30 annually. Issuers will continue to submit an Annual Debt Transparency Report to CDIAC on or before January 31st of each year until the later date on which the debt is no longer outstanding or the proceeds of the issue have been fully spent. The Annual Debt Transparency Report for the water and sewer refinancing was completed and submitted.

### **3rd Quarter 2020 Sales Tax Update:**

I met with Hinderliter de Llamas, the City's sales tax consultants on January 21<sup>st</sup>. I will incorporate a full update in the Mid-Year Budget Review. As a result of Assembly Bill 147 (AB 147) (which requires marketplace facilitators such as Amazon to pay use taxes even though they do not have a physical presence in the State), the amount the City is receiving into the County Pool has increased significantly as this new revenue is received. Also, auto sales significantly increased during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Both AB 147 and auto sales have offset much of the losses in sales tax receipts from the Pandemic in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2020. This is good news.

### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

#### **Leaf Pick Up:**

The crew will continue leaf pick up as time allows. Leaf piles must not have branches, brush or other debris or they will not be removed. As the wet weather approaches please make sure leaves are not blocking gutters preventing water flow.

#### **Airport Security Fence Project:**

The electric gate has been installed at the Airport. The Contractor and Design Consultant is working on the as-built plans and the completion report to submit to the FAA for project acceptance.

#### **Community Park Fitness Stations:**

All fitness stations have been installed and are ready to use at Community Park. Thank You Public Works Staff for all your hard work to make this happen!

### **RECREATION/PLANNING DEPARMENTS:**

#### **PLANNING:**

##### **City Zoning Code Update:**

The Planning Commission Zoning Code Update meeting had to be cancelled until February as we needed clarification on a few items. Consultant Scott Friend from ECORP Consulting, will be assisting with this.

##### **Projects:**

Diamond Plaza continues to move forward with their CEQA documents and there has been some movement on the Corning Crossroads Development.

#### **RECREATION:**

##### **Winter Recreation Programs:**

The City's Winter Recreation Program is up to 90 youth enrolled, some classes started this week, and some are scheduled to start next week.

##### **Prop 68 Round 4 Grant Applications:**

Staff is working on getting the Prop 68 Round 4 Grant applications submitted. We have quotes for updated appraisals and will be working with Diaz and associates to complete the CEQA documents.

### **POLICE DEPARMENT:**

#### **Patrol:**

In addition to responding to 146 calls for service, a total of 26 officer reports were taken and there were 120 officer-initiated incidents, including 50 traffic stops. Officers made 4

misdeemeanor and 5 felony arrests. Officers issued 16 citations, of which; 5 were misdemeanors, 6 were infractions, and 5 were parking during the period of January 13, 2021 through January 20, 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.

**“Out of difficulties grow miracles.”**

**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: 15 medicals, 2 fires, 2 mutual aid fires, 1 public service, and 1 investigation.

**The Orland, Capay, Artois, Bayless, Glenn Codora, and Butte City Volunteer Fire Department Call Volumes:**

The Orland, Capay, Artois, Bayless, Glenn Codora, and Butte City Volunteer Fire Departments were dispatched to a combined total of 28 calls for service last week, they consisted of: 14 medicals, 2 fires, 5 mutual aid fires, 5 traffic collisions, 1 public service, and 1 investigation.

**Chiefs Message:**

Please be sure to have a Permit and check to see that it is a burn day before burning yard and tree trimmings. Burn barrels are banned and there is no burning of trash.