



**CITY OF CORNING
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
794 THIRD STREET**

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

B. ROLL CALL:

Council:

**Dave Demo
Karen Burnett
Shelly Hargens
Jose "Chuy" Valerio
Robert Snow**

Mayor:

All members of the City Council were present.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by the City Manager

D. INVOCATION: Led by Councilor Burnett.

E. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS:

1. **Proclamation: May 2021 as Older Americans Month.** Elaine Benwell from Corning Healthcare District Elder Services was present to accept the Proclamation.
2. **Presentation: PG&E Community Wildfire Safety Program Presentation** by Ayla Tucker, Government Relations Representative.
3. **Presentation: City of Corning 2020 Police Department Presentation** by Police Chief Jeremiah Fears.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Fire Chief Tomlinson responded to the issue of the flagpole at the Veterans Memorial Hall and stated that he had inspected it and explained that it is not good. He stated that there will be a meeting on Thursday morning with the County to discuss this and certain other building issues at the Hall.

G. CONSENT AGENDA:

4. **Waive reading, except by title, of any Ordinance under consideration at this meeting for either introduction or passage, per Government Code Section 36934.**
5. **Waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the following meetings with any necessary corrections.**
 - a. **April 13, 2021 City Council Meeting; and**
 - b. **April 15, 2021 Special City Council Meeting.**
6. **April 21, 2021 Claim Warrant in the amount of \$158,295.18.**
7. **April 2021 Business License Report.**

Councilor Valerio moved to approve Consent Items 4-7; Councilor Demo seconded the motion. **Ayes: Snow, Demo, Burnett, Valerio, and Hargens. Absent/Abstain/Opposed: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

H. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MEETINGS:

8. **PUBLIC HEARING – Adopt Resolution 04-27-2021-01 authorizing the recording of Resolution 04-27-2021-01 and attached Notice of Lien for Delinquent and Uncollected Water and/or Sewer Fees in the amount of \$1,172.14 on property located at 1186 Link Street, APN: 071-231-003-000.**

Presented by City Manager Kristina Miller. The Public Hearing opened at 7:27 p.m.; with no comments the Public Hearing was closed at 7:27 p.m.

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Councilor Demo moved to adopt Resolution 04-27-2021-01 and authorize the City Clerk to record a tax Lien in the amount of \$1,172.14 for delinquent water and/or sewer service on the property listed on attached exhibit "A". The motion was seconded by Councilor Burnett. **Ayes: Snow, Demo, Burnett, Valerio, and Hargens. Absent/Abstain/Opposed: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

J. REGULAR AGENDA:

9. Authorize the Fire Chief to submit a Rural Fire Capacity (RFC) Program Application with CALFIRE and approve Grant Match Funding in the amount of \$2,495.

Presented by Fire Chief Tom Tomlinson who stated that the Grant name has been changed this year, however it is basically the same Grant as issued in previous years and explained how the funds would be used.

Councilor Demo moved to authorize the Fire Chief to sign and submit a Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Application with CALFIRE and approve the 50% grant match funding from the Safety Item/Fire Fund 001-6552-2300 in the amount of \$2,495. Councilor Hargens seconded the motion. **Ayes: Snow, Demo, Burnett, Valerio, and Hargens. Absent/Abstain/Opposed: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

K. ITEMS PLACED ON THE AGENDA FROM THE FLOOR: None.

L. COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND INFORMATION:

Announcement that the Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner is May 22nd at the Corning Veterans Memorial Hall at 5:30 p.m.

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).

Demo: Reported that he had no meetings.

Burnett: Reported that tomorrow the Corning Senior Center, along with Empower Tehama will be having a drive through Denim Days Event between 11:00 and 1:00 p.m.

Hargens: Reported on the Community Action Agency Tripartite Board Meeting.

Valerio: Spoke about the upcoming Chamber Dinner.

Snow: No Meetings.

City Manager Miller asked to reopen the Public Comment Period. Once opened, she stated that because the City is not able to recover water debt, the City may be out of compliance with our Covenants of the City's water loan which could therefore result in a potential water rate increase. However, the City is exploring other avenues through the various COVID grants to recover funds from delinquent water/sewer accounts.

Jerry Lequia thanked Chief Tomlinson for responding to his request from the last meeting and inspecting the Veterans Hall. He encouraged all that can to attend the morning meeting at the Vets Hall on Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

N. ADJOURNMENT!: 7:36 p.m.

Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk