



**CITY OF CORNING
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2020
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
794 THIRD STREET**

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A. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 P.M.

B. ROLL CALL:

Council:

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

Mayor:

Douglas Hatley Jr.

All members were present except Councilor Valerio, Councilor Demo was present via Zoom.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

D. REGULAR AGENDA:

1. Approve the City of Corning Small Business Grant Program Guidelines, the Professional Services Agreement with 3CORE for administration of the Grant Program, and the associated Agreement Scope of Work.

Presented by City Manager Miller who stated that at the previous City Council meeting she was directed to create guidelines for the CARES Act Grant funds in the amount of \$94,085 to aid City businesses.

She stated that what is being proposed is somewhat different from what Council directed and she explained why, explaining that she had went back and calculated the timeframe that each business/industry was closed per the State Mandates. When doing so, the result was that almost every business in the City was closed for approximately a minimum of one month. Therefore, in keeping with what she believed to be Councils direction; and following a discussion with two members of the Council to confirm what is believed to be the intent, modifications were made.

She stated that if approved by the City Council, 3CORE would fully administer the Program with some assistance by Council at a NTE cost of \$6,215. The reason for the lower cost to administer the Program is because the City would be piggybacking on the Butte County Program. She then stated the estimated application period and deadlines as well as explaining the three Priorities/criteria to qualify for grant selection. She concluded by listing those business types that would not be eligible to apply.

Councilor Snow moved to approve the proposed Professional Services Agreement with 3CORE in the amount not to exceed \$6,215 and approve the City's Small Business Grant Program and Program Guidelines. Councilor Burnett seconded the motion. **Ayes: Hatley, Snow, Burnett, and Demo. Absent: Valerio. Opposed/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote with Valerio absent.** Councilor Snow then moved to cover the grant administration costs out of the City's General Fund Reserves. Councilor Burnett seconded the motion. **Ayes: Hatley, Snow, Burnett, and Demo. Absent: Valerio. Opposed/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote with Valerio absent.**

2. Discuss and select the location for one of the two Prop. 68 Park Development Grant Applications.

Presented by City Manager Kristina Miller. She stated that the State is offering a 4th and final round of Prop. 68 Grant funds with the applications due on December 14, 2020, if funded the projects must be completed by March of 2025. The minimum award is \$200,000 and the maximum is 8.5 million. We are required to have a minimum of 5 meetings and the State recommends these meetings be held remotely or at Park site. The meetings will be held to select the proposed park amenities and each meeting will address different aspects related to the proposed Park. She announced that the Council already approved resubmittal of an application for the location on Solano Street between Third and Fourth for one of the two applications. She stated that the three sites before the Council are the locations that:

1. Best meet the grant criteria;
2. Property Owners are willing to sell; and
3. Are willing to discuss the sale of their property at fair market value (the grant will not allow the City to pay more than fair market value).

The first option is the southeast corner of Toomes & Blackburn, 10.17 acres. This Property meets the criteria for addition of equipment, it also has a drainage issue currently onsite that we could address. The draw back is that this is a hot property; it is currently up for sale and has a lot of interest.

The second option is between Divisadero and McLane, 5.9 acres. It is adequate in size, is close to the High School, and is a competitive site for the grant. If this site were to be selected, the City would probably need to pave Divisadero which would not be funded by the grant.

Option three is located on Edith Avenue & Blackburn and is 4.79 acres. It is located directly across from Salado Orchard Apartments and also scores well.

It was stated that the cost might be lower on the three properties presented because there would not be cost for remediation of fuel tanks. Mayor Hatley asked about the location across from City Hall, with that application would we will still be submitting for the facilities listed in the previous application; City Manager Miller responded stating that due to the increased costs of cement, the City might have to remove one of the lower priority amenities. She explained that should we remove a priority item we would be required to have additional meetings for this site.

An audience member asked about traffic impacts; in response she was informed that within the grant application process an Environmental Impact Report would have to be completed.

Councilor Snow recommended Divisadero and McLane due to the proximity to schools, and because the residential building seems to be happening in that direction. Mayor Hatley and Council Members Demo and Burnett agreed.

Councilor Snow moved to choose the property between Divisadero and McLane. Councilor Burnett seconded the motion. **Ayes: Hatley, Snow, Burnett, and Demo. Absent: Valerio. Opposed/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote with Valerio absent.**

Planner 1 Christina Meeds announced that the first meeting will be at 5:30 pm. on October 12th via zoom and there will be a table at the Olive Festival. Councilor Snow asked if the meetings had to be held remotely, or can they be held in person; City Manager Miller stated that it is highly suggested to have the meetings remotely, or outdoors at site.

E. ADJOURN: 6:30 p.m.

Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk