



**CITY OF CORNING
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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
Mayor: Robert Snow

All members of the City Council were present except Councilor Hargens.

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

D. **INVOCATION:** Led by Councilor Burnett.

E. **PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS:**

1. **Presentation: Mary Brimm – City Accounting Manager Department Presentation.**

Mary Brimm was introduced by City Manager Kristina Miller who stated that Mary has been with the City since 2005 and is a very dedicated employee. Mrs. Brimm then presented a PowerPoint Presentation on all of the responsibilities of the Finance Department which covered duties related to accounts receivable, payables, payroll, business licensing, and the contributions both she and Accounting Assistant Rubi Ordaz, along Tom Watson (Police Department Administrative Services Manager) have made in the development of the City's new website. Ms. Miller also mentioned and commended Mrs. Brimm for her extensive work associated with various City grants.

F. **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Jerry Lequia: Thanked the Mayor, City Council Members, City Staff, and the City Fire Department for assisting in getting the word out regarding the necessary improvements at the Corning Veterans Memorial Hall.

City Manager Miller: Thanked Public Safety (Fire and Police Department) for their assistance and professionalism when responding to an incident today. She also announced that upon recommendation by Public Health, and for safety reasons, masks and temperature taking will be required at meetings until the capacity of our local hospitals are reduced, currently they are full primarily as a result of rising COVID cases.

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 August 24, 2021 City Council Closed Session and Regular Council Meeting with any necessary corrections:**
4. **September 8, 2021 Claim Warrant in the amount of \$449,881.31.**
5. **September 8, 2021 Business License Report.**
6. **August 2021 Wages & Salaries: \$401,168.62.**
7. **August 2021 Treasurer's Report.**
8. **August 2021 Building Permit Valuation Report in the amount of \$649,344.**

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9. August 2021 City of Corning Wastewater Operations Summary Report.

Councilor Valerio moved to approve Consent Items 2-9; Councilor Burnett seconded the motion.

Ayes: Snow, Demo, Burnett, and Valerio. Absent: Hargens. Abstain/Opposed: None.

Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote with Hargens absent.

H. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MEETINGS: None.

J. REGULAR AGENDA:

- 10. Adopt Resolution No. 09-14-2021-01 approving a Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Agreement in the amount of \$2,495 with CALFIRE and authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement.**

Presented by Fire Chief Tom Tomlinson who explained that an adopted Resolution was required in order to execute this grant. Chief Tomlinson informed the Council that a 50% grant match in the amount of \$2495 and that these funds would be utilized to purchase various fire equipment. Chief Tomlinson then explained the lifespan of the equipment.

Councilor Demo moved to adopt Resolution No. 09-14-2021-01 approving Agreement No. 7FG21031 between the City of Corning and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, authorize the City Manager to sign and execute the Agreement and any amendments on behalf of the City of Corning; and approve the expenditure of the budgeted \$2,495 from fund 001-6552-2300 for the grant matching fund criteria. Councilor Burnett seconded the motion.

Ayes: Snow, Demo, Burnett, and Valerio. Absent: Hargens. Abstain/Opposed: None.

Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote with Hargens absent.

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).

Demo: None.

Burnett: Announced that on Monday there was an emergency Landfill Meeting that last 12 minutes.

Hargens: Absent.

Valerio: Reported on the Rolling Hills Golf Tournament last held last Saturday and announced the upcoming Olive Festival.

Snow: Stated that he attended the Golf Tournament.

N. ADJOURNMENT!: 6:59 p.m.

Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk