

City of Corunna
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, October 19, 2009

Present: Kerridge, Mehigh, Jessen, Corey, Johnson, Haskins, Hall.

Absent: None.

Guests: Joe Sawyer, City Manager; Donna Kerridge; Jeffrey Hetfield; Judy Horton; Mike Sarrazin; Bus & Carol Spaniola; Gary Granger; Shane Perdue; Helen Granger, The Independent; Brian White; Bob Morehouse; Diane Johnson; Bob Hoschner; Brad Reichert; and other concerned citizens.

The meeting was called to order in the council chambers located in Corunna City Hall by Mayor Kerridge at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING: Johnson moved, Corey seconded to approve the previous regular meeting minutes dated October 5, 2009 with the removal of Joe Sawyer's name from the guest section of the minutes since he was absent.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Jessen, Corey, Johnson, Haskins, Hall, Mehigh.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Corey moved, Jessen seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Corey, Johnson, Haskins, Hall, Mehigh, Jessen.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Corey moved, Johnson seconded to approve the vendor disbursements October 16, 2009 as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Johnson, Haskins, Hall, Mehigh, Jessen, Corey.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Gary Granger, 419 W. Corunna Avenue, stated he had a comment about item number five on the agenda. He does not really care who gets the city's advertising but he has lived in the community for three years and has never received the Argus Weekly. He would like the council to think about who is or is not getting it. He further stated the location where he normally picks one up did not have it either.

CHECK PRESENTATION – COMMUNITY CENTER: Bus Spaniola presented the city with a \$24,500 check from the Committee to Save the Community Center and Bob Hoschner presented the city with a \$10,000 check from the Downtown Development Authority for the Community Center restoration since the committee met the DDA's goal of \$25,000. Mr.

Sawyer advised the money has been turned over to the city and is in the community center account. Carol Spaniola advised before the committee turned the check over to the city, the committee raised \$33,618. The committee is selling calendars as a fundraiser, which could raise \$13,000. She explained \$25 will be given away daily between Monday and Saturday, \$50 will be given away on Sunday and \$100 will be given away on the holidays of Valentine's Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas. The drawings will be held once a month and if someone wins, their ticket will be put back into the barrel so someone could win more than once a month. She further explained only 1,000 calendars will be sold. Mr. Sawyer advised the committee hopes this will become an annual fundraiser and along with Kith and Kin it could generate \$15,000 per year for the community center. He further advised an old basketball ticket from the Texas Cowgirls versus the Corunna High faculty held in 1956 was found in one of the community center walls that was cut away. He will be turning the ticket over to the historical commission. Ms. Spaniola advised the committee received a \$1,000 grant from Walmart.

CONSIDER 2009/2010 BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 3: Mr. Sawyer explained the budget amendments and advised no additional spending was being requested or appropriated. He has also adjusted the budget for anticipated revenue sharing cuts. Johnson moved, Corey seconded to accept the following Resolution No. 101901-01 Resolution Amending the 2009/2010 Budget:

**RESOLUTION 101909-01
RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2009/2010 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Corunna desires to Amend the 2009/2010 Budget to Adjust Departmental Expenditures and decrease the Amended General Fund Appropriation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the budget for the City fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 after recommendation by the City Manager be amended by the City Council as described as follows:

<u>Fund. #</u>	<u>Fund. Name</u>	<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>
101	General Fund	\$1,764,043	\$1,700,342

General Fund Expenditures:

<u>Dept. #</u>	<u>Dept. Name</u>	<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>
265	Municipal Building	\$35,664	\$42,664
301	Police	\$419,849	\$398,787
967	City Services	\$529,246	\$479,607

BE IT, the same is hereby adopted, and the amount therein provided as recommended; appropriations are hereby appropriated according to the departmental totals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to amend the following fund appropriations:

<u>Fund. #</u>	<u>Fund. Name</u>	<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>
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203	Local Street Fund	\$88,995	\$83,995
208	Parks & Recreation Fund	\$181,135	\$174,460
211	Parks Improvement Fund	\$63,435	\$60,700
214	Stu Coutts Recreation Fund	\$8,732	\$0
215	Forest Commission Fund	\$2,000	\$1,000
216	Heritage Park Fund	\$4,735	\$0
596	Rubbish Collection	\$58,750	\$57,750
661	Motor Pool	\$219,231	\$199,281
731	Retiree Benefits	\$195,159	\$194,633

Roll call vote:

Yes: Haskins, Hall, Mehigh, Jessen, Corey, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER RESIGNATIONS OF SCOTT PERRIN, MIKE JANCA AND ROB THAYER FROM

THE YOUTH SPORTS AND RECREATION COMMISSION: Johnson moved, Jessen seconded to accept the resignations of Scott Perrin, Mike Janca and Rob Thayer from the Youth Sports and Recreation Commission with regret.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Corey, Hall, Mehigh, Jessen, Haskins, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR LED LIGHTING UPGRADE TO ORIGINAL

STREETSCAPE LIGHTING: Mr. Sawyer explained this is an energy grant that is available with the stimulus funding. It is his recommendation to go after the grants to replace the downtown streetlights that the city is spending \$15,000 a year for electricity. This will reduce the bills to \$3,000 per year which is a huge savings. He further explained there is a \$50,000 LED grant for the purpose of LED lighting that requires a \$5,000 match. There is a second \$50,000 grant available that requires no match and it is the city's intent to go after both grants, which will replace the 99 downtown lights and all of the armed lights in McCurdy Park, which has a sample light installed at the inline hockey rink. He advised all of the work can be accomplished within the grants. The city received preliminary cost estimates in order to determine what will need to be budgeted but nothing has been formerly bid yet. He further advised offering additional match money can make a difference in a grant application. Ms. Lawson has put together two grant options; the first option is not to provide any additional match which will cost the city \$6,882. In order to replace all of the 99 downtown lights and 36 lights in the park, the city would pay an additional match in the amount of \$16,571.64, which is his recommendation so the city can get both grants. The city would receive a \$100,000 grant and it would cost the city \$21,571.64 in matching funds. He also advised the city just installed 52 LED lights on West Corunna Avenue which will help the city in the grant process. The grant application is due by Thursday. Councilperson Corey asked what the projected savings would be if the lights in the park were replaced. Ms. Lawson advised the energy savings from the Elcast would \$2,365 and another \$2,000 for labor maintenance. Councilperson Corey asked if this would be primary power. Ms. Lawson advised it is mixed because all of the lights at Mitchell Field parking lot lights are included in the equation. She thought the actual savings would be around \$3,000 a year. Councilperson Corey stated this

would take the city about three to four years to recoup the money it spends. Councilperson Mehigh asked if the projected lighting would be equivalent to what the city has. Ms. Lawson advised in the information she has read the LED lighting is better. She encouraged council to look at the lighting in the downtown which illuminates in the air. Mr. Sawyer advised in order to meet the conditions of the second grant the city will have to replace some of the lights in the park to hit the \$50,000 grant amount. Ms. Lawson stated the more points the city can get the better since there will only be 40 grants awarded and they will be awarded by the number of points a community has. Councilperson Corey asked if the match for the second grant in option two is \$8,600. Ms. Lawson advised yes. Councilperson Corey asked if it would be better to move some of the additional match money from the first grant into the second grant. Ms. Lawson advised the numbers can be tweaked between the two grants but she was trying to show an equal match on both. Mr. Sawyer asked Ms. Lawson if a motion was needed. Ms. Lawson advised she needs a motion authorizing a signature to apply for the grant. Mr. Sawyer asked if a separate motion was needed for each grant. Ms. Lawson advised yes. Councilperson Corey asked where the money would come from. Mr. Sawyer advised the line item that the utilities are paid from currently. Councilperson Corey asked how many additional lights would be put up in the Mitchell Field area. Mr. Sawyer advised two or three. Councilperson Corey asked how many lights would be put up in the park. Mr. Sawyer advised two or three. Mr. Sawyer stated the first grant is requiring a 10 percent match but he is recommending a 20 percent match and the second grant is requiring zero but he is recommending a 14 percent match but the lights in the park can be scaled back to meet a 10 percent match. Ms. Lawson advised the second grant is important because it will pay for the remaining downtown lights that the first grant does not cover. Corey moved, Johnson seconded to approve the LED Grant for the purpose of 65 LED lights with the city's match in the amount of \$12,920 for a 20.5 percent match and authorize the city manager as the authorized signer for the grant.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Jessen, Johnson, Haskins, Mehigh, Hall, Corey.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

Corey moved, Johnson seconded to approve the Multi Purpose Grant for the purpose of 34 LED lights for the downtown lights and 36 lights for the park and Mitchell Field area with the city's match in an amount not to exceed \$8,651.64 and authorize the city manager as the authorized signer for the grant.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Hall, Jessen, Haskins, Corey, Mehigh, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER LETTING BIDS FOR ADVERTISING CONTRACT: Mr. Sawyer advised the bids in the council packets are bids that it received in 2005. The original contract was for two years and at the expiration of the contract the Argus Press froze their prices for an additional two years. He further advised it has been requested that the city put the advertising contract out for bid. The city has not been notified of any increase so the question is if council wants to put the contract out for bid or carry forward until the city receives a notice about an increase. Councilperson Corey stated he would like the advertising contract go out for bids. He has the

same issue that Mr. Granger had and actually called the Argus Press on six different occasions in one year because he does not get the Sunday edition. He even spoke to Dick Campbell once and still does not get it. He felt the city should look at getting somebody reliable in delivering the paper. Councilperson Johnson advised the Independent is always at the meeting and the Argus Press has not been here for several meetings. Councilperson Corey suggested putting parameters in the new bid specs letting it be known that the city is looking for lower pricing than it had before. Mr. Sawyer advised the problem with letting bids is the price could go up. Johnson moved, Corey seconded put the advertising contract out for bids. Mr. Sawyer asked if council wanted a two year contract. Council advised yes.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Hall, Haskins, Mehig, Jessen, Corey, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Bus Spaniola stated on behalf of the Committee to Save the Community Center he wanted to summarize on what has taken place over the last months. The city council told the committee that they had to raise \$50,000 in a year to meet their obligation and the council should be pleased with what has been done up to this point. The city has received \$35,000 and the committee has another \$12,000 and if the calendar program goes through, the committee should be to raise another \$20,000 to deal with the problems in the community center. The people of Corunna should be commended for their support. He further stated it is important that the council recognize the people in this town for stepping up to the plate and he is very proud of them. He thanked the council for their support.

Gary Granger stated he is a recipient of the LED lighting and he is more than pleased with the beautiful lighting. He can sit on his porch because it is beautiful lighting and his property is lit very well. As far as his wife working for the Independent, she also worked for the Argus Press for 10 years and he does not like either one of them but that is their problem.

Judy Horton stated she has called the Argus Press three times to tell them not to leave the weekly paper because she already gets the paper and she has been told that it is their delivery people.

Carol Spaniola stated she wanted to thank the DDA for their support and the council's confidence in the committee.

Merilee Lawson stated candy is needed for Halloween so if anyone wants to donate candy it can be dropped off to city hall.

Joe Sawyer stated Jerry Knisley has been down at the community center all day long with his mortar hammer and chisel cleaning up bricks for the city. The city has tried to salvage the bricks that were pulled off the building and the intent is to use them for maintenance purposes or fundraising activities. Mr. Sawyer further stated volunteers are needed for cleaning up bricks.

Shane Perdue stated he had a chance to participate in the first disc golf tournament and it was great. He really enjoyed it and thought it was a great addition to the community. He challenged anyone to a game if they are interested.

Mike Sarrazin stated he was running for city council. He has driven down Corunna Avenue and he does not like the LED lighting. There are bars of light across the road and it is distracting. He further stated it was mentioned that the lighting saves money but they are not metered. Mr. Sawyer advised they are metered.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: Councilperson Hall advised she had nothing to discuss.

Councilperson Haskins thanked the Committee to Save the Community Center for all they have done. It is a wonderful thing and he knows there will be a lot of people who will not understand, but there are a lot of people who enjoy the building.

Councilperson Johnson advised she agreed with what Councilperson Haskins stated and was probably one of the biggest obstacles the whole time but deep down she knew the committee could do it.

Councilperson Corey advised he had nothing to discuss.

Councilperson Jessen advised he had nothing to discuss.

Councilperson Mehig advised the ambulance service got its audit report back and everything is up to date.

Mayor Kerridge advised the Committee to Save the Community Center to keep up the good work and he thanked them for all of their work.

ADJOURN: Jessen moved, Corey seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Mehig, Jessen, Corey, Hall, Johnson, Haskins.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:10 p.m.

Charles Kerridge, Mayor

Nichole L. Cowdrey, City Clerk/Treasurer