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Corning hikes impact fee

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CORNING The City Council approved an increase in the water well development impact fee and issued several proclamations Tuesday.

It allows for six wells, City Engineer Ed Anderson said of the increase. That's what we projected to be needed in the next 20 years.

Mayor Gary Strack said he was initially opposed to raising anything, but after seeing the cost for the new well going in at Clark Park, he changed his mind.

The fees were last updated in July 2005 and the new fee will not go into effect for 60 days, said City Manager Steve Kimbrough.

The public hearing went quickly with no one stepping forward to comment on the increase, which is up from \$709 per equivalent dwelling unit to \$1,074.

A public hearing was held for an ordinance that would enact new building codes within the city.

The staff report shows that two new codes, not previously applied in Corning, are among the many updates adopted. The first is the California Residential Code, which is for one- and twofamily homes and town houses and includes the requirement of sprinkler systems to all new construction.

The second, the Green Building Standards Code, implements mandatory measures aimed at curbing greenhouse gas emissions, energy conservation and other environmental impacts of new construction. A second reading is expected to be set for the Oct. 25 meeting.

The Tehama County Young Marines and Tehama County Department of Education accepted a proclamation of Oct. 23-31 as Red Ribbon Week.

Representing the unit, sponsored by the Marine Corps League and Amvets, were Young Marines Sgt. John Bookout, Sgt. Giancarlo Nandino, Staff Sgt. Reina K necht-Coley and Gunnery Sgt. Mikayla Erickson, adult leader D'Lorah Hurton and Al Bourdeau of Amvets.

Prevention Specialist Tina Robertson represented the Tehama County Department of Education.

Veterans of Foreign Wars and the VFW Auxiliary were represented by VFW member Jim Darrow and VFW Auxiliary President Alice Bechelli, who accepted the proclamation of Oct. 28-Nov. 6 as Buddy Poppy Days.

Recreation Specialist Beth Birk accepted the proclamation making Oct. 20 Lights on After School Day and encouraged the council to visit their neighborhood schools 3:30-5:30 p.m. the day of the event.

Tex Ash, Pat Scott and Rich Reynolds of the group Loosely Strung came to accept the proclamation of Oct. 20-22 as Western Open Fiddle Week.

The group played for the council and encouraged them to come out to the event.

Business of the Month was presented to Dewey Lucero of Lucero Olive Oil by Councilman Dave Linnet.

Almost every weekend they are out there promoting olives and Corning, Linnet said.

The business has had groups at festivals in places like San Francisco and Gilroy, Lucero said.

Employer of the Month was presented to Olive Pit, represented by Hannah Boeldt.

It's the one business everyone knows every where you go, Linnet said. When I travel I say Corning and they don't know it, but I say Olive Pit and they do, even in Hawaii.

The City Council meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at City Hall, 794 Third St.

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