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Corning Council more than doubles building feesBy C. JEROME CROW-DN Staff Writer

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Fees increase from \$5,655 to \$14,126

CORNING The cost to build in Corning will rise dramatically as soon as new fees go into effect.

As of now, the fee to build a new home in the Olive City is \$5,655. The council unanimously approved to raise fees to \$14,126 at its Tuesday meeting.

The ordinance to authorize fees included: traffic mitigation fees for streets, bridge and traffic signalization, authorization to amend the sewer capital improvement and sewer plant expansion fees, a resolution to amend the fees for park land and development and a resolution to establish development impact fees for mitigation of traffic impacts in order to fund improvement to streets, bridges and traffic signals.

While this is a sharp increase, Corning City Manager Steve Kimbrough said it is still competitive with similar communities.

A public hearing was held Tuesday prior to the council voting unanimously to approve the fees.

Along with development fees the council discussed the adoption of a general plan amendment concerning the updated housing element.

Councilwoman Toni Parkins said that reading the new report was exciting.

"This is all about our future and future growth in Corning," she said voicing her appreciation to city staff for the update.

The Council also met in closed session to discuss the evaluation of Corning City Manager Steve Kimbrough.