

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 13, 2006

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California.

INVOCATION The invocation was given by Mayor Henderson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro Tem Young.

COUNCIL PRESENT Crom, Connolly, Cullen, Young, Henderson

COUNCIL ABSENT None

OTHERS PRESENT Richard Pucci, City Administrator
Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk
Peter Tracy, City Attorney
Ray Seguine, Fire Chief
Joe Peci, Police Chief
David Grah, Public Works Director
Gary Schley, Public Services Officer
Robert Kimball, City Treasurer

PUBLIC COMMENT The Mayor announced the public comment period. No public comment was given.

COUNCIL PRESENTATION (1) Mayor Henderson presented Jim Ellis a city tile for serving as City of Bishop Planning Commissioner from April 9, 2001 through January 24, 2006.

CONSENT CALENDAR (2) A motion was made by Councilmember Cullen to approve the Consent Calendar as presented:

Motion/Cullen

FOR APPROVAL AND FILING

- (a) Council Minutes – 1/23/06
- (b) Personnel Status Change Report
- (c) Warrant Register – 1/06
- (d) Fund Transactions – 7/1/05 – 1/31/06
- (e) Police Dept. Vehicle Purchase – VIN Number Change

FOR INFORMATION AND FILING

- (f) Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes – 11/30/05
- (g) Water and Sewer Commission – 1/10/06
- (h) Public Works Report – 1/06
- (i) Public Works Permit Report – 1/06
- (j) Fire Department Activity Log – 1/06

Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PROPOSITION 4 -
CALIFORNIA
CONSTITUTION ARTICLE
XIII B – APPROPRIATIONS
LIMIT & CALCULATIONS
(3)
Motion/Young

The Mayor opened the public hearing to receive public input on Proposition 4. No public comment was given.

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Young, the public hearing was closed and passed by a vote of 5-0.

ENVIRONMENTAL
REVIEW – Conditional Use
Permit Application – 325 Short
Street
(4)

The Mayor opened the public hearing and Council received public comment on an environmental review on the initial study and negative declaration for a conditional use permit to allow the applicant, Jesus and Elizabeth Santana, to set aside the two way driveway requirement of 24 feet and set aside the requirement of placing on-site parking behind the front yard setback at 325 Short Street which is located in an R-2000 district. Approval of the request would permit the placement of a 1296 sq. ft. second dwelling unit on the site.

Motion/Cullen

Councilmember Cullen made a motion to close the public hearing. Motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF A
NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Conditional Use Permit
Application – Santana
325 Short St.
(5)
Motion/Young

Following discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Young made a motion to adopt a negative declaration with a de minimis finding that the proposed project would not have a significant adverse impact on the environment based on the following:

1. The requested conditional use permit is consistent with the City’s General Plan land use designation for residential;
2. The project will not require the expansion of existing public or private utilities and services;
3. The project involves no potential for adverse effect, either individually or cumulatively, on wildlife, native plants, streams, water courses, scenic or historic resources and human beings.

Motion passed 5-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 518 –
Snedden Street Zone Change
Second Reading
(6)

Councilmember Cullen announced that due to the ownership of property within 500 feet of the proposed zone change, she is disqualified from participation on this agenda item under the rules of the Fair Political Practice Commission. She left the Council Chambers during the duration of discussion and action.

Motion/Crom

A motion was made by Councilmember Crom to adopt Ordinance No. 518 by title only with passage to print, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE

ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN SECTION 17.04.050 OF CITY OF BISHOP ORDINANCE NO. 424". Motion passed 4-0. Councilmember Cullen returned to the dais.

PLANNING COMMISSION
APPOINTMENT
(7)

Councilmember Connolly made a motion to appoint David Bloom to serve a four-year term on the City of Bishop Planning Commission from February 13, 2006 – January 24, 2010. Motion passed 5-0.

PRESENTATION BY INYO
COUNTY TOBACCO
CONTROL SPECIALIST
(8)

Karen Christensen, Inyo County Tobacco Control Specialist, and Police Chief Joe Pecsí made a presentation to Council relating to a countywide enforcement campaign established to help curb illegal sales of tobacco to minors which includes fines charged to merchants found in violation.

NEW HIRE - POLICE
CADET
(9)

A motion was made by Councilmember Connolly to ratify the waiver of the hiring freeze and confirm the hiring of one cadet for the Police Department. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion/Connolly

WILLDAN AGREEMENT
AMENDMENT NO. 1
(10)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Young to approve Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Willdan which will allow Willdan to act as city surveyor through the use of Mr. Darin Ginn, P.E., P.L.S. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Motion/Young

REQUEST TO SURPLUS
ATHLETIC FIELD LIGHT
FIXTURES – Field #2
(11)

On a motion by Councilmember Crom, Council approved the request to surplus 22 athletic field lights from Field #2 as surplus to the needs of the City and authorized the City Administrator to dispose of the equipment in the best interest of the City. Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Motion/Crom

REQUEST TO GO TO BID
ATHLETIC FIELD
LIGHTING – Field #1
(12)

It was reported that due to the snow storm in January, one pole and lighting fell and caused irreparable damage to the five-light array. Two poles are being replaced by DWP. The Department is requesting to go to bid to replace the lighting.

Motion/Connolly

A motion was made by Councilmember Connolly to approve the request to go to bid for an athletic field five-light array to match the existing system. Motion passed 5-0.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS
AND TRANSFERS
FY 05-06
(13)

Mayor Pro Tem Young made a motion to approve the budget adjustments and transfers for fiscal year 2005-2006 through January 31, 2006, as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion/Young

CITY OF BISHOP FINAL
BUDGET – FY 2005-2006
(14)

Councilmember Crom made a motion to accept the City of Bishop Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 as presented. Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Motion/Crom

RECESS COUNCIL
MEETING/RECONVENE

At 8:12 p.m. Mayor Henderson recessed the meeting to convene as the Bishop Redevelopment Agency. The Council meeting was reconvened at 8:14 p.m. All five Council members were present.

COUNCIL REPORTS

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (a), the Council held a conference with legal counsel with regard to one Inyo County Superior Court case of pending litigation, to wit: City of Bishop et. al., vs Aaron Schat et.al., Case No. SICVCV03-34368. Councilmember Crom declared a conflict of interest and did not participate in the closed session.

At 8:28 p.m. the Council reconvened with all five Council members present. The Mayor announced that no action was taken in closed session that is required to be disclosed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Henderson adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. to the next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

KATHRYN HENDERSON, MAYOR

Attest: Richard F. Pucci, City Clerk

By: _____
Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk