

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
June 26, 2006

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Young called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION The invocation was given by Pastor Patrick Thompson of The Neighborhood Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Cullen.

COUNCIL PRESENT Connolly, Cullen, Crom, Young

COUNCIL ABSENT Henderson

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

PUBLIC COMMENT The Mayor announced the public comment period. The Police Chief introduced new Police Department personnel: Torey Michener, Reserve Level III and Jared Waasdorp, Police Officer.

No further comment was given.

COUNCIL PRESENTATION (1) Gary Manini from the Peace Officer Standards and Training in Sacramento presented Police Chief Joe Pecs with the highest certificate obtainable from P.O.S.T., the Executive Certificate.

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 – 6/12/06
- (b) Special Council Meeting – 6/16/06
- (c) Personnel Status Change Report
- (d) Investment Portfolio – 5/06
- (e) Execution of Agreement between 18th Agricultural District and the City of Bishop for the Fire Department Destruction Derby

FOR INFORMATION AND FILING

- (f) Planning Commission Meeting Cancellation Notice – 6/27/06

Motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

CORRESPONDENCE
RECEIVED
No Response Required
(3)

A letter from Cebridge Connections dated May 12, 2006 was received advising of changes to program offerings and new channel line-up. No action was required.

PUBLIC HEARING

FEES AND CHARGES
FY 2006-2007
(4)

This is the second public hearing held to provide an opportunity for public comment on increases to the City's Fees and Charges Schedule. The first public hearing was held at the Budget Hearing held on May 11, 2006.

Motion/Young

The City Administrator reported that only two items were increased on the fee schedule which were for Police Services for fingerprint rolling fee (changed from \$10.00 to \$15.00) and repossession processing fee (changed from \$15.00 to \$25.00). All other fees and charges on the schedule remain the same as the previous fiscal year.

A motion was made by Mayor Young to close the public hearing. Motion passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 06-10
Amending and Restating
Certain Fees and Charges for
City Services – FY 06-07
(6)
Motion/Young

Mayor Young made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 06-10 by title only, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING AND RESTATING CERTAIN FEES AND CHARGES FOR CITY SERVICES". Motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

REQUEST TO INCREASE
ALL DAY PARKING FOR
BUSINESS OWNERS AND
EMPLOYEES
(5)

A public hearing was advertised and over 200 notices sent out notifying property owners, business owners and employees of the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to increase the availability of all-day parking in three areas of the downtown core: a City lot on East Line Street near Whitney Alley; the City lot on the north side of Church Street; and a portion of Rose Street. The Mayor opened public hearings on each separate location in order to receive public comment with action was taken separately on each resolution.

(5) A) City lot located on
East Line Street near
Whitney Alley

Dennis Raymond, 150 North Main Street, stated that the proposed changes to increase all-day parking is okay and he is willing to work with it. He commented he felt it is a big bandaid on a sore wound and not a long term solution to the problem. He is concerned about overnight parking becoming an issue.

The City Administrator reported that staff will be looking at the

parking permit process and overnight parking and bring recommendations back to a future meeting. The resolutions establishing all-day parking in the recommended area will become effective immediately to help resolve some of the problem.

John Davis, 112 North Main Street, stated that two passes per business would be a feasible and viable idea as well as a parking waiver for vehicles used during construction projects.

Motion/Crom

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Crom to close the public hearing on Item 5(A). Motion passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 06-11
(7) A)
Motion/Young

Mayor Young made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 06-11 by title only, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA ESTABLISHING ALL DAY PARKING IN A CITY PARKING LOT LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF EAST LINE STREET". Motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

(5) B) City Lot on the North
Side of Church Street

Dennis Raymond, 150 North Main Street, reiterated that parking passes should be issued to business owners instead of designating all day parking and stated the City should do what the public asks. The all day parking spaces will fix part of the problem but not the correct way.

Rita Zollars, 197 North Main Street, questioned how the Police Department enforces two-hour parking and why does the P.D. have parking spaces in the lot behind her business when her employees and customers are just as important as the Department's employees and customers. She also asked how the two hour parking limit works.

The Police Chief responded to her questions by explaining that parking is enforced through markings placed on vehicle tires and recording license numbers. After two hours, or the next parking lot check, if the vehicle has not moved and the license plate matches the previous record, the vehicle is subject to citation.

The Chief explained that the Police Department went to the City Council in the past to allow the overflow parking from the facility to park in the North Warren Street lot and provide agencies such as the Highway Patrol and Sheriff's Office and visitors to have close access to the Department.

As explained by the Police Chief, the two hour parking limit applies to any parking lot in the City which creates a difficult

enforcement issue and to his knowledge no citations have been written for a vehicle parking more than two hours in a combination of City lots.

Rita Zollars stated the ordinance is unfair and makes it difficult for everyone including the Police Department for enforcement.

John Davis stated that visitors he has spoken with who have been cited for parking violations indicate they will not continue to shop in Bishop because of the timed parking and stated the Church Street lot will be taken over by the high school students and really won't help the businesses. He supported the parking permit process.

Aaron Schat, 174 North Main Street, suggested that three passes be allowed per business and indicated that businesses would be willing to pay a fee to obtain them.

Monty Williams stated that when Smart and Final was located on Warren Street the two-hour parking in the Church Street lot was needed. Now many of the two-hour parking spaces sit unused and could be utilized by businesses in the area. When school starts again some of the spaces will be used by students but there will be all day parking for employees and customers.

Motion/Crom

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Crom to close the public hearing on 5 (B). Motion passed 4-0.

Resolution No. 06-12
Establishing All Day Parking
in the City Lot located on the
North Side of Church Street
(7) B)
Motion/Cullen

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullen, and passed by a 4-0 vote, to adopt Resolution No. 06-12 by title only, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP ESTABLISHING ALL DAY PARKING IN THE CITY PARKING LOT LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF CHURCH STREET".

PUBLIC HEARING

(5) C) All Day Parking on a
Portion of Rose Street

A letter had been received from Eastern Sierra Realty and Bishop Motosports requesting that the current timed parking for customers remain in effect in front of their businesses. Ann Wong addressed the Council indicating that if all day parking was established on Rose Street, the spaces would be used by employees of the area businesses and would not be available for customers.

Motion/Crom

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Crom to close the public hearing. Motion passed 4-0.

Resolution Establishing All
Day Parking on the East Side
of Rose Street

Following discussion it was determined that with the upcoming Alta One construction and the addition of approximately 56 new all-day parking spaces through action of the two previous

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| <p>(7) C) Motion/Crom</p> | <p>resolutions that action on establishing all day parking on Rose Street would be tabled. Mayor Pro Tem Crom made a motion to table the resolution establishing all day parking on the east side of Rose Street. Motion passed 4-0.</p> |
| | <p>Staff reported that overnight parking issues would be looked at and would need to be addressed through an ordinance.</p> |
| <p>BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS AND TRANSFERS FISCAL YEAR 05-06 (8) Motion/Crom</p> | <p>Mayor Pro Tem Crom made a motion to approve the budget adjustments and transfers through May 31, 2006, as presented. Motion carried 4-0.</p> |
| <p>CLAIM AGAINST THE CITY – Daniel Roberts (9) Motion/Connolly</p> | <p>A motion was made by Councilmember Connolly to reject the claim filed against the City by Daniel Roberts. Motion carried 4-0.</p> |
| <p>ADOPTION OF REVISED COUNCIL POLICY FOR USE OF CITY VEHICLES (10) Motion/Crom</p> | <p>The City Administrator reviewed the changes to the policy for use of City vehicles and made a correction to a typographical error in the third paragraph changing the word “items” to “times”.</p> <p>Mayor Pro Tem Crom made a motion to adopt the revised and corrected Council policy for the <i>Use of City Vehicles and Vehicle Allowance Program</i>. Motion carried 4-0.</p> |
| <p>REQUEST TO WAIVE THE HIRING FREEZE TO FILL 2 PART TIME PARK HELPER VACANCIES (11) Motion/Cullen</p> | <p>A motion was made by Councilmember Cullen to waive the hiring freeze to allow the Community Services Department to fill one seasonal park helper vacancy and one weekend park helper vacancy. Motion carried 4-0.</p> |
| <p>DONATION OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. EQUIPMENT (12) Motion/Connolly</p> | <p>As recommended in the auditor’s report for fiscal year 2005 relating to fixed assets, Council was asked to take action to accept equipment purchased by the Volunteer Fire Department in order for the City’s name to be placed on the titles. Councilmember Connolly made a motion to accept the following fire equipment donated to the City by the Bishop Volunteer Fire Department:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engine 7 – 2000 Ford – VIN 1FDAF57F6YED61656 2. Support 1 – 2005 Ford – VIN 1FTWW31P35EB73074 <p>Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.</p> |
| <p>REQUEST TO GO TO BID Vehicle Fuel Contract 2006- 2008 (13) Motion/Young</p> | <p>Mayor Young made a motion to approve the request to go to bid for vehicle fuel and approve the one-month extension of the existing contract with Eastern Sierra Oil Company to cover the period before a new contract is in place. Motion passed 4-0.</p> |

RESOLUTION NO. 06-13
Accepting an Easement
Grant Deed from the Pioneer
Medical Association
(14)
Motion/Crom

Staff reported that this new water line will create a looped system and ensure a reliable source of water for domestic and fire usage. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Crom to accept the easement grant deed from the Pioneer Medical Association for water pipeline purposes. Motion carried 4-0.

ADOPTION OF POLICY
FOR LOW INCOME
HOUSING FOR WATER
AND SEWER SERVICE
(15)
Motion/Connolly

In order to memorialize current policy and to meet the requirements of new state legislation, Councilmember Connolly made a motion to adopt the Policy on Water and Sewer Service to Low Income Housing. Motion carried 4-0.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Cullen thanked everyone involved in the success of the recent California High School Rodeo Association State Finals held at the Fairgrounds. The contract has been renewed for another two years.

Mayor Pro Tem Crom thanked those who provided the energy and time to the Bishop Fly-In held at the Bishop airport recently.

Mayor Young acknowledged the wonderful job that the ambulance and medical air flight services provide to our community.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. to the next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, July 10, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

JOHN YOUNG, MAYOR

Attest: Richard F. Pucci, City Clerk

By: _____
Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk

Approved by City Council on July 10, 2006