

CITY OF BISHOP  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
November 27, 2006

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

INVOCATION The invocation was given by Pastor Rusty McKinley of the Calvary Baptist Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Cullen.

COUNCIL PRESENT Henderson, Connolly, Cullen, Crom, Young

COUNCIL ABSENT None

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

PUBLIC COMMENT The Mayor announced the public comment period. Pat West from Pioneer Home Health Care announced they will be celebrating Home Health Care Week by having an Open House on December 7, 2006. The organization has been serving the Eastern Sierra from June Lake to Lone Pine for 17 years.

ADDITION OF AGENDA ITEM The City Attorney stated the need to discuss pending litigation became necessary after the posting of the agenda and requested the Council take action to add a closed session.

Motion/Crom The Council voted 5-0 on a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Crom to add a closed session as an urgency agenda item pursuant to Government Code § 54954(b)(2) relating to City of Bishop versus K.C.M. Bhakta Motel Corporation, Inyo Superior Court – 4 cases: Case Nos. 41675, 41690, 42029, 42080; and 1 case of potential litigation.

CONSENT CALENDAR (1) A motion was made by Councilmember Cullen to approve the Consent Calendar as presented:

Motion/Cullen FOR APPROVAL AND FILING  
(a) Council Minutes – 11/13/06  
(b) Investment Portfolio – 10/06

FOR INFORMATION AND FILING  
(c) Planning Commission Agenda – 11/28/06

Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ENVIRONMENTAL  
REVIEW – 169 East Line St.  
(2)  
Motion/Cullen

The Mayor opened the public hearing to receive comment on the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for a conditional use permit to allow the applicant to set aside the two way driveway requirement and the minimum parking requirements at 169 East Line Street which is located in a C-1 District.

Kay Smith, proponent, stated her project includes adding a modular building at the back of the property to increase space for quilting classes. There will be five on-site parking spaces in the back as well.

No further comments were provided. Councilmember Cullen made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF A  
MITIGATED NEGATIVE  
DECLARATION – 169 East  
Line Street – Kay Smith  
(3)

Council expressed concerns relating to the potential impact to East Line Street traffic caused by people entering and exiting on the current driveway to attend classes at the Quilting in the Sierras business and concerns about on-site parking spaces eventually being used for storage. A recommendation was also made by staff to widen the entrance at East Line Street to allow a “pullout” to allow two cars to pass in order not to impact the flow of traffic on the street.

Motion/Connolly

Councilmember Connolly made a motion to continue discussion and action on the environmental review to a time currently undetermined, to allow the applicant Kay Smith to redesign the entrance/exit onto East Line Street to meet the requirements as discussed and obtain approval from the Public Services Officer. At that time the matter will be rescheduled for the City Council for possible action. Ms. Smith agreed that it be delayed until after the holidays.

Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

UPDATE – Chamber of  
Commerce  
(4)

Tawni Thomson, Executive Director gave the Council an update on changes in the organizational structure of the Chamber and current and future activities.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-24  
Authorizing the Execution of  
State Agreement No. 09-  
5125R with Caltrans  
(5)

Mayor Young made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 06-24 by title only, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BISHOP AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE SUCH AGREEMENT”. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion/Young

ORDINANCE NO. 520  
Respecting the number of  
Water and Sewer  
Commissioners –  
Introduction  
(6)  
Motion/Connolly

Staff reported that the Water and Sewer Commission has recommended the number of Water and Sewer Commissioners be reduced from seven to five. The recommendation was based on the difficulty of locating people interested in serving on the commission.

On a motion Councilmember Connolly, the Council voted 5-0 to approve the introduction of Ordinance No. 520 by title only, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 2, CHAPTER 2.22, SECTION 2.22.010 OF THE BISHOP MUNICIPAL CODE AND AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 511 RESPECTING THE NUMBER OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS AND TERMS OF OFFICE".

WAIVE HIRING FREEZE –  
Fire Inspector – Fire Dept.  
(7)  
Motion/Crom

Mayor Pro Tem Crom made a motion to waive the hiring freeze to allow the Fire Department to hire a part-time Fire Inspector at the salary budgeted for the current year.

Motion passed 4-0 with Henderson abstaining.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Young reported that he will not be seeking another term on the Council at the March 2007 election and wished the new candidates the best of luck.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:05 p.m. the Mayor recessed open session to convene in closed session with regard to City of Bishop versus K.C.M. Bhakta Motel Corporation, Inyo Superior Court – 4 cases: Case Nos. 41675, 41690, 42029, 42080; and 1 case of potential litigation.

Reconvene

At 8:15 p.m. the Council reconvened with the following Council members present: Henderson, Connolly, Cullen, Crom and Young.

No action was taken in closed session that is required to be disclosed.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m. to the next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, December 11, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

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JOHN YOUNG, MAYOR

Attest: Richard F. Pucci, City Clerk

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Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk

**APPROVED BY COUNCIL 12/11/06**