

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
January 8, 2007

CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Young called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
INVOCATION	The invocation was given by Lt. Rob Lawler of the Salvation Army followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Connolly.
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 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. No public comment was given.
PRESENTATION Beverly Harry, Retiring Inyo County Clerk-Recorder (1)	Although Beverly Harry who recently retired as Inyo County Clerk-Recorder was not able to attend, the Council recognized her for her many years as Clerk-Recorder and for her public service to the City for election services. A City tile will be mailed to her.
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 – 12/11/06 (b) Personnel Status Change Report (c) Warrant Register – 12/06 (d) Investment Portfolio – 11/06 FOR INFORMATION AND FILING (e) Water and Sewer Commission Agenda – 1/9/07 (f) Public Works Report – 11/06 (g) Public Works Permit Report – 11/06 (h) Public Works Report – 12/06 (i) Public Works Permit Report – 12/06 (j) Fire Department Activity Log – 12/06 Motion passed on a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CDBG – FY 2006
Planning/Technical
Assistance (General
Allocation and/or Economic
Development Application
(3)
Motion/Young

Mayor Young opened the public hearing to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known relating to the City of Bishop application for \$35,000.00 for an Internet-enabled GIS and additional geospatial data layers under the Community Development Block Grant Fiscal Year 2006 Planning and Technical Assistance Program. No public comment was given. Mayor Young made a motion at 7:34 p.m. to close the public hearing. Motion passed 5-0.

ENVIRONMENTAL
REVIEW – 110 S. Fowler
(4)
Motion/Cullen

Mayor Young opened the public hearing to receive public comment for an environmental review on the initial study and negative declaration to allow the proponent, PAR Commercial Brokerage, to place a professional office facility with site improvements at 110 South Fowler Street which is located in a C-1 Zoning District (General Commercial and Retail).

The architect on the project, John Hamilton, described the project to the Council. No further comment was given. At 7:36 p.m. the public hearing was closed on a motion by Councilmember Cullen. Motion passed 5-0.

ENVIRONMENTAL
REVIEW – 162 Willow St.
(5)
Motion/Crom

Mayor Young opened the public hearing to receive public comment for an environmental review on the initial study and mitigated negative declaration to allow the proponent, Jerry Fendon, to place a warehouse facility with site improvements at 162 Willow Street which is located in a C-2 Zoning District (General Commercial).

Bart Bird, the contractor and representative for Jerry Fendon, explained the project to Council.

Melvin Poole, a property owner behind the project, and his son, Ken Poole, stated the 24 foot easement required by the City for the driveway creates a problem with access to their property.

Staff reported that information provided by the Pooles which included written correspondence from 1970 was provided to the City late this afternoon and it is not clear at this point what the issues are. The City Administrator requested that Council take any further public comment and direct staff to evaluate the information and project and continue the public hearing to a future meeting.

The Public Services Officer reported that at the southerly end of the Fendon property it now appears the easements do not line up so the Pooles will not have access to their property.

Following discussion as to why this information came forth at the last minute, Mr. Fendon stated that his easement could be used by

the Pooles for access to their property. The City Administrator noted that a determination could not be made tonight and encouraged the two property owners to attempt to work something out that makes sense. In the meantime the City staff will review the new information.

At 7:47 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Crom made a motion to continue the public hearing until the meeting of February 12, 2007. Motion passed 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF A
NEGATIVE
DECLARATION
110 South Fowler Street
(6)
Motion/Henderson

On a motion by Councilmember Henderson, the Council voted 5-0 to adopt a negative declaration and file a notice of determination that the project at 110 South Fowler to develop a vacant property into a Professional Office Facility would not have a significant adverse impact on the environment for the following reasons:

- The request to develop this project is consistent with the City's General Plan land use designation of C-1 (General Commercial and Retail). The project is also consistent with the goals and policies of the General Plan's land use element.
- The proposed project provides for and is consistent with the City's municipal Code requirements for parking, driveways, landscape and other public improvements.
- The proposed project will not require the expansion of existing public or private utilities and services (electrical, telephone, sewer, water, storm water drainage and solid waste disposal).
- 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.

MITIGATED NEGATIVE
DECLARATION
162 Willow Street
(7)

This item will be placed on the agenda for the regular Council meeting of February 12, 2007, when the public hearing on the environmental review will be continued and discussion and possible action will be taken on the mitigated negative declaration on the project by Jerry Fendon to place a warehouse facility with site improvements at 162 Willow Street.

REQUEST FOR
RENEWAL – Street Vendor
License – Valley Dogs
Catering
(8)
Motion/Young

Ann Aylesworth reviewed her street vendor permit with Council and requested consideration of extending the time of operation at the current location on May Street by one hour.

Mayor Young made a motion to renew the Street Vendor Permit for Valley Dogs Catering for the calendar year 2007 and to extend the hours of operation from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

REAPPOINTMENT TO
PLANNING COMMISSION
Deborah Hess
(9)
Motion/Crom

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Crom, Council voted 5-0 to reappoint Deborah Hess to the Planning Commission for a four-year term ending January 27, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

BID AWARD – Public
Address System for the
Council Chambers
(10)
Motion/Connolly

Councilmember Connolly made a motion to award the bid for the public address system for the Council Chambers to the sole bidder, Serban Sound and Communication of Bakersfield, California in the amount of \$21,010.77. Motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST TO SURPLUS
CITY AND OTHER
PROPERTY – Police and
Administration Departments
(11)
Motion/Young

Mayor Young made a motion to surplus the designated property listed by the Police Department and Administration as surplus to the needs of the City and authorized the City Administrator to dispose of the property in a manner best suited. Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

REQUEST TO SURPLUS
PUBLIC WORKS
EQUIPMENT
(12)
Motion/Henderson

The Public Works Director reported that the backup engine and auxiliary motor removed from Well 2 has substantial salvage value and could be disposed of through a sale on Ebay.

On a motion by Councilmember Henderson, the Council voted 5-0 to declare the engine, right angle drive and related parts removed from Well 2 to be surplus to the needs of the City and authorized the City Administrator to dispose of this equipment in the best interest of the City.

BID AWARD – Sewer
Cleaner Truck – Public
Works Department
(13)
Motion/Crom

The Public Works Director stated that a new sewer cleaner truck is an important purchase for the City in order to maintain assets for the Sewer Department. This new truck will be cost effective and will allow the City crews to perform work once contracted to the Eastern Sierra Community Services District for \$225.00 an hour.

He reported that for the second round of bids, two responsible bids were received from Haaker Equipment Company of LaVerne and Municipal Maintenance Equipment, Inc. of Sacramento followed by responses for additional information from both bidders. It was determined that MME was the low bidder by \$10,849.61. Equipment options were later made which did not affect the outcome of the bids.

Mayor Pro Tem Crom made a motion to award the bid for the sewer cleaner truck with additional option and a one-year service plan to Municipal Maintenance Equipment, Inc. of Sacramento, California in the amount of \$176,506.11 as budgeted in the 2006-2007 fiscal year with \$1,506.11 over the budgeted amount to be funded by deferring other capital expenditures. Motion passed 5-0.

APPROVAL TO RELEASE
REQUEST FOR
PROPOSALS – Consultants
for Wye Road Intersection
Project
(14)
Motion/Henderson

The Public Works Director requested permission to seek proposals for consultant work for the Wye Road Intersection Project. Monies utilized for this project will be the \$300,000.00 deposited by the Kmart Corporation for such improvements.

On a motion by Councilmember Henderson, Council voted 5-0 to approve the release for the request for proposals for consultant work to do the environmental, engineering and right of way work on the Wye Road Intersection Project.

REQUEST TO GO TO BID
PURCHASE OF BACKUP
GENERATOR – Public
Works Department
(15)
Motion/Cullen

The Director requested permission to go to bid for the purchase of a portable backup generator to be used at Well 2 and 4 and the Waste Water Treatment Plant in order to keep key infrastructure operating during possible power outages.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullen to approve the request to go to bid for the backup generator for the Public Works Department. Motion passed 5-0.

STATUS OF THE
GENERAL PLAN – Annual
Progress Report 2006
(16)
Motion/Young

On a motion by Mayor Young, the Council voted 5-0 to accept the Annual Progress Report for 2006 on the Status of the City of Bishop General Plan to be submitted to the Office of Planning and Research and the State Department of Housing and Community Development.

APPROVAL OF
CALIFORNIA JPIA
MEMBERSHIP
(17)
Motion/Connolly

A motion was made by Councilmember Connolly to approve the membership of Area B Disaster Management in the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

2005-2006 CALIFORNIA
CONSTITUTION
ARTICLE XIII B (Prop 4)
Appropriations Limit and
Calculations
(18)
Motion/Henderson

Councilmember Henderson made a motion to approve the following schedule for review and adoption of the 2005-2006 Proposition 4 Appropriations Limit:

1. Give immediate notice of the initial public review period of January 9-February 12, 2007.
2. Set a public hearing date of January 22, 2007.
3. Set February 12, 2007 as the scheduled date for final adoption.

Motion passed 5-0.

CITY OF BISHOP
FINAL AUDIT
FY 2005-2006
(19)
Motion/Connolly

Councilmember Connolly made a motion to accept the City of Bishop Final Audit for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 as presented. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

CITY OF BISHOP
SUNRISE MOBILE HOME
PARK FINAL AUDIT
FY 2005-2006
(20)
Motion/Young

Mayor Young made a motion to accept the City of Bishop Final Audit for the Sunrise Mobile Home Park for Fiscal Year 2005-2006.

Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

CITY OF BISHOP
REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY FINAL AUDIT
FY 2005-2006
(21)
Motion/Crom

Mayor Pro Tem Crom made a motion to accept the City of Bishop Redevelopment Agency Final Audit for Fiscal Year 2005-2006.

Motion passed 5-0.

CITY OF BISHOP
FINAL BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007
(22)
Motion/Cullen

Councilmember Cullen made a motion to accept the City of Bishop Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 as presented. Motion passed 5-0. Cullen thanked the entire staff and specifically the Finance Department for the hard work involved in putting it together.

RECESS/RECONVENE

At 8:14 p.m. Mayor Young recessed the meeting to convene as the Bishop Redevelopment Agency. He reconvened the Council meeting at 8:18 p.m. Council members present: Henderson, Connolly, Cullen, Crom, Young.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Cullen thanked all those who participated this year in the Wish Tree Program organized by I.M.A.C.A.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m. to the next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, January 22, 2007 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