

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
June 11, 2007

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Crom 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 Dishion.

COUNCIL PRESENT Griffiths, Cullen, Dishion, Crom

COUNCIL ABSENT Connolly - Excused

OTHERS PRESENT Richard Pucci, City Administrator
Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk
Peter Tracy, City Attorney
Keith Caldwell, Community Services Director
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. No public comment was given.

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 Meeting Minutes – 5/14/07
(b) Council Meeting Minutes – 5/29/07
(c) Personnel Status Change Report
(d) Warrant Register – 5/07

FOR INFORMATION AND FILING
(e) Fire Department Activity Log – 5/07

Motion passed on a 4-0 vote. Connolly absent.

HEARING

WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASES TO BE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007 (2) The Mayor opened the hearing to receive input on the increase to water and sewer rates effective July 1, 2007. Property owners in the City of Bishop received written notification of the hearing for the opportunity to be heard on any matter relating to the proposed increase in water and sewer rates. The complete series of rate increases, including the last one, are essential in meeting rehabilitation, replacement, and mandate requirements.

Sam Reighard Sr., owner of dry cleaning and laundromat businesses in the city limits, stated he understands the need to raise the water and sewer rates and to this point has been able to absorb the previous increases. Mr. Reighard stated that he is paying \$37.60 per washer per month and asked if apartment, condominium, and motel owners who provide washer/dryer units for residents were charged the same rates. He requested Council consideration to revise the formula charged to laundromats or install meters to monitor use. The City Administrator stated that meters are the best way to determine water usage if the City was charging by the amount of water used; however the rates are based on SFRUE (Single Family Residential Unit Equivalents).

In response to a question from Councilmember Griffiths, the Public Works Director stated that meters could be installed to begin gathering information on water use but they are expensive.

Councilmember Griffiths suggested that the Department attempt to obtain data from other cities to find a more fair formula. Commissioner Mathieu felt more studies need to be done to find a more equitable formula for charges.

Motion/Crom

Forrest Cross and Pat Mathieu, members of the City of Bishop Water and Sewer Commission, stated the Commission has been discussing these issues over the past six months and held two informational meetings which were poorly attended. They realize there are some areas of the water and sewer rates that could be improved. Vice Chairman Cross provided a letter to the Council listing the goals and issues discussed by the Commission relating to the current increases to fund the water and sewer systems.

The Council voted 4-0 on a motion was made by Mayor Crom to close the hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 07-05
Restating Increases to Water
and Sewer Rates Effective July
1, 2007

(3)
Motion/Cullen

The City Attorney provided a revised Resolution No. 07-05 for Council consideration restating and reimposing the increase to the water and sewer rates effective July 1, 2007.

Councilmember Cullen made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 07-05 as amended by title only, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, RESTATING AND REIMPOSING THE INCREASE TO THE WATER AND SEWER RATES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007 AS ADOPTED IN RESOLUTION NO. 04-06 DATED FEBRUARY 23, 2004 AND RESTATED IN RESOLUTION NO. 06-10 ADOPTED

JUNE 26, 2006, AND RATIFYING AND RESTATING RESOLUTIONS 04-06 AND 06-10". The motion passed 4-0 with Mayor Pro Tem Connolly absent.

REQUEST TO REJECT ALL BIDS– South Street Curb and Gutter Project
(4)
Motion/Griffiths

The Public Works Director reported that an error was made on the bid date in the public notice for the South Street Curb and Gutter Project. He requested the sole bid be rejected and permission to readvertise.

On a motion by Councilmember Griffiths, the Council voted 4-0 to reject the bid received on the South Street Project and authorized the readvertisement.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS/TRANSFERS FY 2006-2007
(5)
Motion/Griffiths

Councilmember Griffiths made a motion to approve the budget adjustments and transfer for fiscal year 2006-2007 through May 31, 2007 as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-08
Appropriating Fund Balances Pursuant to Article XIII B of the California Constitution – Prop 4
(6)
Motion/Griffiths

Councilmember Griffiths made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 07-08 by title only, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROPRIATING FUND BALANCES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XIII B OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION (PROPOSITION 4)".

COUNCIL REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m. to the next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, June 25, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

FRANK CROM, MAYOR

Attest: Richard F. Pucci, City Clerk

By: _____
Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk

APPROVED BY COUNCIL JUNE 25, 2007