

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 12, 2008

CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Connolly called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
INVOCATION	The invocation was given by Pastor Paul Straub of the Church of the Nazarene followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Dishion.
COUNCIL PRESENT	Griffiths, Crom, Dishion, Cullen, Connolly
COUNCIL ABSENT	None
OTHERS PRESENT	Richard Pucci, City Administrator Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk Peter Tracy, City Attorney Keith Caldwell, Community Services Director Ray Seguine, Fire Chief Kathleen Sheehan, Police Chief David Grah, Public Works Director Gary Schley, Public Services Officer Bob Kimball, City Treasurer
PUBLIC COMMENT	<p>The Mayor announced the public comment period. Members of the California High School Rodeo Association addressed the Council to announce the State Finals scheduled for June 16-21, 2008 in Bishop. The community was thanked for supporting the event by the CHSRA 2008 State Queen and local District 9 participants Queen Ashley Craft and Dylan Dishion who is also the State Vice President.</p> <p>Scott Brumbaugh, a resident of Willow Street, reported that he submitted a letter requesting action be taken to correct the direction of a security light located at the Willow Plaza Apartments. The light currently shines into his residence across the street from the apartment complex. Staff, made aware of the problem by Mr. Brumbaugh's letter earlier in the day, made contact with the developer for the workforce housing and the problem will be corrected immediately.</p>
PROCLAMATION	
Designating May as Older Americans Month in the City of Bishop (1)	Staff read the proclamation designating May as Older Americans Month in the City of Bishop. Selma Calnan, a member of AARP Chapter 1514 and a community advocate for seniors, was presented the proclamation by the Mayor and gave an update on activities available to older Americans in our local area.
CONSENT CALENDAR (2)	A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cullen to approve the Consent Calendar as presented:

Motion/Cullen

FOR APPROVAL AND FILING

- (a) Council Minutes – 4/28/08
- (b) Personnel Status Change Report
- (c) Warrant Register – 4/08

FOR INFORMATION AND FILING

- (d) Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda – 5/15/08
- (e) Water and Sewer Commission Agenda – 5/13/08
- (f) Planning Commission Minutes – 3/29/08
- (g) Fire Department Activity Log – 4/08

Motion passed on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Cullen, Dishion, Griffiths, Connolly. Abstained: Crom

PUBLIC HEARING

Environmental Review
768 North Main Street
Carl’s Jr. Restaurant
(3)
Motion/Crom

The Mayor opened the public hearing to receive comment on the Initial Study and Draft Negative Declaration to allow Sierra-Surf Connection, Inc. to set aside Bishop Municipal Code Section 17.76.100 Signs-Commercial districts at the Carl’s Jr. Restaurant, 768 North Main Street which is located in a C-1 Zoning District (General Commercial and Retail). The project is proposing a total of 176 square feet of signage exceeding the allowable 80 square feet.

Sarah Vandenberg representing Sierra Surf Connection, Inc. reviewed the changes to the signage for Carl’s Jr. No further comment was given.

Councilmember Crom made a motion to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Carl’s Jr. Restaurant Signage
768 North Main Street
(4)
Motion/Cullen

Mayor Pro Tem Cullen made a motion to adopt a Negative Declaration for the project at Carl’s Jr. Restaurant located at 768 North Main Street with the finding that 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. The motion passed 5-0.

350 LAGOON STREET
Direction to Staff Relating to
the Development of an
Agreement with Verizon
for Purchase of Site for the
Possible Relocation of Police
Dept.
(5)
Motion/Connolly

The City Administrator gave a brief history on the Police Department space issues and search for new facility location and other options.

Several years ago Council directed staff to review alternatives to obtaining better facilities for the Bishop Police Department. Since the 1980’s the Department has attempted to add on and retrofit at the current location in order to meet their demands. Because of major infrastructure and building requirements the

existing facility is “built out”. Any retrofit of the existing building would trigger major capital expenditures.

In early 2007 Verizon, at 350 Lagoon Street, indicated their interest in leasing or selling the 1.7 acres to an entity that would be compatible with their continued use of a portion of the grounds and building.

In March of 2008 staff presented a summary of some available options for the Police Department including the option of an on-site retrofit. Staff was charged with taking a closer look at all options and the availability of funding sources for a department facilities update or relocation.

The City Administrator and Police Chief requested Council authorization to move forward to define the terms and conditions for any potential purchase of the property at 350 Lagoon Street for the possible relocation of the Bishop Police Department.

Mayor Connolly made a motion to:

1. Authorize staff to negotiate with Verizon in order to obtain a selling price for 350 Lagoon Street and proposed conditions for any sale.
2. Authorize the City Attorney to meet with Verizon’s legal staff in order to draft a document with terms. Any document would be brought to Council for action at some later date and would recite terms such as:
 - A. Selling price
 - B. Escrow terms including a 4-6 month “due diligence” period where either party could “back out” without penalties.
 - C. Cross use arrangements with Verizon.
3. Authorize the Police Department to seek outside funding sources that would offset costs to the City for any eventual Police Department relocation to 350 Lagoon.
4. Authorize staff to seek and bring back to Council the costs for preliminary site plan design which would allow the City to better determine costs and/or feasibility of the purchase.

The motion passed on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Connolly, Crom, Dishion, Griffiths, Cullen.

RESOLUTION 08-05
Authorizing City
Administrator to Sign
Documents for State and
Federal Funded Street

Councilmember Crom moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-05 by title only, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN APPLICATIONS, AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS FOR FEDERAL AND

Projects – Public Works
Department
(6)
Motion/Crom

STATE FUNDED STREET PROJECTS AND AMENDING
RESOLUTION NO. 08-04". The motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS
AND TRANSFERS – FY
2007-2008
(7)
Motion/Crom

On a motion by Councilmember Crom, the Council voted 5-0 to
approve the budget adjustments and transfers for fiscal year 2007-
2008 through April 30, 2008 as presented.

ADOPTION OF
PRELIMINARY BUDGET
Fiscal Year 2008-2009
(8)

The City Administrator presented the Preliminary Budget for
Fiscal Year 2008-2009 for \$11,396,491.00. General Fund
Expenditures are up 6% over last year due to several new capital
programs and projects in streets and parks and state funding
cutbacks and the higher costs for health care, worker's
compensation and retirement programs. The Overall
Expenditures are up by 1%. Non-essential costs were cut
however the budget reflects substantial infrastructure programs in
sewer and water. The Preliminary Budget reflects efforts to
maintain the high level of services to the citizens and yet
maintains long term financial viability. Budget Hearings will be
held on May 14, 2008 including the requests from the community
promotions with the adoption of the Preliminary Budget
scheduled on June 23, 2008.

COUNCIL REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. to the next
Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at 7:30
p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

MARTIN L. CONNOLLY, MAYOR

Attest: Richard F. Pucci, City Clerk

By: _____
Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk

APPROVED BY COUNCIL MAY 27, 2008