

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
June 9, 2008

CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Connolly called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
INVOCATION	The invocation was given by Pastor Rick Klug of the Calvary Baptist Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro Tem Cullen.
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 Seguire, Fire Chief Kathleen Sheehan, 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 provided.
PRESENTATIONS	
BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS Dean – 407 Hammond Anne Marie’s – 336 N. Main (1)	The Mayor presented Dan and Dee Dean with a residential beautification award for improvements to their residence at 407 Hammond Street. A representative from Anne Marie’s was not able to attend. The Bregoffs will receive a certificate for their business at 336 North Main Street.
PROCLAMATION (2)	The proclamation recognizing United States Army Week was moved to the end of the New Business items to allow for the arrival of the Army Recruiter from Ridgecrest.
CONSENT CALENDAR (3)	A motion was made by Mayor Pro Ten Cullen and passed unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar as presented:
Motion/Cullen	FOR APPROVAL AND FILING (a) Budget Hearing Minutes – 5/14/08 (b) Council Minutes – 5/27/08 (c) Personnel Status Change Report (d) Warrant Register – 5/08 FOR INFORMATION AND FILING (e) Public Works Report – 5/08 (f) Public Works Permit Report – 5/08

HEARING

RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY – Acquisition of Property for Easement at 592 and 596 N. Third Street for Road Improvement Project A
(4)

The Mayor opened the hearing to receive comments regarding the intent of the City Council to adopt a Resolution of Necessity to acquire property by Eminent Domain at 592 and 596 North Third Street for the street project known as “Road Improvement Project A”. Public Works Director Dave Grah reported that Road Improvement Project A funded from both State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and city monies will improve North Third Street between East Elm and East Pine Streets and will include the improvement of poor drainage and sewer flow. The Director indicated the best location for the new pipes to make the improvements was determined to be on two adjacent properties owned by James and Michele Hartshorn at 592 and 596 North Third Street using two proposed easements each four feet wide and along opposite sides of the property line. The appraisal of the fair market value of the easements is \$9,000 each or \$18,000 total. Discussions with the Hartshorns about the acquisition of these easements have been underway since June 2007 and they have indicated their general receptiveness and even support for the acquisition of the easements and the related improvements. Grah spoke to the Hartshorns today and negotiations have been reached on the easements; however he felt it could still take some time to bring the acquisition to a conclusion. He felt this issue is important enough for him to suggest moving ahead with the Resolution of Necessity to make sure the negotiations are closed in order to secure these easements. No further comment was provided and the Mayor closed the hearing at 7:40 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 08-06 Relating to the Acquisition of Property by Eminent Domain at 592 and 596 North Third Street for Road Improvement Project A
(5)
Motion/Connolly

Mayor Connolly made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 08-06 by title only, “A RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN FOR THE ‘ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT A’ PUBLIC ROAD PROJECT PURSUANT TO CODE CIVIL PROCEDURES § 1245.330”. The motion passed on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Connolly, Crom, Dishion, Griffiths, Cullen.

PRESENTATION of Completed Master Water and Wastewater Plans
(6)
Motion/Crom

The Public Works Director gave a review of the two year process and outcome of the project by Nolte to develop water and wastewater master plans which included an investigation of the systems, fiscal aspects, deficiencies, and capital and operational improvement programs. Updates will be done at intervals to meet the City’s needs. Councilmember Crom made a motion to accept the City of Bishop Water Master Plan dated February 2008 and the City of Bishop Wastewater Master Plan dated April 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL TO RELEASE
REQUEST FOR
PROPOSALS – Sewer
Connections with ESCSD
(7)
Motion/Griffiths

The Public Works Director reported the Department proposes to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) jointly with the Eastern Sierra Community Services District (ESCSD) to hire a consultant for the investigation and possible delivery of improvements to provide connections between the City of Bishop sewer system and the ESCSD sewer system. He explained the improvements would be for the mutual benefit of both systems and expected the ESCSD Board authorization of the release of the RFP at their next meeting. Councilmember Griffiths stated he appreciates the intergovernmental cooperation in order to provide the best service to the community and made a motion to authorize the release of the Request for Proposals with the Eastern Sierra Community Sewer District to hire a consultant to provide connections between the two sewer systems. The motion passed 5-0.

PROCLAMATION

United States Army Week
June 9-15, 2008
(2)

Staff read the proclamation designating the week of June 9-15, 2008 in recognition and support of United States Army Week in the City of Bishop. The proclamation was presented to Sgt. Andrew Valadez from the recruiting office in Ridgecrest who arrived after the Council meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS

The Council praised those responsible for the Grad Night Party held for the Class of 2008. Congratulations were given to Susan Cash for her victory in the June 3, 2008 election for County Supervisor.

CLOSED SESSIONS

The Mayor recessed open session at 7:55 p.m. to convene in closed session with all Council Members present to conclude individual employee evaluations started during Study Session for the positions of City Administrator, Fire Chief, Public Works Director, Community Services Director and Police Chief. Mayor Connolly reconvened the regular meeting at 9:13 p.m. with all members present and announced there were no actions taken in closed session which were required by law to be reported on in open session.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m. to the next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, June 23, 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 ON JUNE 23, 2008