

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
July 14, 2008

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

INVOCATION The invocation was given by Patrick Thompson of the Neighborhood Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Connolly.

COUNCIL PRESENT Griffiths, Dishion, Cullen, Connolly

COUNCIL ABSENT Crom

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

PUBLIC COMMENT The Mayor announced the public comment period. Chuck Kilpatrick on behalf of the Bishop First United Methodist Church announced the upcoming 100 year celebration of the sanctuary building on August 16, 2008.

PROCLAMATION

Breastfeeding Awareness Month
(1) Staff read the proclamation declaring August as Breastfeeding Awareness Month in the City of Bishop.

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 – 6/23/08
(b) Personnel Status Change Report
(c) Change in effective date of Supply of Vehicle Fuel Contract
(d) Warrant Register – 6/08

FOR INFORMATION AND FILING
(e) Water and Sewer Commission Agenda – 7/8/08
(f) Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes – 5/15/08
(g) Planning Commission Minutes – 6/24/08
(h) Public Works Report – 6/08
(i) Public Works Permit Report – 6/08
(j) Fire Department Activity Log – 6/08

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Stop Signs at Intersection
North Second at East Pine
Streets
(3)
Motion/Griffiths

The Mayor opened a public hearing to receive input on the City's proposal to install two new stop signs on North Second Street at East Pine Street to improve traffic and pedestrian safety. The Public Works Director reported notices were sent to all area residents and property owners and notification published in the Inyo Register. No comments either in favor of or in opposition to the stop signs were received.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 08-08
Establishing Stop Signs at
North Second and East Pine
Streets – Public Works and
Police Departments
(4)
Motion/Cullen

Mayor Pro Tem Cullen made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 08-08 by title only, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING STOP SIGNS AND MARKINGS AT THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH SECOND STREET AT EAST PINE STREET". The motion passed 4-0 with Councilmember Crom absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-09
2008-2011 Used Oil
Recycling Block Grant -
Administration
(5)
Motion/Connolly

At the request of Inyo County Integrated Waste Management to submit an application on behalf of the City for the Used Oil Recycling Block Grant, Mayor Connolly made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 08-09 by title only, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF INYO TO SUBMIT ON THE CITY'S BEHALF AN APPLICATION FOR THE 2008-2011 USED OIL RECYCLING BLOCK GRANT – FOURTEENTH CYCLE". The motion passed 4-0 with Councilmember Crom absent.

REQUEST TO SURPLUS
PROPERTY – Police Dept.
(6)
Motion/Connolly

The Police Chief reported the Department has unclaimed found property (eight bicycles) and requested Council authorization to surplus the bicycles for donation to the Inyo Mono Association for the Handicapped.

Mayor Connolly made a motion to surplus the unclaimed found property and authorized the City Administrator to dispose of the same in the best interest of the City. The motion passed 4-0 with Councilmember Crom absent.

350 LAGOON STREET
Consideration and Possible
Action on the Purchase and
Retrofit for Police Dept.
(7)

The City Administrator reported that the necessary documents have not been received from Verizon. They are currently being prepared and when received will be reviewed by the City Attorney. This item will be placed on a future agenda for consideration and possible action.

APPROVAL OF
EXTENSION OF
CONTRACT – City
Attorney
(8)

The City Administrator stated the extension of the contract with the City Attorney has been pulled and will be placed on the July 28, 2008 agenda for consideration and possible action.

REQUEST TO LOCATE
THE FARMERS MARKET
IN THE CITY PARK –
Community Services Dept.
(9)
Motion/Griffiths

Councilmember Griffiths made a motion to waive the prohibition and/or restrictions on private commercial sales on City property to allow the Farmers Market at the City Park from July to October. The motion passed 4-0 with Councilmember Crom absent. The Community Services Director is negotiating with the group on the location and start up date.

REQUEST TO GO TO BID
Demolition of Abandoned
Court Facility at East End
of City Park – Community
Services Department
(10)
Motion/Connolly

The Community Services Director reported that the abandoned tennis courts 5, 6, 7 and 8 located at the northeast corner of the City Park at East Yaney and Spruce Streets are in disrepair and requested authorization to remove them.

On a motion by Mayor Connolly the Council voted unanimously to approve the request to go to bid for the demolition of tennis courts 5, 6, 7, and 8. Absent – Crom.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET
ADJUSTMENTS AND
TRANSFERS – FY 2007-08
(11)
Motion/Cullen

Mayor Pro Tem Cullen made a motion to approve the budget adjustments and transfers for fiscal year 2007-2008 through June 30, 2008 as presented. The motion passed 4-0 with Crom absent.

DESIGNATION OF
VOTING DELEGATES –
Annual League of California
Cities Conference
(12)
Motion/Connolly

Mayor Connolly made a motion to appoint Councilmember Crom as the City of Bishop voting delegate for the annual business meeting to be held at the League of California Cities Conference in Long Beach in September with Mayor Pro Tem Cullen to serve as the first alternate and Councilmember Griffiths as the second alternate. The motion passed 4-0 with Crom absent.

COUNCIL REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m. to the next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, July 28, 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 July 28, 2008