

CITY OF BISHOP  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
August 11, 2008

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

INVOCATION The invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Cullen followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Griffiths.

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.

CONSENT CALENDAR (1) A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cullen to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion passed on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Cullen, Dishion, Griffiths, Connolly. Abstained: Crom.

Motion/Cullen

FOR APPROVAL AND FILING  
(a) Council Minutes – 7/28/08  
(b) Personnel Status Change Report  
(c) Fund Transactions – 7/1/07 – 6/30/08

FOR INFORMATION AND FILING  
(d) Planning Commission Agenda – 7/29/08  
(e) Public Works Report – 7/08  
(f) Public Works Permit Report – 7/08

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 522  
Establishing Compensation  
for City Commissioners -  
Adoption  
(2)  
Motion/Dishion

Councilmember Dishion thanked the 17 commissioners currently serving on City commissions and made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 522 by title only, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR CITY COMMISSIONERS”. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

REPORT BY CALTRANS  
ON RED CURBING ON  
U.S. 395 AT JAY STREET  
(3)

Ms. Terry Erlwein, Operations Engineer for Caltrans District 9 provided an informational report on the Caltrans' proposal to red curb the east side of South Main Street at Jay Street to improve sight distance at that intersection. No Council action is required.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-11  
Appropriating Fund  
Balances Pursuant to Article  
XIII B of the California  
Constitution – PROP 4  
(4)  
Motion/Cullen

Mayor Pro Tem Cullen made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 08-11 by title only, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROPRIATING FUND BLANCES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XIII B OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION (PROPOSITION 4)". The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET  
ADJUSTMENTS /  
TRANSFERS – FY 2007-08  
(5)  
Motion/Griffiths

Councilmember Griffiths made a motion to approve the budget adjustments and transfers for fiscal year 2007-2008 through June 30, 2008 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST TO WAIVE BID  
PROCEDURE FOR THE  
PURCHASE A DISPATCH  
CONSOLE – POLICE  
DEPT.  
(6)

The Police Chief reported that the dispatch console used for police, fire and ambulance activity had broken down and is not repairable. The Department is using a borrowed unit. She stated that action needed to be taken quickly in order to replace the unit which has to be customized and networked with other agencies. It was the Chief's recommendation that a dual console be purchased in order to provide a backup station and better service in case of emergencies.

Motion/Cullen

Mayor Pro Tem Cullen made a motion to waive the formal bid procedure pursuant to Municipal Code Section 3.24.200(D) and authorize the execution of a contract with ComSerco in the amount of \$88,362.72 with the necessary budget adjustments and transfers. The motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST TO SURPLUS  
CITY PROPERTY –  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
(7)  
Motion/Crom

On a motion by Councilmember Crom, the Council voted unanimously to approve the request to declare certain Department items as surplus to the City and authorized the City Administrator to dispose of them in the best interest of the City.

CITY ATTORNEY  
CONTRACT EXTENSION  
(8)

The City Attorney reviewed the requested modifications and three-year extension to his current contract:

1. Retain 3% raise effective August 1, 2008 and 3% effective August 1, 2009; add 3% raises effective August 1, 2010, August 1, 2011 and August 1, 2012.
2. Increase litigation expenses from \$205.00 per hour to \$215.00 per hour effective August 1, 2008; and increase to \$235.00 per hour on August 1, 2010.

3. Provide the option of attending any two meetings at which State Bar of California continuing legal education credit is given relevant to duties as the City Attorney instead of attending two League of California Cities meetings.

Motion/Crom

Councilmember Crom made a motion to approve the modifications and extension of the City Attorney's contract effective August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2013 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST FOR  
APPROVAL OF A LINE  
OF CREDIT LOAN TO  
THE EASTERN SIERRA  
TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
(9)

Councilmember Griffiths and Mayor Pro Tem Cullen, representing the City of Bishop on the Board of Directors for the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority, reported that with the current state budget impasse and withholding of funds from the last quarter of the last fiscal year, ESTA does not have the budget reserves to weather the state's fiscal challenges. Griffiths stated that it was the intention of the Transit Authority to request each member agency, Town of Mammoth, City of Bishop, Inyo and Mono Counties, to contribute to a line of credit loan which would be administered by the Town of Mammoth and repaid at the LAIF rate.

The City Administrator reported that no formal request had been received from the Executive Director of ESTA. The City does not know if all the agencies will participate or the exact amount needed from each agency. He recommended that Council withhold taking action until that information is determined.

It was the consensus of the Council that depending on the terms including a sunset clause and amount needed for the line of credit loan, they would formally consider the assistance to ESTA.

The City Administrator was directed to send a letter to the ESTA Executive Director before their meeting of August 15<sup>th</sup> asking that a formal request be sent to all member agencies and define the duration for the requested loan.

## COUNCIL REPORTS

### ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m. to the next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, August 25, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

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MARTIN L. CONNOLLY, MAYOR

Attest: Richard F. Pucci, City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk

***APPROVED BY COUNCIL 8/25/08***