

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 22, 2008

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

INVOCATION The invocation was given by Father Tony Faint of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Crom.

COUNCIL PRESENT Griffiths, Crom, Dishion, Cullen

COUNCIL ABSENT Connolly

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

PUBLIC COMMENT The Mayor announced the public comment period. Mary Baker, 630 West Elm Street, addressed the Council on her concerns on the removal of mature trees by various agencies for projects and urged the City to make a concerted effort to preserve them when planning sidewalk projects.

PROCLAMATION

Domestic Violence Awareness Month
(1) Councilmembers read the proclamation declaring October 2008 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Bishop and presented the proclamation to Penni Brown, Program Manager for Wild Iris. Ms. Brown gave a report on upcoming events in support of this awareness.

CONSENT CALENDAR
(2) Motion/Griffiths A motion was made by Councilmember Griffiths and passed 4-0 with Connolly absent to approve the Consent Calendar as presented:

FOR APPROVAL AND FILING
(a) Council Minutes – 9/8/08
(b) Personnel Status Change Report
(c) Fund Transactions – 7/1/08-8/31/08
(d) Investment Portfolio – 8/08

FOR INFORMATION AND FILING
(e) Planning Commission Agenda – 9/30/08
(f) Water and Sewer Commission Minutes – 9/9/08
(g) Fire Department Activity Log – 8/08

PUBLIC HEARING

CDBG Grant Application
Design Phase
(3)
Motion/Cullen

The Mayor Pro Tem opened the public hearing for discussion on the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Community Development Block Grant program and to solicit citizen input on possible applications to be submitted for eligible projects including housing – new construction; housing acquisition and housing rehabilitation programs; community facility and public work projects; public service programs and planning studies.

The Public Works Director reported this is the first of two public hearings for this round of grant funding. The City will apply for up to \$70,000 through the Planning and Technical Assistance allocation.

The anticipated project will include ground mapping work in support of enhancing flood information for the area. Written comments can be submitted to him prior to the next public hearing on the application process in October.

Pam Hennarty, 111 Hobbs Circle, Bishop, who is the Executive Director for Mammoth Lakes Housing, described some of the programs offered by the Community Development Block Grant such as down payment assistance and HOME construction. She encouraged exploration of these programs for the benefits they offer to the citizens of the community and stated she is available to meet with City officials to discuss them.

No other public comment was provided. Councilmember Griffiths made a motion to close the public hearing. Motion passed 4-0 with Connolly absent.

NEW BUSINESS

PRESENTATION by
BUESD Supt. Barry
Simpson on Measure A on
November Ballot

RESOLUTION NO. 08-14
In Support of Measure A
(4)

Barry Simpson, Superintendent of the Bishop Union Elementary School District spoke on the benefits that the passage of Measure A on the November ballot would have for the school district. He stated that due to the declining enrollment over past years there has been a major decrease in federal and state funding as well as increases in fuel prices and utility costs. Measure A will allow the district to install a solar system that will cut utility costs and bring in additional funding through rebates from Southern California Edison that will be used for educational programs. He emphasized that passage of the bond will not increase property taxes but would be a continuation from previous bonds approved by voters from 2025 to 2033.

Motion/Crom

Councilmember Crom made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 08-14 by title only, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF MEASURE A FOR THE

BISHOP UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT ON THE NOVEMBER 4, 2008 BALLOT". Motion passed 4-0 with Connolly absent.

REVIEW OF ABC APPLICATION – The Loco Frijole – 772 North Main St. (5)

The application for an ABC license for beer and wine on-site sales for The Loco Frijole on North Main Street was reviewed by Council. No comment was provided and no action needed.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS / TRANSFERS FY 2008-2009 (6)
Motion/Crom

On a motion by Councilmember Crom the Council voted 4-0 (Connolly absent) to approve the budget adjustments and transfers for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 through September 30, 2008 as presented.

BID AWARD – Air Compressor and Trash Pump Public Works Dept. (7)
Motion/Griffiths

On a motion by Councilmember Griffiths the Council voted 4-0 (Connolly absent) to award bids as follows:

- Atlas Copco of Reno, Nevada for the air compressor in the amount of \$14, 254.89;
- Pollard Water, Redmond, Washington for the trash pump in the amount of \$8,714.82.

APPROVAL TO RELEASE RFP'S – Paved Path Projects Delivery Contracts (8)

The Public Works Director requested authorization to release Request for Proposals (RFP) for consultant services to deliver two new Transportation Enhancement (TE) projects: Pine to Park Path and the Seibu to School Bike Path. He reported these projects are 100% funded through the Local Transportation Commission and there is no match of City funds.

Motion/Cullen

Mayor Pro Tem Cullen made a motion to approve the release of the Request for Proposals for delivery contracts for the two paved path projects. Motion passed 4-0 with Connolly absent.

APPROVAL TO RELEASE RFP'S – Well 2 and 4 Assessment and Rehabilitation (9)

The Public Works Director requested authorization to release Request for Proposals (RFP) for assessment and rehabilitation of Well 2 and 4. It is anticipated the work will be done during the winter months when water demands are low. The work will be done one well at a time.

Motion/Crom

On a motion by Councilmember Crom the Council voted 4-0 (Connolly absent) to approve the release of the Request for Proposals for assessment and rehabilitation of Well 2 and 4.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENT - Triad/Holmes Associates (10)

As reported by the Public Works Director, the water and sewer systems within both the South Second Street project and Project A need improvement. A contract amendment with Triad/Holmes Associates for the engineering work for \$32,100.00 is submitted for Council consideration.

Mary Baker, 620 East Elm Street requested that the City strongly encourage the local paper to put notices on the meetings for street

projects on the front page of the paper because people need to know what is happening in their neighborhoods.

Councilmember Crom stated the City does everything possible to make the public aware to get them involved and then on an average only 1-5 people show up for the meeting. Public Works Director Grah commented that 15-20 people attended the South Second Street meeting which was very encouraging and added that the local media has been very helpful in announcing and publishing the information provided. In addition he stated the City will continue to look for new ways to communicate information to the community.

Motion/Crom

On a motion by Councilmember Crom, the Council voted 4-0 (with Connolly absent) to approve the first amendment to the street delivery contract with Triad/Holmes Associates in the amount of \$32,100.00 bringing the total cost of the contract not to exceed \$482,100.00.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Crom commented on the new sewer camera equipment that was recently purchased and how well it has worked to locate problem areas that need repair.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m. to the next Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

SUSAN CULLEN, MAYOR PRO TEM

Attest: Richard F. Pucci, City Clerk

By: _____
Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk