

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 14, 2008

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

INVOCATION The invocation was given by Pastor Kent Puls of the Grace Lutheran Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Griffiths.

COUNCIL PRESENT Griffiths, Crom, Dishion, Cullen, Connolly

COUNCIL ABSENT None

OTHERS PRESENT Peter Tracy, City Attorney
Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk
Keith Caldwell, Community Services Director
Ray Seguire, 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. Robert Klieforth, 437 Willow Street, spoke on what it is like to live next door to an empty home in foreclosure and offered some suggestions as to how the City could better serve its citizens. He indicated many hazards remained following the vacation of the home and questioned who is responsible for the property when that happens. Mr. Klieforth thanked the Bishop Fire Chief and Inyo County hazardous waste personnel for getting the realtor to arrange a clean up of the property.

Klieforth suggested the City work with other jurisdictions to develop a protocol for rapid notification for public safety officials – fire, police and code enforcement officials – for early and ongoing monitoring of foreclosed properties so they can respond to access the situation and notify those responsible for addressing any problems that may exist. He also suggested that current statutory authority be reviewed to see if it is adequate in order to address these situations. As another possibility he mentioned that other cities use grant funding and city crews to rehabilitate and make these properties available to low-income families.

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

(1)
Motion/Cullen

FOR APPROVAL AND FILING
(a) Council Minutes – 9/22/08

- (b) Personnel Status Change Report
- (c) Warrant Register – 9/08

FOR INFORMATION AND FILING

- (d) Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda – 10/22/08
- (e) Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes – 8/27/08
- (f) Fire Department Activity Log – 9/08
- (g) Public Works Report – 9/08
- (h) Public Works Permit Report – 9/08

NEW BUSINESS

CITY PARK TREE
TRIMMING /
MAINTENANCE
(2)

For safety and security considerations, the Community Services Director requested the Council waive the bid procedure and allow the Department to have tree trimming and maintenance performed on City Park Trees as soon as possible.

Motion/Connolly

Mayor Connolly made a motion to approve the request to waive the bid procedure and authorized S&R Tree Service to proceed with the necessary tree trimming and maintenance at the City Park. The motion passed unanimously.

TENNIS COURT
DEMOLITION AND
REUSE PLAN
(3)

The Community Services Department requested approval to seek permission from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Bishop office, as required by the park lease, to modify existing irrigation lines and multi-purpose fields, construction of two backstops, planting of trees and creation of shaded area. The work will be done by the park staff.

Motion/Crom

Councilmember Crom made a motion to approve the request to obtain permission from the LADWP in order to make the modifications for reuse of the area gained by the demolition of the tennis courts. The motion passed unanimously.

BID AWARD –
AUDITORIUM / PBS
STORAGE REMODEL
(4)

The Community Services Director reported that two bids were received for the remodel of the city storage facilities:

- CRJ Construction, Inc., Lone Pine \$51,080.00
- Rudolph Construction, Inc., Bishop \$82,195.00

Motion/Cullen

Mayor Pro Tem Cullen made a motion to award the bid for the remodel of the auditorium and storage areas to CRJ Construction, Inc. of Lone Pine in an amount not to exceed \$51,080.00. Motion passed unanimously.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY
UPDATES – CITY HALL
FACILITIES
(5)

As reported by the Community Services Director, an analysis was completed by DWP and recommendations were made to improve the energy efficiency of the City Hall Complex and public safety facilities. Retrofitting lamps, ballasts and exit signs will complete the second of a three phase process. The costs for Phases 2 and 3 are included in the current year budget.

Motion/Griffiths

On a motion by Councilmember Griffiths, the Council voted 5-0 to approve the Phase 2 lighting updates to the City Hall Complex, Fire and Police Stations at a cost to the City, after the DWP rebate, not to exceed \$8,250.00.

GROVE STREET
SIDEWALKS PROJECT
AGREEMENT
(6)
Motion/Crom

Councilmember Crom made a motion to approve the execution of the agreement with Caltrans for the contribution of funds for the delivery of the Grove Street Sidewalks Project. The motion passed 5-0.

WAIVE HIRING FREEZE
TO FILL PUBLIC WORKS
SECRETARY POSITION
(7)
Motion/Cullen

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cullen to waive the hiring freeze to allow the Public Works Department to fill the secretarial position created by the retirement of Kathy Lehr who has worked in that position since 1990. The motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS/
TRANSFERS FY 2008-09
(8)
Motion/Crom

A motion was made by Councilmember Crom to approve the budget adjustments and transfers for fiscal year 2008-09 through September 30, 2008 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

REJECTION OF CLAIM
AGAINST THE CITY –
WILLIAM DOWNEY
(9)
Motion/Griffiths

On a motion by Councilmember Griffiths, the Council voted 5-0 to reject the claim against the City filed on behalf of William Downey on September 25, 2008.

SET INTERVIEW
COMMITTEE – Water and
Sewer Commission Term
Expirations
(10)
Motion/Connolly

Mayor Connolly made a motion to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Cullen and Councilmember Dishion to serve on the interview committee for three expiring terms on the Water and Sewer Commission. Motion passed unanimously. Interviews will be held within the next couple of weeks with commission appointments to be made at the next Council meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m. to the next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, October 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 OCT. 27, 2008