

CITY OF BISHOP  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
December 8, 2008

CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Connolly called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
INVOCATION	The invocation was given by Rob Lawler of the Salvation Army followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by the Mayor.
COUNCIL PRESENT	Griffiths, Dishion, Cullen, Connolly
COUNCIL ABSENT	Crom - Excused
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	
COTTONWOOD PLAZA Harold Klieforth	The Mayor announced the public comment period. Harold Klieforth, 437 Willow Street, gave a brief history of his six-year tenancy in the Cottonwood Plaza where he rents two suites for a resource center used by locals and visitors. Mr. Klieforth reported that with the pending closure of the complex, maintenance and landscaping upkeep is no longer being done. Klieforth has been trying to save the building as he does not want to relocate. He has been told by other tenants that the buildings will be locked and the property will be fenced off soon. His request to the City was to bring any action possible against the owner for apparent plans to put up a fence which will collect trash and become an eye sore on Main Street. The City Attorney reported the situation is very complicated and as yet has not been resolved in court. It was recommended that staff meet to see what can or cannot be done.
CALTRANS UPDATE West Line at Pioneer Lane	Tom Hallenbeck, Caltrans District 9 Director, gave an update on plans to improve the site distance at the intersection of West Line Street and Pioneer Lane by extending the red curbing to improve traffic safety when exiting from Pioneer Lane. A formal traffic study will be done to determine what other safety improvements can be made at that location. Another report will be made to the Council at a future meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR  
(1)  
Motion/Cullen

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cullen and passed 4-0 with Crom absent to approve the Consent Calendar as presented:

FOR APPROVAL AND FILING

- (a) Council Minutes – 11/24/08
- (b) Personnel Status Change Report
- (c) Investment Portfolio – 10/08
- (d) Warrant Register – 11/08
- (e) Fund Transactions – 7/1/08 – 11/30/08

FOR INFORMATION AND FILING

- (f) Suddenlink notification of customer rate increases for 2009
- (g) Special Planning Commission Meeting Agenda – 12/09/09
- (h) Fire Department Activity Log – 11/08
- (i) Public Works Report – 11/08
- (j) Public Works Permit Report – 11/08

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF 40-YEAR  
LEASE WITH LADWP FOR  
CITY PARK  
(2)  
Motion/Connolly

The City Administrator reported that an historic 40-year lease for the City Park has been developed with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power through efforts of the City staff, local DWP staff and David Nahai, General Manager of LADWP. This will allow the City to set its own destiny for parks and recreation priorities and uses at the Bishop City Park. The long-term lease was needed for the City to be eligible to apply for grants. Clarence Martin, Bishop DWP Real Estate Office, thanked the City Administrator and Community Services Director for being flexible with terms and conditions to meet the City's needs. This lease will benefit both Bishop and LADWP.

Mayor Connolly made a motion to approve the execution of the 40-year lease commencing on July 1, 2009 with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power for the Bishop City Park. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Connolly, Dishion, Griffiths, Cullen. Absent – Crom.

STREET VENDOR PERMIT  
2009 – Valley Dogs Catering  
(3)  
Motion/Griffiths

On a motion by Councilmember Griffiths, the Council voted 4-0 with Crom absent to approve the 2009 renewal for the Street Vendor Permit for Valley Dogs Catering, Ann Aylesworth.

CANCELLATION OF  
COUNCIL MEETING –  
December 22, 2008  
(4)  
Motion/Cullen

Mayor Pro Tem Cullen made a motion to cancel the regular City Council meeting of December 22, 2008 due to a lack of a quorum. The motion carried on a 4-0 vote with Crom absent.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS  
AND TRANSFERS FY 08-09  
(5)  
Motion/Griffiths

Councilmember Griffiths made a motion to approve the budget adjustments and transfers for Fiscal Year 2008-09 through November 30, 2008 as presented. Motion passed 4-0 with Crom absent.

ORDINANCE NO. 524  
INTRODUCTION  
School Truancy Prohibited  
(6)

The City Administrator pulled the agenda item on the truancy ordinance to be agendized at a future meeting. As this is a combined effort with public agencies and school districts, Inyo County has requested more time for their review of the ordinance.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-21  
Redesignation of Bus-Only  
Parking Zone to 2-Hour  
Parking – South Warren  
(7)  
Motion/Cullen

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Cullen, the Council voted 4-0 with Crom absent to adopt Resolution No. 08-21 by title only, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE REDESIGNATION OF A BUS-ONLY PARKING ZONE ON SOUTH WARREN STREET TO TWO-HOUR PARKING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BISHOP".

AMENDMENT 1 - R.O.  
ANDERSON CONTRACT  
Sewer System Connections  
(8)  
Motion/Griffiths

Councilmember Griffiths made a motion to approve the execution of Amendment 1 to the contract with R. O. Anderson to provide connections between the sewer systems with the Eastern Sierra Community Services District. Motion carried 4-0 with Crom absent. The cost of amendment estimated at \$13,800.00 will be paid by the E.S.C.S.D.

REQUEST TO ADVERTISE  
FOR BIDS – Trench Shoring  
Equipment  
(9)  
Motion/Connolly

Mayor Connolly made a motion to approve the request from the Public Works Department to seek bids to replace the current outdated trench shoring equipment. Motion passed 4-0 with Crom absent.

REQUEST TO ADVERTISE  
FOR BIDS – South Second  
Street Improvements Project  
(10)  
Motion/Connolly

Mayor Connolly made a motion to approve the request from the Public Works Department to seek bids for the South Second Street Improvements Project. Motion passed 4-0 with Crom absent. It is anticipated construction would start in March 2009.

## COUNCIL REPORTS

PRESENTATION – Kathy  
Lehr – Retiring Public Works  
Secretary  
(11)

The Council presented Kathy Lehr with a city tile and centennial coin recognizing her 18 ½ years of public service as Public Works Secretary and Secretary to the Planning and Water and Sewer Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Due to the cancellation of the next regular City Council meeting, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m. to the next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, January 12, 2009 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