

CITY OF BISHOP  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
September 28, 2009

CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Cullen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
INVOCATION	The invocation was given by Pastor Peter Thomsen of the First Presbyterian Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Smith.
COUNCIL PRESENT	Smith, Dishion, Stottlemeyre, Griffiths, Cullen
COUNCIL ABSENT	None
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 Bob Kimball, City Treasurer
PUBLIC COMMENT	The Mayor announced the public comment period. No public comment was provided.
PROCLAMATIONS	
Domestic Violence Awareness Month Wild Iris (1)	Mayor Pro Tem Griffiths read the proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City as requested by Wild Iris. The junior volunteer group was introduced and provided handouts to the Council.
National Disability Employment Awareness Month – I.M.A.H. (2)	Councilmember Smith read the proclamation for National Disability Employment Awareness Month as requested by the Inyo Mono Association for the Handicapped. Beth Himelhoch, Executive Director, gave a report on the employment program and provided informational handouts.
Yellow Ribbon Month M.O.M.S. (3)	Mayor Cullen read the proclamation for Yellow Ribbon Month and presented it to representatives of the Mothers of Military Servicemen Club.
Edwards Air Force Base Airshow – October 17, 2009 (4)	A proclamation recognizing the Edwards Air Force Base Airshow scheduled for October 17, 2009 was read by Councilmembers Dishion and Stottlemeyre.
DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS (5)	Department heads from Community Services, Fire, Police, Public Works and Administration gave updates on departmental activities including upcoming and ongoing projects.

CONSENT CALENDAR  
(6)  
Motion/Stottlemyre

A motion was made by Councilmember Stottlemyre and passed unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar as presented:

FOR APPROVAL AND FILING

- (a) Council Meeting Minutes – 9/14/09
- (b) Personnel Status Change Report

NEW BUSINESS

INYO NATIONAL  
FOREST TRAVEL  
MANAGEMENT PLAN  
Update – Forest Supervisor  
Jim Upchurch  
(7)

Forest Supervisor Upchurch gave an update on the Travel Management Plan that has reached Step 4 of the lengthy process which included a collaborative team participation. He indicated Alternative No. 6 which was selected will provide transportation opportunities for a wide range of motorized recreation and adds 1,007 miles of roads to total 2,362 miles once the system is implemented. Ninety-four percent of Inyo County's off road opportunities will continue to be in the system. It is currently in the appeal period to be followed by the placement of signage and development of user friendly maps. Further information is available on the U.S.F.S. website.

REQUEST FOR "NO  
PARKING ZONES"  
Intersection of Home and  
West Pine Streets  
(8)

The Council reviewed comments solicited by the Public Works Department from residents in the Home and West Pine Streets area on the proposal to implement red curbing at the intersection of Home and West Pine Streets to improve the line of sight and help remove congestion during school mornings and afternoons. The Council gave direction to staff to develop a resolution for "No Parking Zones" to be brought back to the next Council meeting.

REQUEST FOR CHANGE  
IN PARKING  
DESIGNATION – South  
Main and Lagoon Streets

Following review of comments solicited by the Public Works Department from area businesses near South Main and Lagoons Streets, discussion was held on the proposed parking designation change of the "Loading Zone" on Lagoon Street to timed parking.

REQUEST FOR  
RELOCATION OF  
POSTAL DROP BOX  
263 South Main St.  
(9)

The Council directed staff to develop a resolution to eliminate half the loading zone and replace it with two hour parking; proceed with the process to relocate the postal drop box at 263 South Main Street to another location; and redesignate the curbing to two hour parking.

APPROVAL - CONTRACT  
AMENDMENT – Grove  
Street Sidewalks Project  
(10)  
Motion/Griffiths

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Griffiths, the Council voted 5-0 to approve the second contract amendment with Eastern Sierra Engineering for full time construction inspection services for the Grove Street Sidewalks Project in the amount of \$28,800.00 and authorize the necessary budget adjustments.

REQUEST TO UPDATE  
ENCROACHMENT  
PERMIT CODES  
(11)

The Public Works Director requested consideration to add activities under the encroachment permit process by revising the Bishop Municipal Code. The Council gave direction to continue with the process and include public outreach in the process.

WATER AND SEWER  
RATE ADJUSTMENTS  
Public Works Department  
(12)  
Motion/Dishion

The Public Works Director gave a summary of the consultant's water and sewer rate recommendations and the process of implementing any changes to rates. He reported the Water and Sewer Commission recommended additional adjustments to the sewer rate factors for the City's 870 hotel rooms and 30 gas station islands. To implement rate adjustments on July 1, 2010, it is recommended that the hearing for the required Proposition 218 process for customer notification be set for December 14, 2009.

On a motion by Councilmember Dishion, the Council voted 5-0 to direct staff to: a) prepare the notices and set the Proposition 218 hearing date for December 14, 2009; b) proceed with the five year series of calculated monthly rates as presented:

Monthly		
Recommended Rates -		
	Water	Sewer
2010/2011:	\$32.00	\$24.44
2011/2012:	\$32.00	\$25.96
2012/2013:	\$32.00	\$27.58
2013/2014:	\$34.00	\$29.30
2014/2015:	\$36.00	\$31.12

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS/  
TRANSFERS APPROVAL  
FY 2009-2010  
(13)  
Motion/Griffiths

Mayor Pro Tem Griffiths made a motion to approve the budget adjustments and transfer for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 through July 31, 2009 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-15  
Electing to Establish a  
Health Benefit Vesting  
Requirement for Future  
Retirees  
(14)  
Motion/Cullen

Mayor Cullen made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 09-15 by title only, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ELECTING TO ESTABLISH A HEALTH BENEFIT VESTING REQUIREMENT FOR FUTURE RETIREES UNDER PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT". The motion passed 5-0. The effective date of the resolution is January 1, 2010.

#### COUNCIL REPORTS

#### ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m. to the next Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

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SUSAN CULLEN, MAYOR

Attest: Richard F. Pucci, City Clerk

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

**APPROVED BY COUNCIL 10/13/09**