

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 13, 2009

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

INVOCATION The invocation was given by Pastor Rick Klug of the Calvary Baptist Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Smith.

COUNCIL PRESENT Smith, Griffiths, Cullen

COUNCIL ABSENT Dishion, Stottlemire

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

PUBLIC COMMENT The Mayor announced the public comment period. No public comment was provided.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS Department heads from Community Services, Fire, Police, Public Works and Administration gave updates on the departments including upcoming and ongoing projects.
(1)

CONSENT CALENDAR A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Griffiths and passed 3-0 to approve the Consent Calendar as presented:
(2)

Motion/Griffiths

FOR APPROVAL AND FILING

- (a) Council Meeting Minutes – 9/28/09
- (b) Personnel Status Change Report
- (c) Fund Transactions – 7/1/09 – 8/31/09
- (d) Warrant Register – 9/09
- (e) Investment Portfolio – 8/09

FOR INFORMATION AND FILING

- (f) Planning Commission Meeting Cancellation – 9/29/09
- (g) Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes – 7/22/09
- (h) Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes – 8/26/09
- (i) Fire Department Activity Log – 9/09
- (j) Public Works Permit Report – 9/09

NEW BUSINESS

WATER AND SEWER RATE ADJUSTMENTS The Public Works Director reviewed the time line for proceeding with the recommendations of the Water and Sewer Commission

Set Date for Proposition 218
Hearing – Public Works
Department
(3)

and Water and Sewer Rate Study for rate adjustments beginning July 1, 2010 through Fiscal Year 2014-2015. The process includes a new rate study to be performed in Fiscal Year 2013.

The public notice for the Proposition 218 hearing will be mailed to property owners to meet the 45 day noticing requirement. Protests from 50% of the property owners plus one will not allow the City to make the rate adjustments.

Motion/Cullen

On a motion by Mayor Cullen, the Council voted 3-0 with Dishion and Stottlemire absent, to approve the hearing notice informing water and sewer customers of the rate adjustments and process for protests.

TRENCH PLATES
Request to Advertise for
Purchase - Public Works
(4)
Motion/Griffiths

Mayor Pro Tem Griffiths made a motion to approve the request to advertise for bids for trench plates to be used at construction sites to improve public safety. The motion passed 3-0 with Dishion and Stottlemire absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-16
Establishing “No Parking
Zones” – Home and West
Pine Streets
(5)
Motion/Cullen

Mayor Cullen made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 09-16 by title only, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING ‘NO PARKING ZONES’ AT THE INTERSECTION OF HOME AND WEST PINE STREETS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BISHOP”. Motion passed 3-0 with Dishion and Stottlemire absent.

ENCROACHMENT
PERMIT PROCESS
REVIEW - Public Works
(6)

The Public Works Director reviewed current procedures and his suggestions to improve the encroachment permit process. It is his recommendation to improve the public safety and address right-of-way issues by developing principles and guidelines for the encroachment process. More information will be brought to the Council at future meetings.

L.A. DEPARTMENT OF
WATER AND POWER
LEASE BL-1279
3300 West Line Street
(7)
Motion/Griffiths

Mayor Pro Tem Griffiths made a motion to approve the five-year lease with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power for BL-1279 for 3300 West Line Street, the location of the City’s water storage tanks. The motion passed 3-0 with Dishion and Stottlemire absent.

RADAR SYSTEM
PURCHASE APPROVAL
Police Department
(8)
Motion/Smith

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith to waive the formal bid procedure to purchase a Stalker Radar System from sole source provider, Applied Concepts Inc. of Plano, Texas in the amount of \$3,652.91. Motion passed 3-0 with Dishion and Stottlemire absent.

COUNCIL REPORTS

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:17 p.m. the Mayor recessed the meeting to convene in closed session to meet with the City Attorney to discuss two cases of potential litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1).

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

At 8:27 p.m. the Council reconvened to open session with the following Councilmembers present: Smith, Griffiths, Cullen.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The City Attorney announced that the following action was taken by the Council in closed session. Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve a payment in the amount of \$1,493.68 to Imperial Gourmet, Inc. relating to interest earned on a surety bond provided by an Agreement for Posting of Cash Deposit to Secure Installation of Site Improvements pending receipt of a signed General Release. Motion passed 3-0 with Dishion and Stottlemire absent. The City Attorney noted that the Agreement did not describe how interest should be handled. The agreement was that Imperial Gourmet, Inc. would receive interest.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m. to the next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

SUSAN CULLEN, MAYOR

Attest: Richard F. Pucci, City Clerk

By: _____
Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk

APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 9, 2009