

CITY OF BISHOP  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
JANUARY 25, 2010

CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Cullen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
INVOCATION	The invocation was given by Pastor Patrick Thompson of the Neighborhood Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Smith.
COUNCIL PRESENT	Smith, Dishion, Stottlemyre, 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 Seguire, Fire Chief Kathleen Sheehan, Police Chief David Grah, Public Works Director Bob Kimball, City Treasurer
PUBLIC COMMENT	The Mayor announced the public comment period. Councilmember Stottlemyre requested Ordinance No. 276 relating to the keeping of animals/poultry be brought back to Council for discussion.
QUARTERLY CITIZEN AWARD PRESENTATION Kathryn Henderson (1)	The Council made the presentation of the quarterly citizen award to Kathryn Henderson for her continuing contributions to the Bishop area through her hard work and dedication.
DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS (2)	Department Heads from Community Services, Fire, Police, Public Works and Administration gave updates on the departments' activities including upcoming and ongoing projects.
CONSENT CALENDAR (3)	A motion was made by Councilmember Stottlemyre and passed unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar as presented:
Motion/Stottlemyre	FOR APPROVAL AND FILING (a) Personnel Status Change Report (b) Investment Portfolio – 11/09  FOR INFORMATION AND FILING (c) Water and Sewer Commission Agenda – 1/12/10 (d) Planning Commission Meeting Cancellation – 1/26/10

PUBLIC HEARING

CDBG HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (4)  
Motion/Cullen

The Mayor opened the public hearing to receive and consider input on the CDBG Homeowner Assistance Program grant funding awarded to the City of Bishop.

The City Administrator reported that the purpose of the public hearing is to develop guidelines for the loan program through CDBG for first time homebuyers. Pam Hennarty, Executive Director of Mammoth Lakes Housing, Inc. reviewed the areas of the program where the Council has input: 1) loan limits - what amount of funding should be provided to each household; 2) the initial application process; 3) the boundaries where the money can be used. The Council will also set the parameters on the preferences for household members to either be living or working within the city limits to be eligible for funding. These recommendations will be set forth in a document that will be submitted to the State for approval. Following that process the City will receive the contracts, the availability of funding will be advertised and applications can be accepted. A lottery system can be used to determine the recipients due to the fact that the \$400,000.00 will only help a small number of households.

People providing public comment/suggestions or asking questions were: Cheryl McDermott and Mike Johnston, local real estate agents, Mike Bodine (city resident), Pam Mitchell, Kathy Henderson (city resident) and Chuck Kilpatrick.

Two suggestions were to use the boundaries of the school districts for the program as well as ensuring that recipients do not get into mortgages they cannot afford. Hennarty stated that MLH, Inc. has processed over 50 loans and there have not been any defaults to date. The program is very structured so as not to let people get “too much house”.

At the end of discussion Mayor Cullen made a motion to close the public hearing. Motion passed 5-0.

Council Discussion

Following discussion the Council agreed on the following parameters for the programs:

- 1) Limit funding to \$200,000.00 per household.
- 2) Houses eligible for purchase within the city limits.
- 3) Applicants first preference – living or working within the City for the past six months; second preference – living or working within the greater Bishop area for the past six months.

A document that will be submitted to the State for approval will be brought before the Council at the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting for Council action.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 526  
Amending and Adopting the  
Zoning Map of the City of  
Bishop - Adoption  
(5)  
Motion/Griffiths

Mayor Pro Tem Griffiths made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 526 by title only with passage to print, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ZONING UNZONED AREA AND ADOPTING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF BISHOP INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN SECTION 17.04.050 OF THE CITY OF BISHOP MUNICIPAL CODE". The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 527  
Changing Place and Time of  
Meetings – Adoption  
(6)  
Motion/Smith

On a motion by Councilmember Smith, the Council voted 5-0 to adopt Ordinance No. 527 by title only with passage to print "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2.04 RELATING TO PLACE AND TIME OF MEETINGS".

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 528  
Relating to Stopping or  
Standing in Alleys –  
Introduction  
(7)  
Motion/Griffiths

Staff reported with prior Council action to establish a West Line Street alley as one-way and designate 24-minute parking spaces, it is necessary to amend the Bishop Municipal Code to allow the alley parking designation.

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Griffiths, the Council voted 5-0 to approve the first reading/introduction of Ordinance No. 528 by title only, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 10.28 RELATING TO STOPPING OR STANDING IN ALLEYS".

APPROVAL OF BUDGET  
ADJUSTMENTS /  
TRANSFERS FY 2009-2010  
(8)  
Motion/Cullen

On a motion by Mayor Cullen, the Council voted 5-0 to approve the budget adjustments and transfers for fiscal year 2009-2010 through December 31, 2009 as presented.

SET INTERVIEW  
COMMITTEE – Planning  
Commission Unscheduled  
Vacancy  
(9)

It was reported that Mayor Cullen and Councilmember Dishion will serve as the Council representatives on the interview committee to recommend an appointment to fill the unscheduled vacancy on the Planning Commission. The committee will also be represented by two members from the Commission. An appointment will be scheduled for the March 8, 2010 meeting.

CONGRESSIONAL  
APPROPRIATIONS BILL  
Approval of Request for  
Funding  
(10)

It was the consensus of the Council to allow the Police and Fire Departments to move forward with submitting a request for Congressional appropriations funding for improvements to the dispatch center.

OFFICE OF TRAFFIC  
SAFETY GRANT  
APPLICATION – Police  
Department  
(11)  
Motion/Cullen

Mayor Cullen made a motion to authorize the Police Department to submit a grant request to the Office of Traffic Safety to enhance the Department's ability to combat driving under the influence and alcohol and drugs. Motion passed unanimously.

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Mayor called a short recess. The meeting was reconvened with all five Councilmembers present.

LOCAL ROADS AND  
NEEDS ASSESSMENT –  
Public Works Department  
(12)

The Public Works Director made a visual presentation on the California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment which was a collaborative effort of the League of California Cities, California State Association of Counties, County Engineers Association of California and other local and regional transportation agencies.

To provide support for statewide efforts to preserving city and county pavement systems which represent over 81% of the roads in California and stopping further costly deterioration, a resolution will be brought to the Council for action at the next meeting.

BID AWARD – Pickup  
Truck – Public Works  
Department  
(13)  
Motion/Dishion

The Public Works Director reported that two bids were received on the second advertising for a replacement pickup truck for the Department. The bids received on the first request were rejected at the January 11, 2010 meeting and revised specifications were released. Budget adjustments to the water and sewer capital equipment funds have been made for the purchase. Bids were received from:

- Eastern Sierra Motors, Bishop           \$21,817.91
- Theodore Robins Ford, Costa Mesa   \$23,102.57

A motion was made by Councilmember Dishion to award the bid for the replacement pickup truck for the Public Works Department to Eastern Sierra Motors of Bishop in the amount of \$21,817.91. The motion passed 5-0.

COUNCIL REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m. to the Council Retreat to be held January 26, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the Executive Conference Room at City Hall. The next Council regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 8, 2010 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