

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES
November 22, 2010

CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Griffiths called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
COUNCIL PRESENT	Councilmembers Laura Smith, Susan Cullen, David Stottlemyre Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Dishion Mayor Jeff Griffiths
COUNCIL ABSENT	None
OTHERS PRESENT	James Southworth, City Administrator Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk Peter Tracy, City Attorney Keith Caldwell, Assistant City Administrator/ Community Services Director Ray Seguine, Fire Chief Pat O'Neil, Assistant Fire Chief Chris Carter, Interim Police Chief David Grah, Public Works Director/City Engineer
PUBLIC COMMENT	The Mayor announced the public comment period. Rick Jarvis, current lease holder for the Well 3 Pasture Lease located on Sunland Road, requested the Council not put the lease out for bid and give him first right of refusal.
JOINT MEETING WITH THE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD	Rural Fire Protection District Board members attending: Lloyd Anderson, Chair; Bob Winzenread, Vice Chair; Commissioners Jerry Hollowell, Mike Holland; Larry Huffman, Battalion Chief. City Council and Rural Fire Protection District Board met to discuss issues relating to EMS services relating to Symons Ambulance Services discontinuation of the second-out calls and relying on the Bishop Volunteer Fire Department to assist in transporting with emergency medical calls. On December 1, 2010 the Bishop Fire Department will no longer be able to assist Symons due to legal and liability issues. Discussion was held relating to the level of service required, what role the Bishop Fire Department is able to play, available options, training requirements and level of liability exposure placed on any current volunteers. The City Attorney reported that it is clear under the Health and Safety Code that emergency medical services are under the jurisdiction of the County of Inyo.

It was determined that correspondence would be sent to Inyo County representatives to give a broad overview of the situation and hopefully open the door for a joint meeting for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT OF JOINT MEETING WITH RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD

The joint meeting with the Rural Fire Protection District Board and the City Council was adjourned at 4:52 p.m. The Bishop City Council continued with the items on the Study Session agenda.

SCHEDULED DISCUSSION

1. Current 7:00 p.m. agenda items
2. Future agenda items
3. Relating to scheduling joint meetings with City Commissions
4. Retail Trade Area – Determination and Gap Analysis (leakage study); review proposal approach and deliverable
5. Silver Peak Housing Project Update – Land acquisition process and proposed funding.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Reports from Community Services, Fire, Police, Public Works and Administration were given on the departments' activities including upcoming and ongoing projects.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

This time is set aside for Council Members to make comment or inquiries to staff. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Griffiths adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

JEFF GRIFFITHS, MAYOR

Attest: James Southworth, City Clerk

By: _____
Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk