

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 28, 2011

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

INVOCATION The invocation was given by Pastor Ron Sargent with the Bishop Christian Center followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Ellis.

COUNCIL PRESENT Councilmembers Jim Ellis, Susan Cullen, Jeff Griffiths
Mayor Pro Tem Dave Stottlemyre
Mayor Laura Smith

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
Chris Carter, Police Chief
David Grah, Public Works Director/City Engineer
Gary Schley, Public Services Officer

PUBLIC COMMENT Recently appointed Lieutenant Supervisor Bill Dailey from the California Department of Fish and Game introduced himself to the Council.

Skandar Reid spoke against the ATV Trails project proposed by the Advocates for Access to Public Lands.

PROCLAMATIONS

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH (1) The proclamation declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the City of Bishop was read by the Council and presented to Lynn Rounds from Wild Iris who gave a report on upcoming events to bring awareness to the community.

CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH (2) The proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Awareness Month in the City of Bishop was read by the Council and presented to Lynn Rounds from Wild Iris.

PRESENTATION

BUHS DANCE TEAM – State Champions 2011 (3) The Council was introduced to the members of the Bishop Union High School Dance Team and coach who recently won the State Championship at the Sharp International Competition in southern California. Certificates were presented to all involved.

DEPARTMENT HEAD
REPORTS
(4)

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

CONSENT CALENDAR
(5)

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

Motion/Cullen

FOR APPROVAL AND FILING

- (a) Study Session Minutes – 2/28/11
- (b) Council Meeting Minutes – 2/28/11

FOR INFORMATION AND FILING

- (c) Planning Commission Agenda – 3/29/11
- (d) Water and Sewer Commission Minutes – 1/11/11
- (e) Water and Sewer Commission Special Meeting – 1/24/11

PUBLIC HEARING

ENVIRONMENTAL
REVIEW - Proposed
Amendment to City Zoning
Regulations Relating to
“Emergency Shelter”
(6)

The Mayor opened the public hearing to hear and consider comment on the Initial Study and Negative Declaration for a proposed amendment to the Zoning Regulations and official Zoning District Map to include a definition for “Emergency Shelter”, an emergency shelter overlay zone, and standards for emergency shelters.

Staff Report: Gary Schley, Public Services Officer, reported that in April 2010 the General Plan Housing Element was updated and as part of that update a goal was set to amend the zoning ordinance to allow emergency shelters in one or more zoning districts without discretionary approval. Through work with Bauer Planning and Environmental Services, California Department of Housing and Community Development, and the community, staff has developed a draft ordinance and identified an area to allow the zoning overlap for an emergency shelter combing district.

The Initial Study found the proposed project would not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. The report was sent to the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research and complied with State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Public Comment: Kathryn Henderson, 291 East Elm Street, indicated her disapproval of State requirements forcing zoning areas on cities. She encouraged the Council to consider adding elements to the ordinance that would allow the City to have some control over the size of lots where emergency shelters would be allowed to help address the problem of inadequate parking for those using the shelters.

Motion/Griffiths
No further comment was provided. A motion was made by Councilmember Griffiths and passed unanimously to close the public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPTION - NEGATIVE DECLARATION – Proposed Amendment to City Zoning Regulations and Official Zoning District Map Relating to Emergency Shelters
A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Stottlemyre to adopt the Negative Declaration and file a Notice of Determination that the proposed project would not have significant cumulative impacts, or substantial adverse impacts on human beings, fish or wildlife or sensitive species or cultural resources.

(7)
Motion/Stottlemyre
Motion passed 5-0.

APPROVAL – Advertise Iris Street Water Line Project
On a motion by Councilmember Cullen, the Council voted 5-0 to approve the Public Works Department advertisement of the Iris Street Water Line Project.

(8)
Motion/Cullen

APPROVAL –To Fill One Vacant Sergeant Position
On a motion by Councilmember Griffiths, the Council voted 5-0 to waive the hiring freeze and the promotional process to fill one vacant Police Sergeant position.

(9)

BID AWARD – Fertilizer and Seed for City Park
On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Stottlemyre, the Council voted 5-0 to award the bid for fertilizer and seed for the City Park to the sole bidder, Chalfant Big Trees, in the amount of \$5,874.73.

(10)

Motion/Stottlemyre

AUTHORIZATION – To Seek Proposals for Economic Development Element – General Plan Update
On a motion by Mayor Smith, the Council voted 5-0 to approve the development of the scope of work and release a Request for Proposals for preparation of an Economic Development Element for the General Plan.

Update

(11)

Motion/Smith

MAYORAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS / ASSIGNMENTS 2011
Mayor Smith made assignments and appointments to various agency committees and commissions as listed on the attached Bishop City Council Committee/Agency Assignments 2011.

(12)

PRESENTATIONS

SHERRY TIEDEMANN Retired Police Services Secretary
The Council presented a city tile, centennial coin and flowers to Sherry Tiedemann for more than 11 ½ years of public service to the City of Bishop as Police Services Secretary/ Records Manager serving under four Police Chiefs.

(13)

DEVON SMITH
Retiring Public Works
Maintenance Worker
(14)

The Council presented Devon Smith a watch, city tile, centennial coin and flowers for wife, Lori. Devon served the City of Bishop since 1982 in various positions including Part Time Maintenance Man Trainee, Full Time Park Attendant, and Public Works Maintenance Worker.

COUNCIL REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. to the next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, April 11, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

LAURA SMITH, MAYOR

Attest: James Southworth, City Clerk

By: _____
Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk

APPROVED BY COUNCIL APRIL 25, 2011