

CITY OF BISHOP  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2011

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Smith called the meeting of the Bishop City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California.

INVOCATION The invocation was given by Pastor Kathleen Puntar of the United Methodist Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro Tem Stottlemyre.

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

COUNCIL ABSENT None

OTHERS PRESENT Keith Caldwell, Interim City Administrator  
Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk  
Peter Tracy, City Attorney  
Ray Seguine, Fire Chief  
Chris Carter, Police Chief  
David Grah, Public Works Director/City Engineer  
Gary Schley, Public Services Officer  
Bob Kimball, City Treasurer

PUBLIC COMMENT The Mayor announced the public comment period. Numerous people attended to make comment on the Draft Mobility Element of the City of Bishop General Plan Update regarding a possible truck route located on the east side of town near Johnston Drive.

Interim City Administrator Keith Caldwell informed the audience that no discussion or action was scheduled for this meeting for the Draft Mobility Element which includes a proposed truck route. Caldwell stated that concerns and comments are welcomed and will be heard and other opportunities will be available to do so including the Open House scheduled later in the week. To inform the audience of the public comment process, the City Attorney explained that by law the Council is prohibited to respond to discussion or questions on items not calendared on the agenda but is open to any comments.

The following city residents/property owners who would be affected by the proposed location of the truck route near Johnston Drive spoke out in opposition: Sharon Conner, Dan Conner, Pat Mathieu, Jason Sigler, Tai Devore, Jan Clover, Kathryn Erickson, Pete Watercott, Tom Sigler, Jeremy Miles, Michael Rogers, Jonathan Becknell, Keith Waterfall, John Harris Jr., and Mark Bagley.

Several of the speakers approved of a truck route to improve Main Street mobility but made suggestions for other locations further east near the airport.

DEPARTMENT HEAD  
REPORTS  
(1)

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

CONSENT CALENDAR  
(2)

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

Motion/Cullen

FOR APPROVAL AND FILING

- (a) Council Meeting Minutes – 8/8/11
- (b) Warrant Register – 8/11
- (c) Investment Portfolio – 7/11
- (d) Personnel Status Change Report
- (e) Surplus Unclaimed Found Property – BPD 054-11
- (f) Surplus Unclaimed Found Bicycles – BPD 055-11

FOR INFORMATION/FILING

- (g) Planning Commission Agenda – 8/30/11
- (h) Planning Commission Minutes – 5/31/11
- (i) Planning Commission Special Meeting Minutes – 7/26/11
- (j) Fire Department Activity Log – 8/11
- (k) Patrol Statistics 7/15/10 – 8/31/10 and 7/15/11 – 8/31/11

CORRESPONDENCE

DIGITAL 395  
Middle Mile Project –  
Notice of Intent  
(3)

The Notice of Intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Notice of Availability of a Draft Joint Environmental Assessment and Initial Study was provided to the Council and staff for information and possible comment. No direction was given.

CALTRANS  
PRESENTATION –  
Downtown Bishop ADA  
Project  
(4)

Tom Myers, Project Manager with Caltrans, gave a report of the future plans to improve Main Street within the Caltrans right-of-way to meet new ADA standards including replacement of curb ramps, modification to 100 driveways, moving poles and guide wires, and improving sidewalks where needed. Funding will be provided through the California Transportation Commission and construction, expected to take 60 working days, is planned for Fall of 2015. The project is expected to be fairly disruptive but Caltrans will work with the City of Bishop to develop a schedule to help reduce the impacts. Environment work will begin next January with an active public outreach scheduled for 2013. An opportunity will be available for the City of Bishop to submit ideas and funding for any city improvements coordinated with the project. The area targeted for construction will include Main Street from Jay Street to Wye Road and Highway 168 to the Bishop Care Center.

<p>APPROVAL OF M.O.U. WITH CAL FIRE (5) Motion/Griffiths</p>	<p>On a motion by Councilmember Griffiths, the Council voted 5-0 to approve the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding for labor services through the Department of Conservation and Fire Protection (Cal Fire).</p>
<p>APPROVAL TO SUBMIT CAL RECYCLE GRANT APPLICATION (6) Motion/Griffiths</p>	<p>On a motion by Councilmember Griffiths, the Council voted 5-0 to approve the Community Services Department submittal of a CalRecycle grant application for up to \$26,000 to purchase tire-derived materials to provide fall surfaces for City Park playgrounds.</p>
<p>SET INTERVIEW COMMITTEE – Parks and Recreation Commission (7)</p>	<p>Councilmembers Cullen and Jim Ellis were assigned to serve on the interview committee for the expiring term on the Parks and Recreation Commission.</p>
<p>REJECTION OF CLAIM AGAINST THE CITY Robert Mueller (8)</p>	<p>On a motion by Councilmember Cullen, the Council voted 5-0 to reject the claim against the City by claimant, Robert Mueller and directed staff to send the required notification.</p>
<p>COUNCIL REPORTS</p>	<p>Councilmembers announced upcoming community events. No action was taken.</p>
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. to the Study Session scheduled for Monday, September 26, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.</p>

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LAURA SMITH, MAYOR

Attest: Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Keith Caldwell, Interim City Administrator

APPROVED BY COUNCIL OCTOBER 11, 2011