

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 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
Chris Carter, Police Chief
David Grah, Public Works Director/City Engineer
Gary Schley, Public Services Officer
- PUBLIC COMMENT The Mayor announced the public comment period. Randy Gillespie, owner of Golden State Cycle, requested the Council consider using the dirt lot on Hanby and Spruce Streets for the Adventure Trails pilot staging area. Daniel Pritchett, 401 East Yaney stated that using that portion of the City Park for a staging area for off-highway vehicles would be a less appropriate use than the radio-controlled vehicle race track.
- PRESENTATION
- QUARTERLY CITIZEN AWARD – Greg Alexander (1) The Council presented Greg Alexander the Quarterly Citizen Award for his many voluntary contributions to the community.
- DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS (2) Reports from Police, Public Works, Administration and Community Services, were given on the departments’ activities including upcoming and ongoing projects.
- CONSENT CALENDAR (3) 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 – 11/28/11
(b) Council Meeting Minutes – 11/28/11
(c) Fund Transactions – 7/1/11 – 11/30/11
(d) Warrant Register – 11/2011

- (e) Investment Portfolio – 10/2011
- (f) Personnel Status Change Report
- (g) Surplus Property Request – BPD090-11

FOR INFORMATION AND FILING

- (h) Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda– 12/7/11
- (i) Planning Commission – 9/27/11
- (j) Fire Department Activity Log – 11/2011
- (k) Building Permits Report – 11/2011
- (l) Public Works Report – 11/2011
- (m) Sewer Fund Monthly Balances
- (n) Water Fund Monthly Balances

PUBLIC HEARING

ELECTION
 CONSOLIDATION
 (4)

The Mayor opened a public hearing to hear and consider citizen input on the potential consolidation of the City’s General Municipal Elections held in March of odd-numbered years with the County of Inyo General Elections held in November of even-numbered years.

Assistant City Clerk Gillespie and County Clerk/Recorder Foote compared the financial savings and voter turnouts between the stand-alone General Municipal Election and the November General Elections for federal, state, county and special districts.

Motion/Stottlemeyre

No further comment was provided. Mayor Pro Tem Stottlemeyre made a motion to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ELECTION
 CONSOLIDATION
 (6)

Councilmember Griffiths stated the cost savings and benefits to the public are clear and recommended moving forward with consolidation in 2012. Councilmember Ellis agreed. Councilmember Cullen recommended consolidation begin in 2014. Mayor Pro Tem Stottlemeyre stated the cost savings is the driving factor behind making a change and should be done now. Mayor Smith agreed with moving forward due to the cost savings and the opportunity for election decisions to be made by more people.

Motion/Griffiths

On a motion by Councilmember Griffiths, the Council voted 5-0 to direct staff to prepare an ordinance for introduction at the January 9, 2012 Council meeting to consolidate the City of Bishop General Municipal Elections held in March of odd-numbered years with the County of Inyo General Elections held in November of even-numbered years.

PUBLIC HEARING

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW – Radio- Controlled Vehicle Race Track at City Park (5)

The Mayor opened the public hearing to hear and consider input on an Initial Study and Negative Declaration to allow Owensville R/C Racing to construct and maintain a race track to accommodate radio-controlled vehicles within the Bishop City Park located in an O-C Zoning (Open Space).

Letters and emails in opposition were received from Marjory Evans, Debra Parker, Thomas and Jo Heindel, Rosie Graves (representing Sterling Heights) and Tim Pomykata.

Sandy Manning, resident in the area of the Park, spoke in opposition of the radio-controlled vehicle race track. She felt the Park should be reserved for physical activities and motorized race cars will deter from that.

Kathy Henderson, resident of East Elm Street, state the race track should not be in that area.

Randy Gillespie, owner of Golden State Cycle, stated the activity brings families together. He proposed the City make the race track a three-year pilot program with monitoring and see how it works.

Michele Hartshorn, North Third Street resident, recommended the other projects located in that area (the Pine to Park Path and Community Garden) should be completed before initiating the race track to see what impacts they will have. Hartshorn stated rules, regulations, and time should be established to be able to fully understand what the impact will be to the Park and neighborhood.

Tim Pomykata, resident of East Elm next to the City Park, commented the Draft Negative Declaration is not clear whether any mitigation is required or not. He was concerned about localized dust control and possible air pollution with the gas engines.

Daniel Pritchett, resident of Yaney Street located north of the proposed site, spoke in opposition to the race track because of the noise. He stated there should be a vision for the Park and a line drawn on what are appropriate uses. He recommended the location be restored to a natural state.

Motion/Cullen

No further comment was provided. A motion was made by Councilmember Cullen to close the public hearing. Motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

NEGATIVE DECLARATION – Radio- Controlled Vehicle Race Track at City Park (7)

Interim City Administrator Caldwell suggested further independent studies be done on the dust and noise levels to address concerns and challenges expressed during the public hearing and correspondence. The Negative Declaration can be brought back with modifications or mitigations at a future meeting.

Councilmember Cullen commented the proposed site is too close to residential areas and that the current location of the race track at the fairgrounds is better for all concerned.

Discussion was held on whether limiting the track to electric cars only would be acceptable to the neighborhood and track users as the Council is sensitive to the concerns of the neighborhood. Other locations outside the city limits were mentioned as possible sites.

Mayor Pro Tem Stottlemyre referred to the Park Master Plan which has softball fields located in the same area as the proposed race track. He would like to refer the issue back to the Parks and Recreation Commission for their recommendation.

Councilmember Griffiths stated he would hate to see the race track go away completely as it is a family activity that is enjoyed. He is very sensitive to the concerns of the neighborhood and would like to further explore the issue and look at allowing battery-powered race cars only as a potential mitigation as opposed to ending the project altogether.

Councilmember Ellis stated the concerns of the neighborhood need to be addressed but with changes in types of recreation he did not feel it should be excluded and would like to see the problems mitigated. He is not opposed to this new outlet for citizens but is concerned about the noise.

Mayor Smith stated she respects the concerns raised by everyone and feels the noise is the number one issue; however time limits may need to be addressed. She would like to see a pilot program established and appreciates that kids would have more things to do.

The project was referred back to staff for further study. The Negative Declaration will be re-agendized for an upcoming meeting.

STREET VENDOR
PERMIT – Valley Dogs
Catering – Ann Aylesworth
(8)
Motion/Griffiths

On a motion by Councilmember Griffiths, the Council voted 5-0 to approve the 2012 renewal of the Street Vendor Permit for Ann Aylesworth, Valley Dogs Catering.

PARKS AND
RECREATION
COMMISSION
Membership
(9)

The Council had requested the Parks and Recreation Commission to discuss increasing the membership from five to seven members and make a recommendation to the Council. At a recent Commission meeting there was a consensus that no change in membership be made.

BID AWARD – Park Sewer
Construction Contract
(10)

The following bids were received for the Park Sewer Reconstruction Project to replace approximately 1,000 feet of deteriorated sewer line in the City Park:

<u>Bidder/Location</u>	<u>Bid</u>	<u>Preference</u>
Marzano and Sons, June Lake	\$93,100.00	Mono
McMurtrie Tanksley, Bishop	126,899.84	Not Given
Conspec, Lee Vining	83,120.00	Inyo
Kendall Engineering, Bishop	98,441.00	Inyo
Pyramid Building, Hesperia	98,736.00	None

Motion/Ellis

On a motion by Councilmember Ellis, the Council voted 5-0 to award the bid for the Park Sewer Reconstruction Project to Conspec Incorporated from Lee Vining; authorize the execution of the construction contract; and authorize the expenditure of up to \$87,276.00 through the contract.

SEWER PLANT
HEADWORKS
Work Order 3
(11)
Motion/Cullen

On a motion by Councilmember Cullen, the Council voted 5-0 to approve the execution of Work Order 3 with the Frost Company for the Sewer Plant Headworks Improvement Project and authorize this expenditure not to exceed \$5,000.00 under Line Item 002-051-56027 with total contract amount of \$24,000.00.

GIS GRANT – Release
of Request For Proposals
(12)
Motion/Stottlemire

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Stottlemire, the Council voted 5-0 to approve the release of the Request For Proposals to hire a consultant for the third Planning and Technical Assistance grant for the GIS update and authorize the budget adjustment for the twenty five percent (25%) cash match in the amount of \$8,750.00 to be funded by matching amounts from unbudgeted water and sewer reserves with expenditures charged to Professional and Technical Services 002-051-52015 / 004-050-52015.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS/
TRANSFERS – FY 2011-12
(13)
Motion/Griffiths

On a motion by Councilmember Griffiths, the Council voted 5-0 to approve the budget adjustments and transfers for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 through November 30, 2011 as presented.

<p>PROPOSITION 4 – Appropriations Limit and Calculations – Set Schedule (14) Motion/Griffiths</p>	<p>On a motion by Councilmember Griffiths the Council voted 5-0 to set the following schedule for review and adoption of the 2010-2011 Proposition 4 Appropriations Limit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give immediate notice of the initial public review period of December 13, 2011 – January 9, 2012; • Set a public hearing at the Council meeting of January 9, 2012; • Set January 9, 2012 as the scheduled date for final adoption.
<p>FINAL AUDIT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FY 2011-2012 (15) Motion/Stottlemyre</p>	<p>On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Stottlemyre, the Council voted 5-0 to accept the City of Bishop Financial Statement/Final Audit for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.</p>
<p>SUNRISE MOBILE HOME PARK AUDIT FY 2011-12 (16) Motion/Cullen</p>	<p>On a motion by Councilmember Cullen, the Council voted 5-0 to accept the City of Bishop Sunrise Mobile Home Park Final Audit for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.</p>
<p>REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AUDIT FY 2011-2012 (17) Motion/Ellis</p>	<p>On a motion by Councilmember Ellis, the Council voted 5-0 to accept the City of Bishop Redevelopment Agency Final Audit for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.</p>
<p>RECESS/RECONVENE</p>	<p>At 8:53 p.m. Mayor Smith recessed the meeting to convene as the Bishop Redevelopment Agency. At 8:55 p.m. the Council reconvened with all Council Members present.</p>
<p>COUNCIL REPORTS</p>	<p>Council Members announced upcoming community events. No action was taken.</p>
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. to the Study Session scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The second meeting in December had been cancelled due to the holidays.</p>

LAURA SMITH, MAYOR

Attest: Keith Caldwell, Interim City Clerk

By: _____
 Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk

APPROVED BY COUNCIL 1/9/12