

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES
APRIL 9, 2012

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| CALL TO ORDER | Mayor Stottlemyre called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California. |
| COUNCIL PRESENT | Council Members Jeff Griffiths, Laura Smith Mayor Pro Tem Susan Cullen Mayor David Stottlemyre |
| COUNCIL ABSENT | Jim Ellis |
| OTHERS PRESENT | Keith Caldwell, City Administrator/Community Services Director Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk Ray Seguine, Fire Chief Chris Carter, Police Chief David Grah, Public Works Director/City Engineer |
| PUBLIC COMMENT | <p>The Mayor announced the public comment period. Skandar Reid made constructive comments on the I.M.A.C.A. video on the need for low-income housing the Bishop community presented at the March 26th Study Session.</p> <p>Public Works Director Grah introduced the new Public Works Intern Scott Egan to the Council. Mr. Egan will be working on the G.I.S. program to address issues in the City, Wastewater Treatment Plant and performing wells.</p> |
| SCHEDULED DISCUSSION | Discussion was held on the following Study Session agenda items: |
| 1. Bishop Population Sign | <p>Director Grah stated there has been interest expressed in updating the City of Bishop population signs, posted at city limit highway and street entrances, to better reflect the population of the Bishop community instead of the actual count within the city limits. Grah stated that Caltrans owns the signs and has a statewide practice of using the U.S. Census population for incorporated cities. Caltrans questioned how a boundary would be determined for calculating a regional population and did not feel a change was warranted at their level.</p> <p>The Public Works Director stated this could be an opportunity for the community to develop a proposal to place a community population sign under permit.</p> <p>Tawni Thomson, Executive Director of the Bishop Chamber of Commerce, stated that frequently they hear from prospective</p> |

businesses looking to relocate that Bishop is too small, but when told the population is 10,000 higher than the signs there is more interest. It is the Chambers observation that the Caltrans sign rules are a deterrent to potential economic development here and since population signs are posted for the smaller unincorporated towns in the area, determining boundaries shouldn't be an issue.

2. Sunrise Mobile Home Park
The date of May 9, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. was set to meet with the residents of the Sunrise Mobile Home Park to discuss the future plans for the Park. A second meeting can be planned based on residents' needs. Councilmembers Smith and Griffiths will attend.

3. Review Dates and Topics for Council Retreat
The date of May 4, 2012 was set for the next Council Retreat. New items were discussed for inclusion on the agenda.

4. Current 7:00 p.m. Agenda Items
There was no discussion on the upcoming 7:00 p.m. agenda items.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS
Reports from Community Services, Police, Public Works and Administration were given on the departments' activities including upcoming and ongoing projects. The Fire Chief left to attend a meeting in Lone Pine prior to department reports.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION
Council Members gave committee reports, community announcements and/or made comments or inquiries to staff. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT
The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m. to the regular City Council meeting scheduled at 7:00 p.m.

DAVID STOTTLEMYRE, MAYOR

ATTEST: Keith Caldwell, City Clerk

By: _____
Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk