

CITY OF BISHOP  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Stottlemyre 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 Rick Klug of the Calvary Baptist Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro Tem Cullen.
COUNCIL PRESENT	Councilmembers Jeff Griffiths, Laura Smith, Jim Ellis Mayor Pro Tem Susan Cullen Mayor David Stottlemyre
COUNCIL ABSENT	None
OTHERS PRESENT	Keith Caldwell, City Administrator/Community Services Director Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk Peter Tracy, City Attorney Cheryl Solesbee, Assistant Finance Director Ray Seguine, Fire Chief 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. Lynn Bethel, who was recently appointed as the new Executive Director of the Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action (IMACA), introduced herself to the Council and community.
PRESENTATION	
QUARTERLY CITIZEN AWARD Jerry, Shirley and Randy Fendon (1)	The Council presented Jerry, Shirley and Randy Fendon the Quarterly Citizen Award for their many years of voluntary service and contributions to the community.
PUBLIC COMMENT ON COUNCIL INVOCATIONS (2)	City Attorney Peter Tracy gave a report on the history of the first amendment and separation of church and state laws, the current threats of lawsuits relating to public meeting invocations, and the City Council's decision to adopt the Guidelines to Invocations at City Meetings in order to protect the City from similar lawsuits.  Handouts that included the Guidelines for Invocations at City Meetings, Marsh v. Chambers (1983), Ruben v. City of Burbank (2002), and Rubin v. City of Lancaster (2011) were provided to those attending.

The following people provided comment in support of religious liberties and the continuation of invocations at Council meetings: Oneida Walders, Jim McMullen, Aaron Lamb, John F. Harris, Carol K. Harris, Greg Smith, Bob West, John Martindale, J. Parsons, Gayla Wolf, Karen Whinnery and Kathy Caputi.

Council Members Stottlemyre, Cullen, Smith and Griffiths each gave their support on continuing the invocation but expressed the need to wait for a resolution to the court case against the City of Lancaster which will be heard in November. They asked Peter Tracy to monitor the situation and provide updates as appropriate.

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Mayor recessed the meeting for a short break. At 8:25 p.m. the meeting was reconvened with all five Council Members present.

DEPARTMENT HEAD  
REPORTS  
(3)

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

CONSENT CALENDAR  
(4)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cullen, and passed unanimously, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented:

Motion/Cullen

FOR APPROVAL AND FILING

- (a) Study Session Minutes – September 10, 2012
- (b) Council Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2012
- (c) Warrant Register – August 2012
- (d) Fund Transactions – August 1 – August 31, 2012
- (e) Investment Portfolio – August 2012
- (f) Surplus of found property – BPD#077-12

FOR INFORMATION AND FILING

- (g) Planning Commission Agenda – September 25, 2012
- (h) Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes – July 18, 2012
- (i) Fire Department Activity Log – August 2012
- (j) Building Permits Report – August 2012
- (k) Water/Sewer Fund Balances – 2012-2013

NEW BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF FY  
2013-2014 PRELIMINARY  
BUDGET  
(5)

The Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 was presented to Council. Budget Hearings will be scheduled and letters will be sent to the Community Promotions agencies.

BUDGET HEARINGS  
Date Set  
(6)  
Motion/Griffiths

On a motion by Councilmember Griffiths, the Council voted 5-0 to hold the Budget Hearings for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 on October 11, 2012 beginning at 4:00 p.m.

PART-TIME EMPLOYEES WAGE SCALE  
Addition of Sports Official (7)  
Motion/Griffiths

On a motion by Councilmember Griffiths, the Council voted 5-0 to approve the job descriptions and wages for Sports Official and Assistant Sports Official and authorized staff to make the necessary revisions to the Part-Time Employees Wage Scale.

BID AWARD – Sewer Pond Baffles Purchase (8)

Staff reported that two bids were received on the sewer pond floating baffles:

Layfield Environmental Systems	\$33,747.40
Environetics Inc.	\$36,000.00

Motion/Smith

On a motion by Councilmember Smith, the Council voted 5-0 to award the bid for the sewer pond floating baffles to Layfield Environmental Systems Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$33,747.40 and authorized the necessary budget adjustments.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS/ TRANSFERS FY 2012-13 (9)  
Motion/Cullen

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Cullen, the Council voted 5-0 to approve the budget adjustments and transfers for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 through August 31, 2012 as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-21  
Conflict of Interest Code (10)  
Motion/Griffiths

On a motion by Councilmember Griffiths, the Council voted 5-0 to adopt Resolution No. 12-21 by title only, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PERTAINING TO THE LOCAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 10-05, THE CITY’S PREVIOUS CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE.”

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Members reported on committee meetings and announced upcoming community events. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m. to the Study Session scheduled for Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

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DAVID STOTTLEMYRE, MAYOR

Attest: Keith Caldwell, City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk

APPROVED BY COUNCIL 10/9/12