

City of Bishop  
**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**  
City Council Chambers – 301 West Line Street  
Bishop, California 93514

**November 24, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Foote called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Foote.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Hardy, Foote, Lowthorp, Crom, Hess and Bloom

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT (Excused):**

Huntley

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Richard F. Pucci, City Administrator  
Gary Schley, Public Services Officer  
Michele Thomas, Secretary  
David Stottlemire, City Council

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Chairman Foote asked if anyone wished to speak on a subject not calendared on the Agenda. There was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Foote asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the May 27, 2009 meeting.

**MOTION**

Commissioner Hess moved to approve the Minutes of the May 27, 2009 meeting as written.

Ayes: Hess, Lowthorp, Bloom, Foote and Hardy

Abstain: Crom

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC HEARING

(2) Amend the Zoning Map of the City of Bishop.

Chairman Foote opened the public hearing at 7:31 PM and stated that if anyone wished to appeal any decision by the Planning Commission, they may do so by writing to the City Council within five days of this meeting.

Pucci explained that this is a staff initiated zone change. All of the sites presently are not zoned for the City; they were zoned 'PF', Public Facilities, with the county when they were annexed. The new zoning will be zoned as 'P' for Public District, which would allow the use of public buildings and governmental purposes. The Director of Public Works, David Grah, in the process of creating a new zoning map, discovered the present zoning is not a zone the City uses. The staff recommends the Commission to review any public testimony, review the zoning changes and make a recommendation to the City Council.

Foote asked when the zones were annexed to the City of Bishop. Pucci explained that the zones had been annexed at different dates, with the latest of 1984.

Chairman Foote closed the public hearing at 7:34 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

(3) Review the request to amend the Zoning Map of the City of Bishop to designate a Public Zone for the City's water and sewer facilities.

Foote asked the Commissioners if anyone has any discussion on the zone change. Pucci added that the City has not received any public comment regarding the change. Pucci also explained that the Commission is not adopting an ordinance only making a recommendation to the City Council. Foote asked if there would be any adverse effects to any leases on the properties. Pucci stated that the City will hold the leases that are currently in effect. Hardy asked if the City already has a zone 'P' for Public in the Bishop Municipal Code. Pucci stated that the City does already use 'P'. Pucci also added that with the recommendation, the Commission should consider if the zoning designation would be contrary to the General Plan land use policies, is the proposed zoning incompatible with established land use patterns, would it adversely influence living conditions in the neighborhoods and would an undesirable precedent be set if

approved. Foote stated that the zone change would be consistent with the zoning already in place, with no adverse effect.

Commissioner Hardy made a motion that the Planning Commission recommend the City Council adopt the draft ordinance designating the parcels set forth as zone 'P' Public as written.

Ayes: Crom, Lowthorp, Bloom, Hess, Foote and Hardy

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

- (4) Set a date of December 17 for the regular schedule meeting of the Planning Commission.

Foote asked if the date has been cleared with everyone's schedule. The date has been confirmed.

Chairman Foote made a motion to adjourn the next regular scheduled Planning Commission meeting to December 17.

Ayes: Lowthorp, Crom, Bloom, Hess, Foote and Hardy

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Foote adjourned the meeting at 7:40 P.M. The next scheduled meeting will be December 17, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

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Chairman Foote

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Michele Thomas, Secretary