



# CITY OF BISHOP

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## Minutes

### Water and Sewer Commission

08 January 2013

**(1) Call to Order**

Chairman Pecsí called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

**(2) Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Pecsí.

**(3) Roll Call**

Commissioners Present:

Mathieu, Pecsí, Cross, and Bhakta

Commissioners Absent:

Martin

Others Present:

David Grah, Public Works Director

Deston Dishion, Public Works Superintendent

Michele Thomas, Public Works Secretary

**(4) Public Comment**

None

**(5) Correspondence**

The City received a letter from Janice L. Clover dated 6 December 2012 regarding the need for water meters in Bishop. She stated she thinks meters would cut down on the amount of water waste in the community and help identify leaks.

Grah stated that this was the 4th or 5th letter received as a request for meters. Grah added that the city's attorney's opinion is that the city cannot charge by meters. Grah will respond to Clover's letter.

**(6) Approval of the Minutes**

Vice Chairman Cross moved to approve the minutes of the 14 November 2012 meeting as written and motion carried.

**(7) Updated project list**

Grah went over the updated projects lists for water and sewer. The lists show projects the city is looking at constructing over the next several fiscal years. Around \$360,000.00 on water capital projects and around \$350,000 on sewer capital projects are spent each year.

**(8) Meter Readings**

Meter readings for all of 2012 were included in this month's packet. Meters are for informational purposes only.

**(9) Cash balances and revenue and expenditures update**

The sewer balance is down due to the Headworks project. The water balance is up in anticipation of upcoming waterline projects and the tank project.

**(10) Public Works reports September, October, November, and December**

Dishion went over highlights within the Public Works reports. The Headworks concrete work was completed recently. The grit structure is in place and the screen is scheduled to start being used 29 January. Equipment for the grit removal goes out to bid next week.

Pecsi asked about the graffiti removal done in September. Dishion explained that there were places within city limits that had minor graffiti and it was removed immediately. Pecsi also commented about new hunting signs at the plant. Dishion clarified that cardboard signs had been hung on the fence that don't last more than year. This time, the crew used old metal street signs by painting them white and writing "No Hunting" and "No Trespassing" and attaching them to wooden stakes. Lastly, Pecsi asked about the Eastern Sierra Adventure Trails project. Grah stated that the city and county are waiting to hear from CHP regarding safety, and Caltrans about approving or disapproving crossing of the highway and signage. Then the county and the city will make their own findings whether the routes are properly designed and constructed for combined use, along with all other environmental analysis.

Cross asked about the potential installation of solar panels at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Grah explained that staff is still working on the idea. Dishion added that a firm contacted the city asking for us to be a test project. The firm would apply for grants from the state to pay for the project.

**(11) Staff and Commission reports**

Grah shared that we are still in preliminary design with the Trunk Replacement project. The location of the easement of the trunk line was in question and staff worked it out with DWP. The construction of the project could be as early as this summer although will be dictated on how much money is available. The Tank project is in design with plans and specifications coming together slowly anticipating constructing this spring or summer. There was talk about breweries moving into town with activity from two different breweries in the past week. One is Mountain Rambler looking to go into the Golden Gate Cycles building on South Main Street. And after several months, Mammoth Brewery again contacted the city asking about water and sewer service for a parcel south of town. The contract with Willdan is in place for the upcoming rate study. Work will be starting soon and the commission should be looking forward to a first draft of the study for consideration at the May meeting.

Dishion shared with the commission that the city appreciates Forrest Cross who brings the city's water samples up to Mammoth every week. His service's saves the department a lot of money and we are thankful for his time.

**Items to be Discussed at the Meeting of 12 March 2013:**

- Meter readings
- Public Works reports for January and February
- Cash balance and revenue and expenditures update on water and sewer reserves

**(15) Adjournment**

Chairman Pecsì adjourned the meeting at 7:33 P.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, 12 March 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

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Joe Pecsì, Chairman

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Michele Thomas, Secretary