

CITY OF BISHOP  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
BUDGET WORKSHOP  
OCTOBER 30, 2013

- CALL TO ORDER Mayor Smith called the meeting of the Bishop City Council Budget Workshop to order at 9:04 a.m. in the Executive Conference Room 377 West Line Street, Bishop, California.
- COUNCIL PRESENT Councilmembers David Stottlemyre, Patricia Gardner, Keith Glidewell  
Mayor Pro Tem Jim Ellis  
Mayor Laura Smith
- COUNCIL ABSENT None
- OTHERS PRESENT Keith Caldwell, City Administrator/Community Services Director  
Robin Picken, Assistant City Clerk  
Peter Tracy, Interim City Attorney  
Cheryl Solesbee, Assistant Finance Director  
Ray Seguine, Fire Chief  
Chris Carter, Police Chief  
David Grah, Public Works Director/City Engineer  
Fred Gomez, Police Lieutenant  
Bryan Rossy, Police Officer  
Pam Galvin, Police Services Secretary/Records Supervisor  
Jessica Scida, Communications Operator  
Tawni Thomson, Executive Director of the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau  
Jeff Griffiths, Inyo County Supervisor  
Richard Pucci, Inyo County Supervisor  
Several other members from the public
- PUBLIC COMMENT Mayor Smith announced the public comment period. No public comment was provided.
- Discussion was held on the following agenda items:
- DISCUSS DISPATCH SERVICES  
(1) Mayor Smith opened discussions on dispatch services. City Administrator Caldwell commented on what an asset dispatch services is to our community and how we are fortunate to have such excellent service in our local area provided by our police department. Police Chief Carter gave an overview on the Police Department's history of providing dispatch services, requested that Council give staff direction on this item due to the current operations at the Police Department, and expressed his reservations on having the County handle dispatch instead of the City.
- A lengthy discussion ensued on what things could be effected by a change in dispatch services from the City to the County and why Council is looking at this item at this time. Council reiterated that through this budget workshop process, they are

looking at everything, every department, and every way in which the city operates. After further discussion, Council requested that staff write a letter to Inyo County Sheriff William Lutze expressing Council's interest in a cost and labor analysis regarding a potential consolidation of dispatch and police services between the City of Bishop and the County of Inyo and be placed on the consent calendar at the next regular City Council meeting.

**BREAK**

The meeting was recessed at 10:07 a.m. and Mayor Smith reconvened the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

**DISCUSS TAXES: SALES TAX AND "CRASH" TAX (2)**

Mayor Smith opened discussions on Sales Tax and "Crash" Tax. Councilmember Stottlemire announced that since the time Council agreed to discuss "Crash" Tax as one of the "Opportunities" to discuss during our budget workshops, and the articles that he was able to find on this subject, he has since found out that other cities are now repealing this tax. Insurance companies are no longer covering "Crash" tax payments in their policies. Interim City Attorney Tracy also commented that there were other complications involved with the "Crash" Tax and that almost all of the cities who have implemented this tax have now repealed it. Everyone agreed that no further discussion was needed on this subject.

Sales Tax was discussed next. Interim City Attorney Tracy reviewed with Council how Sales Tax is implemented through the County and that the City has no authority to implement a Sales Tax. Other taxes such as Transaction and Use Tax (TUT) was discussed and how they can be proposed through the City and implemented by a vote of the people.

After further discussion on Sales Tax and TUT, the Council asked that a meeting be arranged with the County of Inyo representatives to discuss their interest in pursuing any changes to their current Sales Tax and our current arrangement of TUT.

At approximately 10:30 a.m. Mayor Smith excused herself from the remainder of the meeting and asked Mayor Pro Tem Ellis to continue leading the meeting in her absence.

**DISCUSS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (3)**

City Administrator Caldwell opened up the discussions on Information Technology. Councilmember Glidewell and Assistant City Clerk Picken introduced Chris Carmichael from CBT (Carmichael Business Technologies) who was invited to share with Council several tablets and workbooks for their review and to discuss CBT's services and his review of the City's information technology.

Councilmember Glidewell explained that in an effort to start producing paperless agenda packets for City Council meetings, Mr. Carmichael was able to bring several tablets and workbooks for Council's consideration in choosing the right one for their needs. After a brief review of each tablet and workbook, council was invited to physically try out each of the tablets and

workbooks that were present.

Mr. Carmichael then gave a presentation on his company's services and his review of the City's information technology. After Mr. Carmichael answered Council's questions, Council thanked Mr. Carmichael for his presentation and for his thoughts and comments.

At 11:30 a.m. a short demonstration was presented to Council by a company called Granicus on their "government transparency" software.

SCHEDULE NEXT  
BUDGET WORKSHOP  
(4)

It was agreed that the next Budget Workshop will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room. Topics for discussion will be Sales Tax and Information Technology (IT).

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Ellis adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m. to the Study Session scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

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JIM ELLIS, MAYOR PRO TEM

Attest: Keith Caldwell, City Clerk

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Robin Picken, Assistant City Clerk