

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2014

CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Ellis called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California.
COUNCIL PRESENT	Council Members Laura Smith, David Stottlemire, Keith Glidewell Mayor Pro Tem Pat Gardner Mayor Jim Ellis
COUNCIL ABSENT	None
OTHERS PRESENT	Keith Caldwell, City Administrator/Community Services Director Robin Picken, Assistant City Clerk Peter Tracy, Interim City Attorney Lorraine Ray, Assistant Finance Director Ray Seguine, Fire Chief Chris Carter, Police Chief David Grah, Public Works Director/City Engineer
PUBLIC COMMENT	The Mayor announced the public comment period. No public comments were provided.
SCHEDULED DISCUSSION	Discussion was held on the following Study Session agenda items:
1. Introduction of New Assistant Finance Director	City Administrator Caldwell introduced newly hired Assistant Finance Director Lorraine Ray to the City Council. Ms. Ray thanked City Administrator Caldwell for the introduction and expressed her enjoyment in working for the City of Bishop thus far. She also wanted to thank everyone for making her feel very comfortable in her new position with the City. Council welcomed Ms. Ray as the new Assistant Finance Director for the City of Bishop.
2. Discuss Speed Limit Sign on Elm Street	City Administrator Caldwell introduced Bishop resident Scott Patterson to the Council to discuss the issue of speeding on Elm Street. Mr. Patterson reported that he feels people are driving too fast on Elm Street, especially when people are running late to drop off their children at school. After a lengthy discussion on speed limit signs, other slowing measures, and Mr. Patterson's observations on Elm Street, Police Chief Carter agreed to assign staff to monitor driving speeds on Elm Street. Council asked that Police Chief Carter report his findings to Council at the February 10, 2014 Study Session and to advise Bishop Unified School District Superintendent Barry Simpson of the Police Department's planned monitoring of speed on Elm Street.
3. Discuss Food Vendors	City Administrator Caldwell reviewed the past complaints and issues that were received several months ago regarding the current food vendors. Further discussion on the location of food

vendors and the safety of their patrons and others ensued. To address the issue of food vendor location, staff recommends that a change to the current Outdoor Sales Ordinance be considered to give staff and/or Council the option to waive the cost of a “conditional use permit” to allow food vendors to operate on private property.

Hot Diggity Dog food vendor owners were present to make their statements on the matter. Mad Dogs food vendor owners were reported to be out of town and therefore not present to make a statement. City Administrator Caldwell will continue to work on this item.

4. Discuss letter from Philip Anaya requesting letter from Council to Southern California Edison (SCE) and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP)

Prior to discussion on this item, Mayor Jim Ellis recused himself from discussing this item due to being a current employee of LADWP. Mayor Ellis left the Council Chambers until Council was finished discussing this item.

After Council reviewed the letter received from Philip Anaya requesting a letter from Council to SCE and LADWP, Council expressed their concerns and asked that Interim City Attorney Tracy review and advise Council on this item at the next Study Session.

5. Discuss an annual Council Workshop with Staff

Mayor Ellis presented Council with the idea of having a Council Workshop with City Staff on a regular basis. In the past, two Council members would meet with City staff in the Council Chambers to discuss any items of concern or to share what has been going on in their department. A discussion on the logistics and purpose of this workshop ensued. Council agreed to think about it further and to bring it back for discussion at a future meeting.

6. Current 7:00 p.m. agenda items

Discussion was held on the upcoming agenda items for the evening meeting. Questions were answered by staff as needed.

7. Future agenda items

The list of future agenda items was reviewed.

3. Department Head Reports

Reports were given as appropriate.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

No comments were provided. No action was taken.

CLOSED SESSION -

Closed Session began at 5:23 p.m. Council reconvened at 6:08 p.m.

Report on Closed Session:

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RELEASE – POLICE DEPARTMENT Council voted 5-0 to accept employee agreement for Frank Bumgardner.

2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957 – TITLE: CITY ADMINISTRATOR/COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR City Administrator Caldwell shared his plan to resign in September 2014.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m. to the regular meeting scheduled at 7:00 p.m.

JIM ELLIS, MAYOR

ATTEST: Keith Caldwell, City Clerk

By: _____
Robin Picken, Assistant City Clerk