

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
BUDGET WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 19, 2014

CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Ellis called the meeting of the Bishop City Council Budget Workshop to order at 2:34 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room 377 West Line Street, Bishop, California.
COUNCIL PRESENT	Councilmembers Laura Smith, David Stottlemyre 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 Lorraine Ray, Assistant Finance Director Ray Seguine, Fire Chief Chris Carter, Police Chief David Grah, Public Works Director/City Engineer Bryan Rossy, Police Officer David Jepson, Police Officer Ron Gladding, Police Officer Jeff Griffiths, Inyo County Second District Supervisor Joe Peksi, Chairman of the Water and Sewer Commission Tawni Thomson, Executive Director of the Bishop Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Bureau
PUBLIC COMMENT	Mayor Ellis announced the public comment period. No public comments were provided. Discussion was held on the following agenda items:
TEAM BUILDING (1)	City Administrator Caldwell facilitated a “team building” session between the Council members themselves, and the Council members and City staff members.
BREAK	The meeting was recessed at 3:48 p.m. and Mayor Ellis reconvened the meeting at 3:54 p.m.
DISCUSS TAXES (2)	City Administrator Caldwell gave a report on several consultants that assist cities in evaluating proposed tax measures. After a lengthy discussion, Council requested that staff continue to do research on the consultants available to assist the City in reviewing a possible tax measure for the November election. The Council also asked that staff create an educational outreach to the public to inform them of the cities financial needs.

DISCUSS INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY
(3)

Councilmember Glidewell reviewed the current information technology that he has been researching to improve public outreach, public communication and transparency. Councilmember Glidewell asked Council to consider purchasing a “public meeting” solution such as Granicus to enhance the public meetings we already have in place and offering a user-friendly, live, and on-demand viewing of the City’s public meetings. Councilmember Glidewell also asked Council to consider allocating the money saved from the Council’s budget from the reduction in travel and meeting expenses towards the purchase of this type of solution.

A discussion ensued on the costs, benefits, and return on investment for such a “public meeting” solution.

Council requested that staff obtain and report back all costs related to implementing a “public meeting” solution for further consideration.

SCHEDULE NEXT
BUDGET WORKSHOP
(4)

It was agreed that the next Budget Workshop will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2014 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room.

CLOSED SESSION -

Closed Session began at 5:07 p.m. Council reconvened at 5:33 p.m.

Report on Closed Session:

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT –
TITLE: CITY ATTORNEY
(5)

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ellis adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m. to the Study Session scheduled for Monday, February 24, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

JIM ELLIS, MAYOR

Attest: Keith Caldwell, City Clerk

By: _____
Robin Picken, Assistant City Clerk