

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2014

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Ellis called the meeting of the Bishop City Council to order at 5:33 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Smith.

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
Peter Tracy, Interim City Attorney
Ray Seguine, Fire Chief
Chris Carter, Police Chief
David Grah, Public Works Director/City Engineer
Gary Schley, Public Services Officer

PUBLIC COMMENT The Mayor announced the public comment period.
No public comments were provided.

PUBLIC HEARING

POTENTIAL SALE OF CITY PROPERTY FOR NEW INYO COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN BISHOP
(1) Mayor Ellis opened the public hearing to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known regarding the potential sale of City property to the Administrative Office of the Courts for the construction of a new courthouse in Bishop.

Joanne Williamson and Gary Swanson of the Administrative Office of the Courts presented an overview of the proposed Inyo County Courthouse they wish to build in Bishop. Senior Associate Netai Basu of Fehr+Peers was also present to go over the Parking Study and its methodology that was conducted by his firm.

Judge Lamb of the Inyo County Supreme Court spoke to the 100 year old history of the current courthouse in Inyo County and expressed his excitement to have a new courthouse in Bishop. He discussed the need for a modern courthouse to provide easy access for all of the local citizens in the area.

Judge Lamb then addressed Council's questions on the expected activity level at the new courthouse and the improved accessibility to the new courthouse.

City Administrator Caldwell then asked that anyone who wished to speak on this item to come to the podium and state their name.

Members from the public that came forward to speak were:

- 1) Fire Chief Ray Seguire – Need to keep current parking spaces between Fire Station and the east side of City Hall for staff.
- 2) Marilyn Ray – Not in favor of courthouse on Warren St. and Church St. – need parking.

Mayor Ellis properly announced the opening of the public hearing.

- 3) Ken Lloyd – Not in favor of courthouse on Warren St. and Church St. Mr. Lloyd presented Council with a handout titled “City of Bishop Controlled Parking Lots.”
- 4) Stan Smith – Not in favor of courthouse on Warren St. and Church St. otherwise, there should be some way of keeping the number of current parking available.
- 5) Skandar (Alex) Reid – Need to keep parking lot for Warren Street project.
- 6) Des Cleland – Not in favor of courthouse on Warren St. and Church St. Main concern is the creation of traffic congestion and lack of parking.
- 7) Joan Lewis – Not in favor of courthouse on Warren St. and Church St.
- 8) Mark Heckman – In favor of the proposed courthouse on Warren St. and Church St.
- 9) Denise Baker – Not in favor of courthouse on Warren St. and Church St.
- 10) Jose Garcia – In favor of the proposed courthouse on Warren St. and Church St.
- 11) Lynn Redding – Need to keep parking lot.
- 12) Chris Taylor – Not in favor of courthouse on Warren St. and Church St. – need to keep parking lot available to patrons and visitors.
- 13) Lynn Martin – Parking for the proposed courthouse needs to incorporate shade.
- 14) John Klusmire – In favor of the proposed courthouse on Warren St. and Church St.
- 15) Howard Holland – Not in favor of courthouse on Warren St. and Church St.

Council thanked the public for coming and making their comments.

The public hearing ended at 7:14 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session began at 7:14 p.m. Council reconvened at 8:18 p.m.

Report on Closed Session:

REAL PROPERTY
NEGOTIATIONS
(2)

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m. to the Study Session scheduled for Monday, March 10, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

JIM ELLIS, MAYOR

Attest: Keith Caldwell, City Clerk

By: _____
Robin Picken, Assistant City Clerk