

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES
AUGUST 11, 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
Dean Pucci, Assistant City Attorney
Peter E. Tracy, Esq., Jones & Mayer, Of Counsel
Lorraine Ray, Assistant Finance Director
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. Selection of Quarterly Citizen Award to be presented September 8, 2014 After a brief discussion, Council selected the next Quarterly Citizen Award recipient.
 2. Discuss League of California Cities 2014 Annual Conference Resolution City Council reviewed the League of California Cities Resolution Packet that will be under consideration at the League of California Cities Annual Board Meeting on September 5, 2014. The proposed resolution submitted to the General Assembly must be concurred in by five cities or by city officials from at least five or more cities.

After a thorough discussion by Council of their reasons to support or not support the proposed resolution "A RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE TO CONVENE A SUMMIT TO ADDRESS THE DEVASTATING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF ILLEGAL MARIJUANA GROWS ON BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC LANDS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA AND THE INCREASING PROBLEMS TO PUBLIC SAFETY RELATED TO THESE ACTIVITIES BY WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES TO DEVELOP RESPONSIVE SOLUTIONS AND TO SECURE ADEQUATE FUNDING

FOR COST-EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES," Council recommended that the voting delegate for the City of Bishop (Mayor Ellis or alternate Councilmember Smith) use their discretion in voting on behalf of the City based on their discussion.

3. Discuss Restricted Parking

City Administrator Caldwell introduced this item that was requested by Councilmember Smith to review restricted parking in the city limits.

Public Works Director Grah reviewed the current Municipal Code on restricted parking in the city limits. He also discussed the process that is typically used to review a possible change from unrestricted parking to restricted parking in the city limits.

Police Chief Carter also made the Council aware of other unrestricted parking within the city limits, should they decide to evaluate all unrestricted parking use.

After a thorough discussion, it was agreed that a parking survey be conducted for the parking spaces in the City Parking Lot on the corner of Warren Street and Church Street and also at the City Parking Lot on Sierra Street.

4. 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.

5. Future agenda items

The list of future agenda items was reviewed.

6. Department Head Reports

Reports were given as appropriate.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Council Members gave committee reports, community announcements and/or made comments or inquiries to staff. No action was taken.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session began at 5:03 p.m. Council reconvened at 5:34 p.m.

Report on Closed Session:

1. POTENTIAL LITIGATION - Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (b) – 1 potential case.

Peter E. Tracy, Esq., Jones & Mayer, Of Counsel announced that the City considered hiring David Buckingham as City Administrator, but ultimately decided to hire another individual. Buckingham claimed damages as a result of the City's actions. In Closed Session, Council approved a settlement and release agreement with Buckingham in order to avoid the expense and uncertainty of litigation. The City will pay Buckingham thirty-eight thousand dollars (\$38,000.00) and all claims will be released. There is no admission of wrong doing or liability on the part of any party. The motion to approve the settlement was made by Councilmember Stottlemire and the motion was passed 5-0, with all council members voting yes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 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