

# CITY OF BISHOP

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MINUTES OF FIRST MEETING  
ON MAY 14, 1903

As quoted from page 332 of The Story of Inyo published in 1934 by Chalfant: "The progressive spirit of the people of Bishop, who had bettered their condition as circumstances permitted, brought about the incorporation of the place as a municipality. One of the chief purposes in view was the creation of a better water supply for domestic use and fire protection. A census was taken by the Women's Improvement Club to determine that the requisite population of 500 persons lived within the boundaries set. The census takers managed to list 540. An election was held, and incorporation of the little city was voted 63 to 36, April 24, 1903."

It appearing to us, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, that at an election held and conducted in accordance with an act to provide for the organization, incorporation, and government of municipal corporations, and the general election laws of the State of California, at Bishop, said County of Inyo, within the hereinafter described territory, a majority of the votes cast at said election, held Friday, April 24th, 1903, for the purpose of determining whether said town of Bishop, with boundaries as hereinafter set forth, should be incorporated into a municipal corporation, under and with the name and style "Bishop", were in favor of incorporation:

Therefore, we hereby declare the following described territory to wit: Beginning at the NW corner of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 6, Twp 7 S., R. 33 E., M. D. M., thence east 1320 feet; thence south 960 feet; thence east 1020 feet; thence north 960 feet; thence east 300 feet; thence south 960 feet; thence east 823 feet; thence south to the center of 5th Avenue, 717 feet; thence east along the center line of 5th Avenue, 682 feet; thence south 843 feet; thence east to west bank of Bishop Ditch, 1150 feet; thence south to the center of East Line street, 260 feet; thence south to the center of Clarke street, 646 feet; thence west along the center ~~line~~ line of Clarke street to Main street, 2668 feet; thence south along the center of Main street, to South street, 336 feet; thence west along center of South street to Fowler street, 859 feet; thence north along center of Fowler street to Lagoon street, 450 feet; thence along center of Lagoon street to range line, 1879 feet; thence north along range ~~line~~ line to point of beginning, 3167.5 feet, duly incorporated as a municipal corporation of the sixth class of the State of California, under the name and style of the town of "Bishop".

And we hereby further declare that the following named persons were duly elected at said election for the several offices of said municipal corporation, said persons receiving, respectively, the highest number of votes for such several offices, to wit:

W.W.Watterson	Trustee
Geo.A.Clarke	Trustee
J.C.Underwood	Trustee
F.K.Andrews	Trustee
Geo.L.Albright	Trustee
W.W.Yandell	Clerk
M.Q.Watterson	Treasurer
D.W.Pitman	Marshal.

We hereby direct the Clerk to send a certified copy of this order to the Secretary of State, to be filed in the Office of the said Secretary of State.

Dated Monday, April 27th, A.D., 1903.

N.J.Cocley

W.P.Yaney

James Jones

T.C.Boland

J.A.McKenzie

Members of the Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Inyo, State of California.

Attest

*J. Emeroney*  
Clerk

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W.W. Yandell	Clerk
M.Q. Watterson	Treasurer
D.W. Pitman	Marshal.

We hereby direct the Clerk to send a certified copy of this order to the Secretary of State, to be filed in the Office of the

## COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

State of California, } SS.  
COUNTY OF INYO.)

I, J. E. MERONEY, County Clerk of the County of Inyo, and ex-officio Clerk of the Superior Court thereof, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of the  
Order declaring "Bishop" an incorporated City of the  
6th Class, made and entered upon their minutes, upon their  
in the course of the Returns of the Election held to decide whether  
Bishop should incorporate,  
~~now on file and of record in my office.~~

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court, this 29th day  
of April, 1903, A.D., 1900,

*J. E. Meroney*  
Clerk.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

the 6th day of  
May - A. D. 1905

To: F. L.

SECRETARY OF STATE

By: [Signature]

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# Bishop Cal

May 14 1903

The Board Trustees of The Town of Bishop met in the Court House on the above day & date for the purpose of organizing & performing such other business as might properly come before them. The following answers to roll call,

F H Andrews  
W W Watsson  
Geo A Clarke  
Geo L Albright  
John C Underwood

They proceed by electing F H Andrews President Upon drawing lots for length of term - F H Andrews W W Watsson & J C Underwood drew short terms Geo A Clarke & Geo L Albright the long term. A statement from J E Mcronny County Clerk that he had recd notice from the Secretary of the State of the election in the Town of Bishop and that the Town of Bishop was recorded as a Sixth Class Municipality. Ordinance No 1 - was then read - sitting place & day of meeting of the Board of Trustees. The result of the election showed that M G Watsson had been elected Treasurer W Wyandue Clerk & D W Pitman Marshal - The Board then appointed J H Shannon Town Recorder

