

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
December 10, 2007

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Crom called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION The invocation was given by Rusty McKinley of the Calvary Baptist Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Dishion.

COUNCIL PRESENT Griffiths, Cullen, Dishion, Connolly, Crom

COUNCIL ABSENT None

OTHERS PRESENT Richard Pucci, City Administrator
Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk
Peter Tracy, City Attorney
Keith Caldwell, Community Services Director
Joe Peci, Police Chief
Chris Carter, Police Lieutenant
David Grah, Public Works Director
Gary Schley, Public Services Officer
Bob Kimball, City Treasurer

PUBLIC COMMENT The Mayor announced the public comment period. Mayor Pro Tem Connolly thanked Western Nevada Supply for sponsoring Christmas shopping at the Bishop Kmart for 150 children from various area communities.

CONSENT CALENDAR A motion was made by Councilmember Cullen to approve the
(1) Consent Calendar as presented:

Motion/Cullen

FOR APPROVAL AND FILING
(a) Council Minutes -11/26/07
(b) Special City Council Meeting – 12/3/07
(c) Personnel Status Change Report
(d) Fund Transactions – 7/1/07-11/30/07
(e) Warrant Register – 11/07

FOR INFORMATION AND FILING
(f) Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes – 9/26/07
(g) Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes – 10/10/07
(h) Fire Department Activity Log – 11/07

Motion passed on a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

CARL’S JR. SIGNAGE Mayor Crom opened a public hearing to receive public
(2) comment on an initial study and negative declaration on an application for a conditional use permit to allow the applicant Carl’s Jr. #805 to set aside the maximum allowable signage of

eighty (80) square feet per Bishop Municipal Code Section 17.76.110 to two hundred twenty six (226) square feet at 768 North Main Street located in a C-1 District.

Motion/Griffiths

Staff reported that the proponent, Carl's Jr., requested the item be pulled from this agenda for consideration at a later date. Because the public hearing had been advertised, time was available for anyone in attendance who wished to speak on the project. No public comment was made; therefore, Councilmember Griffiths made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

STREET VENDOR LICENSE
RENEWAL
Valley Dogs Catering
(3)

As required by the Bishop Municipal Code, Ann Aylesworth of Valley Dogs Catering, applied for a renewal of her street vendor permit to continue her food vending service allowing food sales on May Street between Union and Washington Mutual Banks.

Motion/Connolly

Mayor Pro Tem Connolly made a motion to approve the renewal of the street vendor permit for Valley Dogs Catering to sell food from a portable cart at the designated location with the same requirements as established in the 2007 permit.

STATE OF THE SCE
SYSTEM – Informational
Report by Regional Manager of
Public Affairs for Edison
(4)

Deborah Hess, Regional Manager of Public Affairs for Southern California Edison gave an update on Edison's goals, infrastructure investment in the Eastern Sierra Region, programs and services, new advanced technology and investments in the communities served by Edison.

CLAIMS AGAINST THE
CITY – Rejection of Claims by
Conan Scott Landry
(5)
Motion/Connolly

A motion was made by the Mayor Pro Tem to reject a claim against the City filed by Conan Scott Landry for actions taken by the City on May 26, 2007; and to reject a claim against the City filed by Conan Scott Landry for actions taken by the City on June 15, 2007. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Connolly, Cullen, Dishion, Griffiths, Crom

LETTER OF SUPPORT TO
C.T.C. – Independence
Manzanar Four Lane Project
(6)
Motion/Crom

Following review of a draft letter to the California Transportation Commission supporting the Independence Manzanar Four Lane Project, Mayor Crom made a motion to approve the letter and deliver it to the Commission for their December 12, 2007 meeting in Sacramento. Motion passed unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO XEROX
CONTRACT – Public Works
Department
(7)
Motion/Cullen

The Public Works Department requested permission to amend the Xerox copier contract for a color printer and extend the contract to five years.

Councilmember Cullen made a motion to approve the request to amend and extend the Xerox contract as requested. The motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST TO GO TO BID
Ten Patrol Rifles – Police Dept.
(8)
Motion/Dishion

On a motion by Councilmember Dishion, the Council voted unanimously to approve the request from the Police Department to go to bid to purchase ten patrol rifles.

REQUEST TO ALLOW
RETIRING POLICE CHIEF
TO PURCHASE SERVICE
FIREARMS – Police Dept.
(9)
Motion/Griffiths

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 12078(a)(5) which authorizes the sale of a firearm by a law enforcement agency to retiring peace officers, Councilmember Griffiths made a motion to approve the request to allow Joseph Peci, retiring Police Chief, to purchase his service firearms as follows:

- Glock Model 22 – Serial Number FRV411
- Glock Model 27 – Serial Number FMD711

The motion passed on a 5-0 roll call vote.

REQUEST TO RETIRE
POLICE K-9 HONDO
Police Department
(10)
Motion/Cullen

The Police Chief requested Council retire K-9 Hondo from service for medical reasons and sell Hondo to his handler, Officer Mairs, for \$1.00.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullen authorizing the retirement of K-9 Hondo and to sell the dog to Officer Doug Mairs for \$1.00. The motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST TO APPROVE
CONTRACT CHANGE
ORDER 1 – City Hall Complex
Re-roofing Project
(11)

The Community Services Director reported that during the re-roofing project water damage to the roof over the Fire and Police Departments was discovered that will need to be repaired making it necessary to enter into a contract change order with DRI Commercial.

Motion/Dishion

Councilmember Dishion made a motion to approve Contract Change Order 1 for the re-roofing project in the amount of \$56,104.00 making the total project amount of \$358,070.00. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET
ADJUSTMENTS/TRANSFERS
FY 2007-2008
(12)
Motion/Crom

Mayor Crom made a motion to approve the budget adjustments and transfers for fiscal year 2007-2008 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-18
In Support of Commemorative
Postal Stamp for Tom Bradley
(13)
Motion/Crom

On a motion by the Mayor, the Council voted 5-0, to adopt Resolution No. 07-18, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF ISSUING A POSTAL STAMP IN HONOR OF MAYOR TOM BRADLEY”.

CANCELLATION OF
COUNCIL MEETING OF
DECEMBER 24, 2007
(14)
Motion/Crom

Mayor Crom made a motion to cancel the regular City Council meeting scheduled for December 24, 2007. The motion passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION
(15)

Mayor Crom cancelled the closed session for a conference relating to Public Employee Appointment of the Police Chief.

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

APPOINTMENT OF POLICE
CHIEF – Kathleen Sheehan
(16)

The City Administrator reviewed the process involving a nationwide search for the new Police Chief and reported that on November 6, 2007, a conditional offer was made to Kathleen Sheehan for that position. The P.O.S.T.-required in-depth background investigation, psychiatric and medical examinations were completed and reviewed. Ms. Sheehan has an extensive background in law enforcement serving 25 years on the Los Angeles Police Department retiring at the rank of Lieutenant. Over the last two years she has worked for the Department of Justice and a private firm contracting with the DOJ to train law enforcement techniques around the world. She has specialized in gang, narcotics, robbery and homicide investigations as well as vice, audits, training and use of force mitigation. She is familiar with budgets, is a qualified administrator and law enforcement trainer.

Motion/Cullen

Mayor Pro Tem Connolly made a motion to appoint Kathleen Sheehan as the Police Chief for the City of Bishop effective December 27, 2007 with the salary and benefits as advertised for the position and including \$7,000.00 for relocation expenses. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Connolly, Cullen, Dishion, Griffiths, Crom

Kathleen Sheehan stated that she has had a hard-working police career and looks forward to learning about the community. Her approach is simple. She stated the Police Department has an easy and difficult task to protect the public from crime and the fear of crime and to make the quality of life better in the community through improved police/community relationships. She thanked all of those who have been, and will continue to be, part of that process.

COUNCIL REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

Due to the cancellation of the next regular City Council meeting, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m. to the next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, January 14, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

FRANK CROM, MAYOR

Attest: Richard F. Pucci, City Clerk

By: _____
Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk