

CITY OF BISHOP  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
March 10, 2008

CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Crom called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
INVOCATION	The invocation was given by Pastor Kent Puls of the Grace Lutheran Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Crom.
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 Ray Seguine, Fire Chief Kathleen Sheehan, Police Chief David Grah, Public Works Director Gary Schley, Public Services Officer Bob Kimball, City Treasurer
PUBLIC COMMENT	The Mayor announced the public comment period. No public comment was given.
PROCLAMATION	
Child Abuse Prevention Month – April 2008 (1)	The proclamation designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Month was read by staff and presented to representatives of Wild Iris by Mayor Crom.
CONSENT CALENDAR (2)	A motion was made by Councilmember Cullen and passed unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar as presented:
Motion/Cullen	FOR APPROVAL AND FILING (a) Council Minutes – 2/25/08 (b) Council Retreat – 2/26/08 (c) Personnel Status Change Report (d) Fund Transactions – 7/1/07 – 2/29/08 (e) Warrant Register – 2/08  FOR INFORMATION AND FILING (f) Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda – 2/27/08 (g) Water and Sewer Commission – 3/11/08 (h) Parks and Recreation Commission – 1/23/08 (i) Fire Department Activity Log – 2/08 (j) Public Works Report – 2/08 (k) Public Works Permit Report 0 2/08

NEW BUSINESS

REAPPOINTMENTS –  
Parks and Recreation  
Commissioners  
(3)  
Motion/Griffiths  
Motion/Connolly

A motion was made by Councilmember Griffiths and passed unanimously to reappoint Barry Simpson to a four-year term on the Parks and Recreation Commission ending March 25, 2012.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Connolly and passed unanimously to reappoint Cheryl McDermott-Stanford to a four-year term on the Parks and Recreation Commission ending April 28, 2012.

The Council expressed their appreciation for their service on the commission.

BID AWARD – MacIver  
Street Improvement Project  
T.E.  
(4)

The Public Works Director reported that the second phase of the MacIver Street Improvements Project will extend MacIver to Spruce Street, extend water and sewer lines on the new street, construct curb, gutter and sidewalk the full length of the street, construct storm drainage facilities, repave the existing street, and perform other related work. Bidders were requested to provide pricing on two options due to current high construction costs.

Two bids were received:

Truhls Concrete	Option 1	\$371,200
Bishop	Option 2	\$163,198
Sierra Nevada Construction	Option 1	\$409,007
Sparks, Nevada	Option 2	\$229,007

He requested the Council consider awarding the bid to Truhls Concrete of Bishop pending receipt of the required documents for bonding and insurance.

Motion/Connolly

Mayor Pro Tem Connolly made a motion to award the bid for the MacIver Street Improvement Project T.E. to Truhls Concrete in an amount not to exceed \$371,200 for Option 1 and authorized the execution of the contract. The motion passed on the following roll call vote: Connolly, Dishion, Griffiths, Cullen, Crom.

POSSIBLE RELOCATION  
OF POLICE FACILITY  
AND/OR DESIGN  
PROJECT  
(5)

The City Administrator reported for Council and public information that it has been the consensus over the past 15-20 years that the existing space, design and infrastructure of the Police Department facility have serious limitations. New discussions have been initiated on the concept to relocate the Department to a larger facility by the current availability of the building at 350 Lagoon Street.

Other alternatives under consideration include increasing facility space at the existing location either by adding a second story;

expanding into the existing parking lot; and a combination retrofit and remodel of the existing site for both fire and police services.

Councilmember Dishion requested that before any decision is made to fund such an expensive project a workshop should be held to discuss funding as there are several City projects that are also important such as future city park projects, Test Well 3, street projects and the Safe Routes to School.

Councilmember Cullen suggested a needs assessment be done to determine what type of police facility is needed. Mayor Pro Tem Connolly stated he would like to see a new police building but wants to see where the City stands financially first.

Mayor Crom stated there is definitely a need for improvement and sooner or later relocation or a remodel will have to be addressed. Even a remodel of the present location will not solve the existing parking problems for employees, patrol vehicles, volunteer firefighters and visitors to the current Department.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET  
ADJUSTMENTS AND  
TRANSFERS – FY 2007-08  
(6)  
Motion/Cullen

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullen and passed unanimously to approve the budget adjustments and transfers for fiscal year 2007-2008 through February 29, 2008 as presented.

CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE – Funding  
Request  
(7)

Tawni Thomson, Executive Director and Dave Patterson from the Bishop Chamber of Commerce requested Council approval for \$7,930.00 from the Fiscal Year 2008-09 funding allocated for the Chamber in order to purchase advertisements in the Sunset Magazine to promote the area for the coming summer and fall.

Motion/Griffiths

Councilmember Griffiths made a motion to advance the Bishop Chamber of Commerce \$7,930.00 from fiscal year funding for 2008-09. The motion passed on the following roll call vote:  
Ayes: Griffiths, Cullen, Dishion, Connolly, Crom

## REORGANIZATION

Election of Mayor  
(8)

Motion/Dishion

Mayor Crom turned the nominations for mayor over to the City Administrator/City Clerk. A call for nominations for the position of mayor was made. Frank Crom nominated Martin Connolly. No further nominations were received. A motion to close the nominations for mayor was made by Councilmember Dishion and passed unanimously.

A roll call vote was taken for the election of Martin Connolly for mayor. Ayes: Griffiths, Connolly, Crom, Cullen Dishion. Martin Connolly will serve a one-year term as Mayor.

Election of Mayor Pro Tempore

Motion/Dishion

Newly-elected Mayor Connolly opened nominations for the position of mayor pro tempore and nominated Susan Cullen. No further nominations were received. A motion to close the nominations for mayor pro tempore was made by Councilmember Dishion and passed unanimously.

A roll call vote was taken for the election of Susan Cullen for mayor pro tempore for a one-year term. Ayes: Griffiths, Crom, Connolly, Cullen, Dishion.

Mayoral Committee Appointments

(9)

Motion/Crom

Staff read the recommended assignments for City committee and agency representation for 2008. On a motion by Councilmember Crom the Bishop City Council Committee/Agency Assignments for 2008 were approved by a 5-0 vote. A listing of the committees is attached.

#### COUNCIL REPORTS

#### ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m. to the next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, March 24, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

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MARTIN L. CONNOLLY, MAYOR

Attest: Richard F. Pucci, City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk

*Approved by Council March 24, 2008*