

CITY OF BISHOP  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
April 28, 2008

- CALL TO ORDER Mayor Connolly 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 Pro Tem Cullen.
- COUNCIL PRESENT Griffiths, Dishion, Cullen, Connolly
- COUNCIL ABSENT Crom - Excused
- OTHERS PRESENT Richard Pucci, City Administrator  
Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk  
Peter Tracy, City Attorney  
Keith Caldwell, Community Services Director  
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. Inyo County Supervisor Susan Cash reported that the Public Utilities Commission voted 4-1 to approve the 760 Area Code remain in Inyo County. Supervisor Cash also mentioned the first phase of the land release by D.W.P. is scheduled for this week.
- Dick Noles, Advocates for Access to Public Lands (AAPL) gave an update on efforts to realign the boundary lines between the National Park, Death Valley, Inyo Mountains wilderness and other lands that had been moved into National Park designation. Following numerous letters and resolutions of support, the issue to return the designation to the original intent in 1994 for public access is now in the hands of federal legislators. He thanked the Council for their support as well as all the other agencies who have participated.
- CONSENT CALENDAR (1) A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cullen and passed on a 4-0 vote to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Crom absent.
- Motion/Cullen
- FOR APPROVAL AND FILING
- (a) Council Minutes – 4/14/08
  - (b) Joint Meeting – Council/Water & Sewer Commission 3/24/08
  - (c) Personnel Status Change Report
  - (d) Fund Transactions – 7/1/07 – 3/31/08
  - (e) Investment Portfolio – 3/08

FOR INFORMATION AND FILING

- (f) Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda – 4/23/08
- (g) Planning Commission Agenda – 4/29/08
- (h) Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes – 2/27/08
- (i) Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes – 3/19/08
- (j) Water & Sewer Commission Joint Meeting with City Council 3/24/08

PUBLIC HEARING

Fees and Charges for City Services  
(2)

The Mayor opened the public hearing to hear and receive input on amending and restating fees and charges for city services for fiscal year 2008-2009.

Staff reported that a request was received from the Police Department to raise the fee for PS-3 -Fingerprint Rolling from \$15.00 to \$20.00 which brings the charge in line with other cities across the state.

The Public Works Director reported on the reformatted layout of public works fees and charges. Most of the revision is intended to make the wording, intent, and structure of the fees more clear. Language and references were brought up to date to meet current requirements, redundant language was eliminated, and units of measurements were standardized. He also reviewed the proposed monetary changes to the Public Works fees.

It was reported by staff that the changes in fees and charges recommended for fiscal year 2008-2009 do not exceed the cost of the services rendered.

Motion/Cullen

Mayor Pro Tem Cullen made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion passed 4-0 with Crom absent.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 08-03  
Amending and Restating  
Certain Fees and Charges for  
City Services FY 2008-09  
(3)

Motion/Dishion

Councilmember Dishion made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 08-03 by title only, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA AMENDING AND RESTATING CERTAIN FEES AND CHARGES FOR CITY SERVICES". The motion passed on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Dishion, Griffiths, Cullen, Connolly. Absent: Crom.

ADDITION OF AGENDA  
ITEM

The City Attorney announced it had become necessary to meet with the City Council in closed session to discuss current claims against the city. Because the need to take action arose subsequent to the agenda being posted, he requested the Council take action to add a closed session to the agenda.

Motion/Griffiths	Councilmember Griffiths made a motion to add a closed session as an urgency agenda item pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2) relating to claims against the city filed by Nikki Hudachek and Richard Hudachek. The motion passed on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Griffiths, Dishion, Cullen, Connolly. Absent: Crom.
PRESENTATION OF DONATION BY BISHOP SUNRISE ROTARY (4)	President Thomas Hardy and Susan Cullen of the Sunrise Rotary presented the Community Services Director with over \$200.00 collected to purchase new trees to replace those lost at the City Park during the windstorm in February.
RESOLUTION NO. 08-04 Approval of Master and Supplemental Agreements with Caltrans (No. 00112S) (5) Motion/Griffiths	Councilmember Griffiths made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 08-04 by title only, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BISHOP AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE SUCH AGREEMENT". The motion passed 4-0 with Councilmember Crom absent.
APPROVAL OF PROPOSITION 1B PLAN (6) Motion/Connolly	A motion was made by Mayor Connolly to approve the Proposition 1B Plan and application for \$400,000.00 in funding provided through a bond passed by California voters in 2006. The motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Crom - absent.
APPROVAL OF LEASE CONTRACT RENEWAL – Postage Machine (7) Motion/Cullen	On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Cullen, the Council voted 4-0 to approve a 60-month renewal of the lease agreement with Pitney Bowes for the postage machine. Absent – Crom.
REQUEST TO WAIVE THE HIRING FREEZE – Special Projects Office Assistant (8) Motion/Connolly	Staff stated there is a need to hire a part time Office Assistant to work on the special projects such as the City’s personnel manual, records retention policy and updating job descriptions.  Mayor Connolly moved to waive the hiring freeze and authorized establishing a part time Special Projects Office Assistant for 960 hours at the rate of \$14.25. Roll call vote: Ayes: Connolly, Dishion, Griffiths, Cullen.
CLOSED SESSION	At 8:07 p.m. the Mayor recessed open session to convene in closed session with regard to claims against the city by Nikki Hudachek and Richard Hudachek.  At 8:14 p.m. the Council reconvened with the following Council members present: Griffiths, Dishion, Cullen, Connolly. Absent: Crom. No action was taken in closed session that is required to be disclosed.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m. to the next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, May 12, 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 5/12/08***