

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
January 12, 2009

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

INVOCATION The invocation was given by Pastor Patrick Thompson of the Neighborhood Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Dishion.

COUNCIL PRESENT Griffiths, Crom, Dishion, Cullen, Connolly

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

PUBLIC COMMENT The Mayor announced the public comment period. The City Administrator gave a report on the community's concerns on the closure of the Cottonwood Plaza on North Main Street. He stated staff has listened to those involved over the past six months including tenants relating to the increases in their rent to unhappy citizens about the fencing around the property after the closure. He indicated, however, that the City has no jurisdiction in these matters. Staff realizes and feels the same frustration as everyone else. The major leaseholder has worked with the Fire Department to meet all the requirements to keep the site safe from fire.

The City Administrator stated that the City is very concerned about the loss of sales tax production and the loss of viable businesses, but the City cannot enter into the private sector.

Councilmember Crom commented if there was anything the City could do, it would be done. Mayor Connolly asked that the media be contacted to make it clear the City is not responsible for what has occurred at the Cottonwood Plaza. Councilmember Griffiths stated he would like to know if there are options available to prevent this happening in the future.

Research will be done to determine if ordinances are appropriate to deal with abandoned buildings. A staff report will be provided at a future City Council meeting with discussion on whether the Council should or could be involved and if there are legal constraints in doing so.

CONSENT CALENDAR
(1)
Motion/Cullen

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cullen and passed unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar as presented:

FOR APPROVAL AND FILING

- (a) Council Minutes – 12/8/08
- (b) Personnel Status Change Report
- (c) Fund Transactions – 7/1/08 – 12/31/08
- (d) Warrant Register – 12/08
- (e) Investment Portfolio – 11/08

FOR INFORMATION AND FILING

- (f) Parks/Recreation Commission Meeting Cancellation 12/24/08
- (g) Fire Department Activity Log – 12/08
- (h) Public Works Permit Report – 12/08

NEW BUSINESS

WILLDAN CONTRACT –
Approval of Amendment 4
Public Works Dept.
(2)
Motion/Crom

On a motion by Councilmember Crom the Council voted 5-0 to approve Amendment 4 to the Willdan Contract relating to the fee schedule for professional services.

PINE TO PARK PATH
PROJECT – Approval of
Contract with R.O. Anderson
Public Works Dept.
(3)
Motion/Cullen

Mayor Pro Tem Cullen made a motion to approve the execution of the contract with R.O. Anderson of Mammoth Lakes for project delivery services of the Pine to Park Path Project with expenditures not to exceed \$17,250.00. The motion passed unanimously.

WELL 4 PUMP – Approval
of Purchase – Public Works
Dept.
(4)
Motion/Griffiths

Pursuant to Municipal Code Sections 3.24.200 and 3.24.220, Councilmember Griffiths made a motion to approve the request from the Public Works Director for a waiver of the formal bid procedure and authorization for the Department to make a direct purchase from Wood Rodgers, Inc. of a 12 ENL Flowserve Pump 3 Stage and related equipment in the amount of \$27,105.10. The motion passed unanimously.

COLLECTION OF NEW
STATE MANDATED FEES
Relating to Building Permits
Public Works Dept.
(5)
Motion/Griffiths

On a motion by Councilmember Griffiths, the Council voted 5-0 to establish a collection procedure for State of California mandated fees for Strong Motion Instrumentation Program (SMIP) and Building Standards Administration Special Revolving Fund that will be passed along to the state. The fees will be added to the next update for the City's Fee Schedule.

APPROVAL OF
ADVERTISEMENT FOR
CRACK SEAL MATERIAL
Public Works Dept.
(6)
Motion/Crom

Councilmember Crom made a motion to approve the request to advertise for crack seal material for the Public Works Department. The motion passed 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-01
Prohibiting Smoking in
Certain Areas of City Park –
Community Services Dept.
(7)
Motion/Connolly

On a motion by Mayor Connolly, the Council voted 5-0 to adopt Resolution No. 09-01 by title only, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING PROHIBITION OF SMOKING IN ACTIVE RECREATIONAL AREAS OF THE CITY PARK".

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS
AND TRANSFERS – FY
08-09 – Finance Dept.
(8)
Motion/Crom

A motion was made by Councilmember Crom to approve the budget adjustments and transfers for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 through December 31, 2008 as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

APPROVAL TO SURPLUS
CITY PROPERTY
(9)
Motion/Griffiths

On a motion by Councilmember Griffiths, the Council voted 5-0 to declare the list of property as surplus to the City's needs and authorized the disposal in the best interest of the City.

COUNCIL REPORTS

PRESENTATIONS to
Mark Pfeil – Retiring
Maintenance Worker
(10)

Councilmembers made presentations to Mark Pfeil who recently retired in honor of his 28 ½ years of service to the Public Works Department. He was presented with a pocket watch, city centennial coin and plaque.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. to the next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

MARTIN L. CONNOLLY, MAYOR

Attest: Richard F. Pucci, City Clerk

By: _____
Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL JANUARY 26, 2009