

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES
February 28, 2011

CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Griffiths called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.
COUNCIL PRESENT	Councilmembers Laura Smith, Susan Cullen, David Stottlemyre Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Dishion Mayor Jeff Griffiths
COUNCIL ABSENT	None
OTHERS PRESENT	James Southworth, City Administrator Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk Keith Caldwell, Assistant City Administrator/ Community Services Director Ray Seguine, Fire Chief Chris Carter, Police Chief David Grah, Public Works Director/City Engineer
PUBLIC COMMENT	The Mayor announced the public comment period. No public comment was provided.
JOINT MEETING WITH THE CITY OF BISHOP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION	<p>Parks and Recreation Commissioners attending: Chairperson Kellie Hallenbeck, Barry Simpson, and Cheryl Stanford; Lee Cox and John Weatherford were absent. Also attending were City staff Keith Caldwell, Assistant City Administrator/Community Services Director; Karey Poole, Community Services Secretary; Dan McElroy, Parks and Recreation Supervisor; and Waylon Cleland, Parks, Recreation and Facilities Worker.</p> <p>The group reviewed the roles and responsibilities and format for the forming of the Commission. Discussion was held on issues of concern to the Commission which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Park security near skate park</u>: It was the consensus of the Commission that a part-time security person in uniform would be helpful to enforce the rules and call the PD when appropriate. A volunteer program was discussed as a possibility along with the continued patrol by the Police Department.• <u>Dogs in the park</u>: There is a blatant disregard for dogs not being allowed in the park. On a regular basis staff is seeing 15-20 dogs a day with more on weekends, some off leash. Chair Hallenbeck feels it is vital for people to feel safe in the park and loose dogs create an unsafe environment. Possible solutions are to tighten up the municipal code, initiate a

leash law, enforce the rules, and communicate with the nearby motels. Efforts for establishing a dog park are ongoing.

- Community Garden: Work will begin in March on irrigation system. MOU with Master Gardeners has not been finalized but progressing.
- City Park Master Plan: It was recommended by the Commission that the Master Plan be updated to add the new amenities and give a vision for moving forward. Other upcoming improvements were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT OF JOINT MEETING WITH PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Council was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Council took a five-minute break and reconvened with all five Council Members present. The Bishop City Council continued with the items on the Study Session agenda.

SCHEDULED DISCUSSION

1. Current 7:00 p.m. agenda items
2. General Plan Project – Progress Update
3. Future agenda items

Councilmember Stottlemyre requested a future agenda item be scheduled for discussion with the Planning Commission on the feasibility of the Commission conducting studies on the City's behalf on the following topics:

1. Compact parking within the City
2. Tightening up the sign ordinances
3. Potential direction signage for public parking lots

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Reports from Community Services, Fire, Police, Public Works and Administration were given on the departments' activities including upcoming and ongoing projects.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Council Members gave committee reports, community announcements and/or made comments or inquiries to staff. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m. to the regular City Council meeting scheduled at 7:00 p.m.

JEFF GRIFFITHS, MAYOR

By: _____
Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk