

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 9, 2011

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California.

INVOCATION The invocation was given by Pastor Kent Puls of the Grace Lutheran Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Cullen

COUNCIL PRESENT Councilmembers Jim Ellis, Susan Cullen, Jeff Griffiths
Mayor Pro Tem Dave Stottlemyre
Mayor Laura Smith

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
Gary Schley, Public Services Officer

PUBLIC COMMENT The Mayor announced the public comment period. Earl McWilliams, Senior Vice Chairman for VFW Post 8988, reported on the Vietnam Wall that will be arriving at Ball Field No. 1 at the City Park on May 27th escorted by 200 motorcycle riders. The opening ceremony will be held at 7:00 p.m. that evening with closing ceremony scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on June 1st.

Alec Simpson, Bishop Union High School Senior, presented his essay required following attendance at several City Council meetings for his scholarship application offered by Coso Geothermal.

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK AND PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY
(1) Police Chief Carter gave the history of National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day. The Council read and presented the proclamation to the Chief.

With the upcoming 10-year anniversary of the passing of Bishop Police Officer Richard Perkins killed in the line of duty in August of 2001, friend and fellow officer Phil West, currently employed with Mono County Sheriff's Office, gave a memorial in Perkin's honor.

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF FUNDING
AVAILABILITY FOR
2010-2011 State Planning
and Technical Assistance
(PTA) Grant
(2)
Motion/Griffiths

The Notice of Public Hearing Design Phase of possible State Community Development block Grant (CDBG) Application was read by in its entirety by the Assistant City Administrator.

Speaking in support of grant applications was Larry Emerson, Housing Development Coordinator for the Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action. Mr. Emerson recommended the study for the Silver Peaks project, planned by I.M.A.C.A. and the City of Bishop, for an affordable apartment complex at the southwest corner of MacIver and Spruce Streets for low-income seniors and people with disabilities.

The studies he recommended to include in this application preparation include funding applications for Silver Peaks for Home Partnership funds and for tax credits. Emerson indicated that the Home Partnership Program is for low-interest loans of federal funds and provides \$2-3 million for apartment projects. The other program he recommended is for tax credits approved by the State used as an incentive to entice private developers for this type of project.

Emerson indicated the timing for these applications could possibly coincide with the land purchase with the potential approval of purchase agreement with the LADWP anticipated after the first of next year.

If grants are awarded for the project, it was reported by Emerson that the twenty-five percent cash match would be paid by I.M.A.C.A. to prepare the two applications.

Dave Grah, Public Works Director/City Engineer, stated that as an additional part of this application process another eligible activity to consider would be a sewer study for the northeast quadrant of the city. Grah indicated that lift stations would be needed to pump sewage into the City's or the Eastern Sierra Community Services District system for the Silver Peaks project or any other development in that area. The City currently does not have a plan to deal with sewer service for low lying areas and it would have to be addressed with each development or initiate a broader overall plan.

The City Administrator reported that the grant applications will be agendized for the next regular meeting for Council consideration.

On a motion by Councilmember Griffiths, the Council voted 5-0 to close the public hearing.

DEPARTMENT HEAD
REPORTS
(3)

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

CONSENT CALENDAR
(4)
Motion/Stottlemyre

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Stottlemyre to approve the following minutes as presented:
(a) Study Session 4/11/11
(b) Council Meeting 4/11/11

Motion/Stottlemyre

The motion passed unanimously on the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Stottlemyre, Cullen, Griffiths, Ellis, Smith.

Motion/Griffiths

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Stottlemyre to approve the following minutes as presented:
(c) Study Session – 4/25/11
(d) Council Meeting – 4/25/11

The motion passed 4-0 on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Stottlemyre, Cullen, Ellis, Smith. Abstained: Griffiths.

On a motion by Councilmember Griffiths, the Council voted unanimously to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar as presented:

FOR APPROVAL AND FILING

- (e) Special Council Meeting Minutes – 5/2/11
- (f) Execution of Bank of America credit card authorization letter

FOR INFORMATION AND FILING

- (g) Water and Sewer Commission Agenda 5/10/11
- (h) Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda – 4/27/11
- (i) Parks and Creation Commission Minutes – 3/30/11
- (j) Correspondence from Patrick McDonald dated 4/21/11
- (k) Fire Department Activity Log – 4/11
- (l) Public Works Building Permit Report – 4/11

NEW BUSINESS

BID AWARD – Iris Street
Water Improvements Project
(5)
Motion/Cullen

On a motion by Councilmember Cullen, the Council voted unanimously to award the Iris Street Water Improvements Project construction contract to Conspec from Lee Vining; authorized the execution of the construction contract by the City Administrator; and authorized the expenditure including a five percent construction contingency of up to \$48,914.25 through the contract.

APPROVAL OF STREET
CLOSURE – Warren Street
at Academy for Ceramic
Mural Dedication – June 17
(6)

Following discussion and a change to the date of the street closure requested by the proponents, Councilmember Griffiths made a motion to approve the street closure for Warren Street at Academy on June 17, 2011 from 3:30 to 10:00 p.m. for the dedication and celebration of the ceramic mural on the east wall

<p>Motion/Griffiths</p>	<p>of the Bishop Library. The Public Works Department will issue an Encroachment Permit.</p>
<p>OPEN HOUSE BRIEFING For the Mobility Element of the General Plan (7)</p>	<p>The City Administrator provided handouts that will be used for display at the Open House scheduled on May 12th at City Hall. This will be an opportunity for the public to review the mobility elements, ask questions and provide comments. The same information will be posted on the City's website.</p>
<p>GRANT APPLICATION APPROVAL – US DOJ COPS FUNDING – Police Department (8) Motion/Stottlemeyre</p>	<p>On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Stottlemeyre, the Council voted 5-0 to approve the request from the Police Department to apply for the United States Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services grant to fund the hiring of an entry-level officer position and associated salary and benefit costs for a period of three years. It was noted that a requirement of the grant is that the City would fund this position for a year following the expiration of funding.</p>
<p>PARS AMENDMENT ADOPTION (9) Motion/Cullen</p>	<p>On a motion by Councilmember Cullen, the Council voted 5-0 to adopt the amendment to the City's Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) Retirement Enhancement Plan that reflects recent legislation and compliance with IRS guidelines and authorized the execution by the City Administrator.</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF BUDGET REVISION FY 2010-2011 AND 2011-2012 (10) Motion/Stottlemeyre</p>	<p>On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Stottlemeyre, the Council voted 5-0 to approve the Budget Revision for Fiscal Years 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 as presented.</p>
<p>COUNCIL REPORTS</p>	<p>Council Members announced upcoming community events. No action was taken.</p>
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. to the next Council meeting Study Session scheduled for Monday, May 23, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.</p>

LAURA SMITH, MAYOR

Attest: James Southworth, City Clerk

By: _____
Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk