

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES
AUGUST 8, 2011

CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California.
COUNCIL PRESENT	Council Members Jim Ellis, Susan Cullen, Jeff Griffiths, Mayor Pro Tem David Stottlemire Mayor Laura Smith
COUNCIL ABSENT	None
OTHERS PRESENT	Keith Caldwell, Assistant City Administrator/ Community Services Director Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk Cheryl Solesbee, Accounting Secretary/Budget Manager Ray Seguire, Fire Chief Chris Carter, Police Chief David Grah, Public Works Director/City Engineer
PUBLIC COMMENT	The Mayor announced the public comment period. The Public Works Director introduced Gary Milici, recently hired as Public Works Maintenance Worker.
SCHEDULED DISCUSSION	Discussion was held on the following Study Session agenda items:
State Elimination of Redevelopment Agencies AB 1X 26 / AB 2X 27	The City Attorney reviewed the new laws passed by the state legislature eliminating cities redevelopment agencies in order to collect cities revenues to help balance the state budget. Tracy stated the City of Bishop is one of a small number of cities that has a non-tax increment status and is not required to send any redevelopment monies to the state. If the City does nothing, the Redevelopment Agency will be gone. If the City wishes to retain its Redevelopment Agency the Council will need to adopt an ordinance allowing the continuation of the RDA to use as a “pass through” agency for potential future development double escrows. Tracy recommended the Council consider the ordinance with a first reading to be introduced at the next regular meeting. Many cities have entered into legal action against the State claiming AB1X 26 and AB 1X 27 unconstitutional.
Farmers Market Change of Location to Area behind City Hall	Brad Henderson, representing the Eastern Sierra Farmers Market, reported that the function has outgrown the Academy Street location and has completed the Facilities Use Application for the event to be moved to the shady area behind City Hall

starting Friday, August 12th. No encroachment permit to allow the closure of Church Street was requested at this time but is anticipated. There was discussion on ways to ensure the safety of the public and emergency responders because of the close proximity to the Fire Station No. 1, the Inyo County Sheriff's Department Substation and Bishop Police Department.

DEPARTMENT HEAD
REPORTS

Reports from the Fire Chief, Police Chief, Public Works Director/City Engineer, and Assistant City Administrator/Community Services Director 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 5:35 p.m. to the regular City Council meeting scheduled at 7:00 p.m.

LAURA SMITH, MAYOR

ATTEST: Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk

By: _____
Keith Caldwell, Assistant City Administrator

APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON AUGUST 22, 2011