

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 24, 2014

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Ellis called the meeting of the Bishop City Council to order at 7:04 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California.

INVOCATION The invocation was given by Pastor Chris Costello of the Oasis of Grace Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner.

COUNCIL PRESENT Councilmembers Laura Smith, David Stottlemyre, Keith Glidewell
Mayor Pro Tem Pat Gardner
Mayor Jim Ellis

COUNCIL ABSENT None

OTHERS PRESENT Keith Caldwell, City Administrator/Community Services Director
Robin Picken, Assistant City Clerk
Peter Tracy, Interim City Attorney
Ray Seguire, Fire Chief
David Grah, Public Works Director/City Engineer
Gary Schley, Public Services Officer
Dan Nolan, Police Sergeant

PUBLIC COMMENT The Mayor announced the public comment period.

Guide Dog trainer Leigh Gaasch presented Council with information on Guide Dogs for the Blind and encouraged anyone who is interested in raising and training a guide dog to contact their organization.

Rick Phelps of High Sierra Energy Foundation presented Council with information on Southern California Edison (SCE) contractors that will be in the area this spring to implement the Direct Install program for small businesses. This program offers free energy-efficient products and installation from SCE. Mr. Phelps also announced (since he is one of the actors in the upcoming play) that the Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre and Mammoth Lakes Foundation are presenting a play called, "Sleuth" which will be performed starting on April 3, 2014 through April 13, 2014 at the Edison Theatre in Mammoth Lakes.

Bishop resident Greg Smith announced that Dick Noles is working hard on the Buckley Ponds and is looking for a dump truck and any assistance he can get. Please meet at 7:00 AM on April 3, 4, 5 and/or April 10, 11, 12.

Alex "Skandar" Reid of Skandar Productions came forward to thank Council for a great "Council on Campus" Special Council meeting held on March 20, 2014 in the Bishop Union High School Auditorium. It was a notable event and stood out by doing a "live" video stream of the meeting conducted by the school's multi-media students. He thanked City Council and City Staff for all their work in this event and hoped that they had a chance to see his thank you letter sent to their attention prior to the meeting.

No further public comments were provided.

PROCLAMATIONS

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION
MONTH AND SEXUAL
ASSAULT AWARENESS
MONTH
(1)

Susi Bains of Wild Iris reported to Council the latest child abuse and sexual assault statistics. Ms. Bains also announced several events that are scheduled for the month of April to help bring awareness of Child Abuse and Sexual Assault. On April 12, 2014 from 9 am – 3 pm in the Bishop City Park they will be presenting their Clothes Line Project. The Clothes Line Project is made up of testimonials written on t-shirts by those who were sexually assaulted or abused. Also Wild Iris is asking people to wear denim on April 23, 2014 – Denim Day – to show support against sexual assault.

The Council read proclamations declaring April 2014 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

DEPARTMENT HEAD
REPORTS

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

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
& VISITORS BUREAU
UPDATE

Tawni Thomson, Executive Director of the Bishop Chamber of Commerce provided a report on Chamber activities and Visitors Bureau statistics.

CONSENT CALENDAR
(2)
Motion/Glidewell

A motion was made by Councilmember Glidewell to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

Ayes: Councilmember Smith, Stottlemyre, Glidewell,
Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, and Mayor Ellis

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

FOR APPROVAL/FILING

- (a) Study Session – February 10, 2014
- (b) Council Meeting – February 10, 2014
- (c) Council Budget Workshop (8) – February 19, 2014
- (d) Study Session – February 24, 2014
- (e) Council Meeting – February 24, 2014
- (f) Council Special Meeting – February 25, 2014
- (g) Investment Portfolio – February 2014
- (h) Statement of Fund Transactions – February 2014
- (i) Statement of Budget vs. Actual – February 2014
- (j) Warrant Register – February 2014

FOR INFORMATION/FILING

- (k) Water and Sewer Commission – 1/14/2014
- (l) Planning Commission Meeting Agenda – 3/25/2014
- (m) Water Fund Monthly Balances 2013/2014
- (n) Sewer Fund Monthly Balances 2013/2014

PUBLIC
HEARINGS/ACTIONS

PUBLIC HEARING –
GENERAL PLAN 2014
HOUSING ELEMENT
UPDATE

(3)

Public Services Officer Schley and Sandra Bauer of Bauer Environmental reviewed the General Plan 2014 Housing Element Update with Council.

Mayor Ellis opened the public hearing to hear and consider public input on the City of Bishop General Plan 2014 Housing Element Update.

Bishop resident Pam Mitchell had one question in regards to Density Bonuses. The General Plan 2014 Housing Element Update mentions under Density Bonuses that ...“In order to stimulate job growth for its youth, the City is actively seeking to invite out-of-town businesses to relocate in Bishop and is simultaneously working with the community, the Council and local builders to identify ways to expand housing opportunities and meet future needs if the business expansion efforts are successful. Ms. Mitchell’s question to Council and staff is what is going on to actively seeking to increase jobs and to get businesses here and how is that process done? City Administrator Caldwell addressed her question by mentioning that as part of a recently received housing grant received by the state, the City is currently looking at hiring a Housing Element consultant to assist in reaching out to

the community and to talk about ways to increase business in Bishop. Evaluations to select a consultant will be done on April 8, 2014, so we hope to start engaging the public by next month.

Motion/Smith

No further public comments were provided. Councilmember Smith made a motion to close the public hearing. Motion passed 5-0.

Ayes: Councilmember Smith, Stottlemire, Glidewell, Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, and Mayor Ellis

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

RESOLUTION – (14-03)
ADOPTION OF CITY OF
BISHOP 2014 HOUSING
ELEMENT UPDATE
(4)

Planning Commissioner Darren Malloy reported to Council that at the Planning Commission meeting held on February 25, 2014, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend that the City Council adopt the City of Bishop General Plan 2014 Housing Element Update.

Motion/Glidewell

Councilmember Glidewell made a motion to adopt by resolution the 2014 Housing Element Update by title only, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE 2014 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE OF THE GENERAL PLAN FOR THE CITY OF BISHOP." Motion passed 5-0.

Ayes: Councilmember Smith, Stottlemire, Glidewell, Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, and Mayor Ellis

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC HEARING –
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW -
HOSTEL AT 130 SHORT
STREET
(5)

Public Services Officer Schley reviewed the Initial Study and Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact for the proposed hostel at 130 Short Street with Council. Hostel project applicant Matt Myers presented information to Council on his proposed hostel.

Mayor Ellis opened the public hearing to hear and consider public input on an Initial Study and Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact for the proposed hostel at 130 Short Street.

Golden State Cycle owner Randy Gillespie commented that he had no problem with the hostel itself, however he has several concerns about the parking for the hostel guests. He expressed his concerns that the

hostel guests will park in his privately owned parking lot across the street from the proposed hostel. He also expressed concern that the guests will park on the private property next door to the proposed hostel. Mr. Gillespie feels he is expressing his concerns regarding parking which he feels is an environmental impact.

Council then discussed their current request to review the Initial Study and Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact for this proposed project.

Mr. Myers acknowledged Mr. Gillespie's and Council's remarks and commented further that he respects private property and has no intention to allow his customers to park on private property.

Mr. Gillespie also asked if the hostel would be heated with kerosene. Mr. Myers' father assisted Mr. Myers in answering this question. Mr. Myers' father said that the property had a propane installation, not kerosene. They do not have any kerosene heaters. The proposed project would only use propane heating.

No further public comments were provided.

Motion/Gardner

Councilmember Gardner made a motion to close the public hearing. Motion passed 5-0.

Ayes: Councilmember Smith, Stottlemyre, Glidewell, Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, and Mayor Ellis

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

NEGATIVE DECLARATION
OF ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT – HOSTEL AT 130
SHORT STREET
(6)
Motion/Glidewell

Following the public hearing, Council reviewed the environmental assessment.

Councilmember Glidewell made a motion to approve the Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact, making a finding that there are no significant cumulative impacts, or substantial adverse impacts on human beings, or substantial adverse impacts on fish or wildlife or sensitive species or cultural resources. Motion passed 5-0.

Ayes: Councilmember Smith, Stottlemyre, Glidewell, Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, and Mayor Ellis

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE – (#546)
RELATING TO PERMITTED
USES IN C-1 GENERAL
COMMERCIAL AND RETAIL
DISTRICT, PERMITTED
USES RESPECTING
PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS,
AND TRANSIENT VENDORS
(7)
Motion/Gardner

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner made a motion to approve the second reading/adoption of the proposed ordinance by title only, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 17.48.020 OF CHAPTER 17.48 C-1 GENERAL COMMERCIAL AND RETAIL DISTRICT, PERMITTED USES RESPECTING PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, AND TRANSIENT VENDORS." Motion passed 5-0.

Ayes: Councilmember Smith, Stottlemyre, Glidewell, Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, and Mayor Ellis
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL
PROGRESS REPORT 2013
(8)
Motion/Smith

Councilmember Smith made a motion to accept the 2013 General Plan Annual Progress Report. Motion passed 5-0.

Ayes: Councilmember Smith, Stottlemyre, Glidewell, Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, and Mayor Ellis
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

STREET CLOSURE –
EVERY 15 MINUTES EVENT
(9)

Public Works Director Grah reviewed with Council the request to close West Pine Street between Home Street and Fowler Street for the 2014 Every 15 Minutes Event proposed by Inyo County Probation.

Mayor Jim Ellis recused himself from this item due to residing near the location of this event.

Motion/Glidewell

Councilmember Glidewell made a motion to approve the closure of West Pine Street between Home Street and Fowler Street on April 23, 2014 for the Every 15 Minutes Event. Motion passed 4-0.

Ayes: Councilmember Smith, Stottlemyre, Glidewell, and Mayor Pro Tem Gardner
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mayor Ellis

INCREASE OF APPROVED
COST OF POND
EVALUATION
(10)
Motion/Smith

Councilmember Smith made a motion to amend the not-to-exceed limit to \$5,749 with H&S Environmental to evaluate the performance of both City and Eastern Sierra Community Services District sewer ponds and authorize the necessary budget adjustments. Motion passed 5-0.

Ayes: Councilmember Smith, Stottlemyre, Glidewell, Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, and Mayor Ellis.
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS/
TRANSFERS FY 2013-2014
(11)
Motion/Glidewell

Councilmember Glidewell made a motion to approve the budget adjustments and transfers for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 through February 28, 2014 as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

Ayes: Councilmember Smith, Stottlemyre, Glidewell, Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, and Mayor Ellis.
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Members reported on committee meetings and announced upcoming community events.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m. to the Study Session scheduled for Monday, April 14, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

JIM ELLIS, MAYOR

Attest: Keith Caldwell, City Clerk

By: _____
Robin Picken, Assistant City Clerk