

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 24, 2010

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Griffiths called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION The invocation was given by Pastor Chris Costello of the Oasis of Grace Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Smith.

COUNCIL PRESENT Councilmembers Laura Smith, Susan Cullen, David Stottlemeyer
Mayor Jeff Griffiths

COUNCIL ABSENT Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Dishion - excused

OTHERS PRESENT Richard Pucci, City Administrator
Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk
Peter Tracy, City Attorney
Keith Caldwell, Assistant City Administrator/
Community Services Director
Kathleen Sheehan, Police Chief
David Grah, Public Works Director/City Engineer
Gary Schley, Public Services Officer

PUBLIC COMMENT The Mayor announced the public comment period.

Jiacoimo Timbrello is a local Boy Scout looking for a project for his Eagle Scout badge and requested any ideas from City staff.

Marie Boyd, Race Director for the High Sierra Ultra-marathon, reported on the 17th annual event held May 15th. Over the years more than 2,000 runners have participated in the event which has raised over \$85,000 for the Northern Inyo Hospital Foundation equipment fund.

ADDITION OF URGENCY AGENDA ITEM Due to an emergency situation, the Council took action to add an urgency agenda item on a motion by Mayor Griffiths which passed 4-0 with Dishion absent. The Hanby Emergency Sewer Replacement Project was added as agenda item 12.

PRESENTATIONS

MEDALS OF MERIT AWARDS – Mairs, Rossy, McClinton
(1) Police Chief Kathleen Sheehan presented Bishop Police Officer Mike Mairs the Medal of Merit Award for the rescue of a female victim from an overturned previously-burning vehicle on July 26, 2009. The Chief also presented Bishop Police Officer Bryan Rossy and former Sgt. Glenn McClinton Medal of Merit Awards for the rescue of a victim from an overturned vehicle submerged in the Bishop Canal on August 12, 2009.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS (2) Reports from Community Services, Police, Public Works and Administration were given on the departments' activities including upcoming and ongoing projects.

CONSENT CALENDAR (3) A motion was made by Councilmember Cullen and passed 4-0 to approve the Consent Calendar as presented (Dishion absent):

Motion/Cullen FOR APPROVAL AND FILING
(a) Council Meeting Minutes - 5/10/10
(b) Personnel Status Change Report
(c) Fund Transactions –Sunrise Mobile Home Replacement Reserve Account – 1/1/10 – 3/31/10
(d) Investment Portfolio – 3/10
(e) Investment Portfolio – 4/10
(f) Fund Transactions – 7/1/09 – 3/31/10
(g) Fund Transactions – 7/1/09 – 4/30/10

FOR INFORMATION AND FILING
(h) Planning Commission Agenda – 5/25/10
(i) Public Works Permits Report – 4/10
(j) Public Works Permit Report – 4/10

PUBLIC HEARING

WYE ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (4) Public Works Director/City Engineer Dave Grah described the Wye Road Intersection Improvements Project that will improve traffic safety at the intersection with Highway 6. Comments were received on the environmental document from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power relating to the drainage aspects of the project and from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board –Lahonton Region on improving the water quality. These comments will be addressed. Following the completion of the environment review process, acquisition of the right-of-way from the LADWP and a private property owner will begin followed by construction of the project.

Motion/Cullen No further comment was given. Councilmember Cullen made a motion to close the public hearing. Motion passed 4-0. Dishion absent.

NEW BUSINESS

NEGATIVE DECLARATION Wye Road Intersection Improvements Project (5) Motion/Stottlemeyre A motion was made by Councilmember Stottlemeyre to adopt the Negative Declaration and file a Notice of Determination that the Wye Road Intersection Improvements Project involves no potential for adverse effect either individually or cumulatively, on wildlife, native plants, streams, water courses, scenic or historic resources and human beings. Motion passed 4-0. Dishion absent.

REJECTION OF ALL BIDS Supply of Propane to City Assistant City Administrator/Community Services Director Keith Caldwell reported it had been determined that a cost analysis on

<p>Facilities (6)</p>	<p>moving the City facility propane tanks to comply with new state law needs to be completed by staff. The project will be rebid following the analysis.</p>
<p>Motion/Smith</p>	<p>Councilmember Smith made a motion to reject all bids received for the supply of propane to City facilities and the Sunrise Mobile Home Park. Motion passed 4-0. Dishion absent.</p>
<p>PARK POOL ADMISSION WAIVED - July 3, 2010 Big Day in the Park (7) Motion/Stottlemire</p>	<p>On a motion by Councilmember Stottlemire, the Council voted 4-0 to waive the admission to the City Park Pool on Saturday, July 3, 2010 during the Big Day in the Park Celebration. Dishion absent.</p>
<p>HIRING FREEZE WAIVED Police Department (8) Motion/Cullen</p>	<p>On a motion by Councilmember Cullen, the Council voted 4-0 to waive the hiring freeze to allow the Police Department to complete the recruitment, selection and background requirements to fill one vacant Police Officer position for the next fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010. Mayor Pro Tem Dishion was absent.</p>
<p>DIRECTION TO STAFF Relating to Written Arguments for Ballot Measure C - Ordinance No. 530 Relating to Keeping Chickens and Rabbits (9)</p>	<p>As a matter of procedure in order to prepare resolutions calling a Special Municipal Election to be consolidated with Inyo County in November and establishing Ballot Measure C relating to the keeping of chickens and rabbits in the city limits, the City Attorney stated that the Councilmembers need to determine if they want to be the authors collectively or individually of arguments for or against the ballot measure. A resolution must be adopted by the Council giving them authorization to do so.</p> <p>The options presented were: 1) authorize the entire Council to write arguments for or against the measure; 2) authorize one or more individual Councilmember to write arguments on either side; or 3) not authorize the Council and allow arguments for or against the measure to come from the registered voters within the City.</p> <p>It was the consensus of the Council to allow written arguments for or against Measure C to be submitted by the voters.</p>
<p>BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS/ TRANSFERS FY 2009-10 (10) Motion/Stottlemire</p>	<p>On a motion by Councilmember Stottlemire, the Council voted 4-0 to approve the budget adjustments and transfers for Fiscal Year 2009-10 through April 30, 2010 as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Dishion was absent.</p>
<p>SEWER POND PASTURE LEASE APPROVAL (11) Motion/Cullen</p>	<p>Based upon the results of the proposals received for the lease of the City's 40-acre Sewer Pond Pasture, the Council voted 4-0 to approve the execution of the lease with Roy Boothe. Dishion was not in attendance.</p>

URGENCY AGENDA
ITEM

EMERGENCY HANBY
SEWER IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT
(12)

The Public Works Director/City Engineer reported that on Thursday one of the two main branches of City's sewer system collapsed in two locations during construction work on the Hanby Pavement Reconstruction Project caused by soft soil, heavy equipment and old brittle clay pipes.

In order to avoid further catastrophic occurrences the Director recommended the replacement of 1100 feet of sewer, several manholes and approximately 30 laterals between Line and Pine Streets over a 2-3 week period. It was reported that pavement construction work on the street will be stopped during this process to avoid further collapses.

Grah indicated that potential contractors will be contacted tomorrow, bids received Wednesday and the project awarded on Thursday for a start date of next week and requested that due to the emergency situation, normal procurement processes are not feasible.

Motion/Griffiths

On a motion by Mayor Griffiths, the Council voted 4-0 to determine the circumstances represent an emergency, waive normal procurement processes for needed design, construction and testing services, and authorize the expenditure of up to \$200,000.00 on the Hanby Emergency Sewer Replacement Project. Mayor Pro Tem Dishion was absent.

COUNCIL REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m. to the next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, June 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

JEFF GRIFFITHS, MAYOR

Attest: Richard F. Pucci, City Clerk

By: _____
Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk

APPROVED BY COUNCIL JUNE 14, 2010