



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ETNA CITY COUNCIL
Monday July 24, 2023

Members of the Etna City Council met on this 24th day of July, via TELECONFERENCE. Mayor Cliff Munson called the meeting to order and lead in the flag salute to the United States of America.

Roll Call:

Council members Jason Deppen, Mayor Cliff Munson, Charnna Gilmore, and John Stacher were present. Councilmember Brandon Fawaz was absent.

Oral Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda Item:

None.

Consent Calendar:

- Invoice Check Register
- Minutes of the Regular Meeting July 10, 2023

Council member Gilmore asked about the SCORE payment and having the budget on the agenda for future meetings. Council member Deppen moved to approve the Consent Calendar, Gilmore seconded, and the motion passed.

Ayes: Deppen, Munson, Gilmore, Stacher

Council/Department Reports:

Police Chief Josh Short provided statistical data and a written report in the packet. Chief Short added that they have been busy solving cases and commented how proud he is of his department and their progress. They have posted code enforcement notices on some properties throughout town. Chief Short spoke about the upcoming music festival and he will have a reserve officer staffed for the event. Council member Deppen asked how up to date the City's ordinances are.

Public Works Director Dan Burbank said the new lawnmower is great. Gilmore asked about Ozone grants. Council member Stacher complimented Dan on how great the downtown area looks.

Ambulance Director Teri Arrwood provided a written report in the packet and informed the Council that she will be taking some days off in August.

City Clerk Pam Eastlick provided the updated budget with approved amendments. Eastlick explained that the DWR project will go out to bid sometime in October and she has been working with Mechanics Bank to open a line of credit. Eastlick received the IT contract, and it was a higher than what the City was initially quoted for, and it has to do with how many Microsoft licenses the City has. The contract will be on the next agenda for review and approval. Eastlick also gave a background on the Prop 68 project.

Arrwood asked about the ambulance replacement fund.

Current Business:

Discuss/Approve Code Enforcement Issues Involving Sidewalks. Burbank gave an update on clearing around street signs and stop signs around town. Burbank recommends sending letters to a few property owners regarding limbs and tall grass. More discussion regarding enforcement. No action taken.

Discuss/Approve Code Enforcement Issues Relating to People Living in RVs in City Limits. Chief Short commented that this topic was covered in his written report. No action taken.

Discuss/Approve Scheduling Issues Involving Water Aerobics at the Pool. The aerobics group requested three nights next season for their class. Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. No action taken.

Discussion Regarding Friends of the Pool Annual Contribution to the Pool. Mayor Munson made a motion to start charging \$3.00 per kid tomorrow. Motion died for a lack of second. Council member Gilmore requested permission to meet with Friends of the Pool prior to the next meeting. Discussion regarding appointing a new commissioner and concerns about the fundraising money coming to the City. No action taken.

Discuss/Approve Budget Amendment for Fund 23 Pool Department. Eastlick explained that she made a calculation error for the workers comp. Gilmore asked for more clarification. Council member Stacher moved to approve the budget amendment, Deppen seconded, and the motion passed.

Ayes: Deppen, Munson, Gilmore, Stacher

Discuss/Approve Draft Letter to be Sent to Non-Compliant Short-Term Rental Operators. Council member Gilmore moved to approve the letter, Deppen seconded, and the motion passed.

Ayes: Deppen, Munson, Gilmore, Stacher

CORRESPONDENCE:

CITY COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REQUESTS:

Council member Gilmore requested an update from Brandy who is working on the CDBG grant.

Council member Stacher requested a list of properties that have been taken off the property tax roll.

Closed Session:

- Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4) – Conference With Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation.
 - Number of Cases: two (2)
 - 056-261-060-000 Foreclosure Update
 - Payroll Audit
- Pursuant to Government Code §54957(b) – Personnel Matters

- Public Employee Performance Evaluation
 - City Attorney

The City Council began the Closed Session at 7:41 pm.

The City Council approved hiring a foreclosure specialist and gave the Clerk direction.

Adjournment

There being no further business Mayor Munson adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Bennett
Asst. City Clerk