



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ETNA CITY COUNCIL
Monday March 28, 2022

Members of the Etna City Council met on this 28th day of March, via TELECONFERENCE and IN PERSON. Mayor Jaime Tarne called the meeting to order and led in the Salute to the Flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call

Councilmembers Mitch Trost, Mayor Jaime Tarne, Charnna Gilmore, and Brandon Fawaz were present. Councilmember Cliff Munson was absent. **Munson arrived late.

Oral Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda Item

Rick Kramer commented that last fall he made regular runs up to the dam and there was more water running over the dam. Kramer also asked about street signs being missing and needing to be replaced and stated that the stop sign at the corner of Center and Howell needs to be replaced. Kramer also mentioned that caps are missing on some of the fire hydrants and recommends someone to check them. Lastly, Kramer asked when Wagner Way will be repaired because it is a mess.

Public Works Director responded that Wagner Way is planned for 2024

Consent Calendar

- Minutes
- Financial Transactions February 2022
- 2021 General Plan Progress Report
- Resolution 2022-008 Accepting Drought Prevention Grant

Councilmember Gilmore made a motion to move Resolution 2022-008 to Current Business, Fawaz seconded.

Councilmember Gilmore moved to approve the Minutes, and the Financial Transactions February 2022, Tarne seconded, and the motion passed.

Ayes: Trost, Tarne, Gilmore, Fawaz

City Planner Richard Tinsman explained that there have been several changes in state law and the General Plan will need to be updated to reflect the new laws. After Council review it needs to be submitted. **(Cliff Munson is now present)** Mayor Tarne asked for a motion to accept Resolution 2022-007. Councilmember Trost made a motion to accept Resolution 2022-007, Fawaz seconded, and the motion passed.

Ayes: Trost, Munson, Tarne, Gilmore, Fawaz

Council/Department Reports:

Police Chief Josh Short submitted a written report in the council packet.

Fire Chief Alan Kramer reported that he was been working on a 50/50 Grant to upgrade some equipment including radios. Chief Kramer will provide more information next month. The County has been working on a new evacuation plan called Zone Haven and he has been working on setting evacuation zones for the City of Etna. Chief Kramer has also been working with the local prescribed burning. Kramer would like the Council to consider banning Fireworks for July.

Ambulance Director Brooklyn Tupman reported that the month has been slow for the department. They have been doing maintenance on the ambulance vehicles among other things.

City Clerk Kris Hargrove submitted a written report in the council packet.

Mayor Tarne congratulated Coy Gilmore for her travel patch design being chosen for the 2022 year.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Mountain Village Park Conditional Use Permit

Tinsman provided the Council with a description of this project. The use permit is required due to mixed zoning. Tinsman read the suggested motion into the record, "I move that we adopt the recommended findings and CEQA exemptions and that we adopt Resolution 2022-006 conditionally approving the Mountain Village Park use permit application." Jim Hendricks gave a lengthy background on the property and description of the project. Tinsman provided more information. Councilmember Fawaz moved to approve to adopt the findings and CEQA exemptions and adopt Resolution 2022-006 conditionally approving the Mountain Village Park use permit application, Trost seconded, and the motion passed.

Ayes: Trost, Munson, Tarne, Gilmore, Fawaz

Hendricks thanked Tinsman for his comments and his help with this project and he also thanked City Council for approval of the use permit.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

Discuss/Approve Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation. Steven Bryan on behalf of First 5 Siskiyou presented City Council a Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation and requested City of Etna to adopt the Proclamation. Mayor Tarne called for a motion. Councilmember Munson moved to proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Gilmore seconded, and the motion passed.

Ayes: Trost, Munson, Tarne, Gilmore, Fawaz

Discuss/Approve Event Application for May Rodeo Parade. Councilmember Gilmore moved to approve the application for the Rodeo Parade, Munson seconded, and the motion passed.

Ayes: Trost, Munson, Tarne, Gilmore, Fawaz

Discuss/Approve Partnership with City Wi-Fi and Smart Rural Community. Siskiyou Telephone CEO Russ Elliot introduced himself to the City Council and explained that

Siskiyou Telephone is looking to partner more with the community. Elliot is proposing a logo that signifies that the community has fiber technology, an idea for the location of the logo would be under the “Welcome to Etna” sign. Siskiyou Telephone is also looking into free gigabyte wi-fi to downtown Etna. No action taken.

Discuss/Approve Contract Service Agreement. Mayor Tarne moved to approve Ambulance Director Brooklyn Tupman’s proposal, Trost seconded, and the motion passed.

Ayes: Trost, Munson, Tarne, Gilmore, Fawaz

Discuss Odd Fellows Hall Update. Chief Short informed the Council that the Odd Fellows Hall has recently sold to a private individual.

Discuss Status of Fort Jones PD Contract for New Officer. Chief Short has a meeting scheduled with Fort Jones on Wednesday to present updated numbers. Chief Short stated that the City Manager for Fort Jones has committed to pay for half of the expenses for the new officer after the third year.

Discuss/Approve Proposal for Central EMS Location. Mayor Tarne explained that the Council has been looking into having a central location for all EMS departments somewhere in the city limits. The current Fire Hall building is dated and has limited parking, and the ambulance building/area is small. Councilmember Munson commented that there are areas elsewhere in town where response times may be quicker, and this would serve all the town to have a central location. No action taken.

Discuss/Approve Update on Pool Solar. Councilmember Gilmore updated the Council and audience on the Pool Solar Grant. The grant will provide funding for shade structures and solar to help offset the electrical costs for the pool. No action taken.

Discuss/Approve Water Conservation for 2022. Councilmember Gilmore shared a power point presentation to show current and projected drought conditions. The presentation showed where the water works is located, the city’s storage tanks, taking flow measurements above the divergence, and drought concerns. Gilmore also shared with the Council and audience an update on the artesian well project that the city is working on. The city is on a pending list to potentially receive a 2.1-million-dollar grant to install smart meters, construction of another well on city property among other projects. Gilmore is concerned that under curtailments issued by the State Water Board if the city is found not enforcing water conservation the city could then be fined by the State Water Board.

Discuss/Approve Resolution Water Meter Modernization & Security Project 2022-008. Mayor Tarne made a motion to accept Resolution 2022-008 as stated. Councilmember recommended to strike “Charnna Gilmore” and insert “City Council,” Trost seconded, and the motion passed.

Ayes: Trost, Munson, Tarne, Gilmore, Fawaz

Discuss/Approve City Representative for Scott Valley Sustainable Ground Water Management Act. Councilmember Gilmore is requesting Council approval to be designated as the city representative, she will also be a liaison for Fort Jones as well. Trost moved to approve designating Charnna Gilmore as a city representative for Etna and Fort Jones, Tarne seconded, and the motion passed.

Ayes: Trost, Munson, Tarne, Gilmore, Fawaz

Discuss/Approve Water Shut-off Procedure. Councilmember Gilmore moved to approve the Water Shut-off Procedure, Munson seconded, and the motion passed.

Ayes: Trost, Munson, Tarne, Gilmore, Fawaz

CORRESPONDENCE:

CITY COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REQUESTS:

CLOSED SESSION:

- **CDBG Loan Approval**

City Council unanimously approved two CDBG loans.

- **HR Police Department**

Nothing to report.

Adjournment

There being no further business Mayor Tarne ended the closed session and adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Bennett

Asst. City Clerk