



MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ETNA CITY COUNCIL
Monday December 12, 2022

Members of the Etna City Council met on this 12th day of December, via TELECONFERENCE and IN PERSON. Mayor Cliff Munson called the meeting to order and led in the Salute to the Flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call

Councilmembers Charnna Gilmore, Mayor Cliff Munson, Jason Deppen, and Brandon Fawaz were present. Councilmember Lori Fleck was absent.

Oral Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda Item

Current Business:

Discuss/Approve 2022/2023 Budget. City Manager Adam Cox thanked Pam for her hard work. Cox presented the budget to the Council for approval and answered questions. The budget accounts for elimination of the part time detective position and the anticipation of another part time employee resigning. Police Chief Josh Short explained that Detective Mendes is still working on several projects, and it would be helpful to keep him on at least until the end of the year.

City Clerk Pam Eastlick is still working on workers comp calculations. Further discussion on janitorial expenses, professional & contract services, and City contributions to PAL, Library, and pool. Eastlick, and Cox will follow up on \$5,000 contributions.

There is fund balance in COPS and the COPS budget needs to be treated as “one-time dollars” to be spent fully, not saved, and rolled over.

Council and staff discussed the water, sewer, gas tax funds, ambulance fund, and various equipment replacement funds. Ambulance Director Teri Arrwood has been working on grants and Medicare reimbursements. Cox would like to work toward assigning ambulances to strike teams to bring in more revenue.

Councilmember Gilmore moved to approve the 2022/2023 Budget as presented with modifications made. Councilmember Deppen seconded and the motion passed.

Ayes: Gilmore, Deppen, Fawaz, Munson

Clerk Eastlick mentioned that she has been in contact with Shawn Garland from Garland Tech regarding IT vendors. Garland was present at the meeting and introduced himself to the Council. Further discussion.

Discuss/Approve Accepting Local Transportation Claim (LTC). Councilmember Gilmore moved to approve accepting the Local Transportation Claim. Councilmember Deppen seconded and the motion passed.

Ayes: Gilmore, Deppen, Fawaz, Munson

CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code Section §54954.5(e)

Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release. No reportable action.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP: The City of Etna Housing Element Update

City Planner Richard Tinsman, Michelle Neilson, and Vanessa Blodgett from Planwest Partners were on Zoom and shared a PowerPoint presentation discussing the Housing Element Update. They have created a community survey to gather information from the community regarding housing needs. Neilson, and Blodgett explained the outline of the project and gave a timeline.

Councilmember Fawaz shared a comment about population decline. Councilmember Gilmore commented on the high rent costs. An audience member commented that their insurance has increased 1,000%. Further discussion on the presentation. Neilson continued discussing the project and concluded the presentation. No action taken.

PUBLIC HEARING: Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – AB 1236 & AB 970 Compliance

Mayor Munson introduced the proposed ordinance and opened the Public Hearing. City Planner Richard Tinsman briefly explained the requirements outlined in Ordinance 225. Councilmember Gilmore moved that we make the findings that the project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and that it is exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). Further move that we introduce and read Ordinance 225 by title only, and that we direct staff to bring Ordinance 225 back for adoption at the next regular meeting. Councilmember Deppen seconded the motion. Mayor Munson read the title of Ordinance 225.

Ayes: Gilmore, Deppen, Fawaz, Munson

Consent Calendar:

- **Minutes of the Regular Meeting October 24, 2022**
- **Minutes of the Special Meeting October 24, 2022**
- **Invoice Approval List**

Councilmember Deppen moved to approve the Consent Calendar, Councilmember Fawaz seconded, and the motion passed.

Ayes: Gilmore, Deppen, Fawaz, Munson

Department Reports:

Fire Chief Alan Kramer gave a brief report. Chief Kramer has received the radios that were ordered through the 50/50 Grant. He is waiting on software for the radios. The County is doing municipal service reviews for all the fire departments throughout. Councilmember Fawaz asked where the department is as far as operational equipment. Chief Kramer explained that he has a Type 6, 1, and 2 Engines that are operational. Another Type 2 Engine is on reserve. There is a transfer case issue with the Type 3 Engine.

Ambulance Director Teri Arrwood provided a written report.

City Clerk Pam Eastlick gave a brief report on the progress the city auditor has made. Eastlick is still working on the financials and getting information to Charlie (City Auditor.) Councilmember Fawaz asked about the sales tax. Eastlick confirmed that the sales tax is correct and the amount in the budget is what the city has received. Zoom recording stopped before Mayor Munson adjourned the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

CITY COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REQUESTS:

Adjournment

There being no further business Mayor Munson adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Bennett

Asst. City Clerk