



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ETNA CITY COUNCIL
Monday January 22, 2024

Members of the Etna City Council met on this 22nd day of January in person and via TELECONFERENCE (Zoom.) Mayor Cliff Munson called the meeting to order and lead in the flag salute to the United States of America.

1. Call to Order:

a. Roll Call

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

2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

None.

3. Consent Calendar:

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting January 8, 2024
- Invoice Approvals
- Bank Statements

Councilmember Gilmore made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, Councilmember Deppen seconded, and the motion passed.

Ayes: Deppen, Munson, Gilmore, Stacher

4. Department Reports:

Police Chief Josh Short provided a written report in the meeting packet. Chief Short mentioned that he will be looking at current ordinances and updating them as necessary. SB2 regulations have caused hiring new officers to take longer because of the background process

Public Works Director Dan Burbank reported the roof of City Hall is leaking and he is planning on doing repairs.

Fire Chief Alan Kramer reported that the new SCBAs have arrived and are working on installing them in the fire engines.

Ambulance Director Teri Arrwood provided a written report in the meeting packet. Arrwood mentioned that 18 people attended the EMT class.

City Clerk Pamela Eastlick reported that the SCORE meeting will be February 1st from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at City Hall. Eastlick will be attending another SCORE meeting this Thursday in Anderson. Eastlick updated the Council on the audit.

Mayor Munson reminded the Council that the LOLA dinner is rescheduled for February 7th in Weed.

5. Current Business:

a. Discuss/Approve Electing a New Mayor.

Councilmember Deppen made a motion to have Cliff Munson as Mayor and Charnna Gilmore as Mayor Pro-Tem, Councilmember Stacher seconded, and the motion passed.

Ayes: Deppen, Munson, Gilmore, Stacher

**b. Presentation Promoting the Regional Active Transportation Plan Project
Melissa Cummins.**

Melissa Cummins, Executive Director for the Siskiyou County Local Transportation Commission gave a presentation to the Council and audience. They are responsible for the movement of people and goods in the County in addition to assisting with repairs relating to transportation. The focus is coordination with local agencies. No action taken.

c. Discuss/Approve Trap & Release (TNR) Cat Program.

Jaime Essex gave a background on the TNR Program to the Council and audience. Essex asked for feedback from the Council regarding funding for the program and whether they would like her to go for a grant to assist with the project. CSO Kelly York commented that the program would be beneficial for Etna, there are cat colonies throughout the community that need to be addressed. More discussion regarding feral cats in Etna. Councilmember Gilmore made a motion for Kelly York and Jaime Essex to research and develop a plan for a Cat Program for Etna. Councilmember Deppen seconded, and the motion passed.

Ayes: Stacher, Gilmore, Munson, Deppen

d. Swear in Assistant Fire Chief Clint Whitchurch.

Mayor Cliff Munson swore in Clint Whitchurch.

e. Discuss/Approve City of Etna Cleanup Day.

The dates will be April 19th and 20th. The Council tabled this item to a later meeting.

f. Discuss New City Website.

City Clerk Eastlick shared the new website with the Council and audience. No action taken.

g. Discuss/Approve Commissioner Assignments.

Councilmember Gilmore requested the pool commission. The Council assigned Councilmember Fawaz to CIIC. Councilmember Deppen made a motion to the changes to the Commissioner Assignments, Councilmember Gilmore seconded, and the motion passed.

Ayes: Deppen, Munson, Gilmore, Stacher

h. Discuss/Approve Drought Preparedness Committee Update.

No action taken.

6. Correspondence:

None.

7. City Council Statements and Requests:

Councilmember Gilmore requested an updated 2nd quarter budget. Gilmore would also like an update on the Facey foreclosure.

Councilmember Stacher asked for an update on the grant writing position, and city manager position.

Gilmore requested setting interviews for the pool manager position.

Mayor Munson is working on setting up a meeting with Garland IT and explained that with new laws that have recently passed there is a need to review and update policies and ordinances.

8. Adjournment:

There being no further business Mayor Cliff Munson adjourned the meeting at 6:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Bennett
Asst. City Clerk