

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ETNA CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, September 28, 2015

Members of the Etna City Council met this 28th day of September, 2015, in the Etna City Council Chambers. Mayor Marilyn Seward called the meeting to order, and dispensed the flag salute, and roll call.

Current Business:

City Council – Discuss/Approve Fee Schedule. Police Chief Josh Short explained the process of making an ordinance having to do with citations, arrests, etc. It then is up to the council to determine what fee will be associated with the type of arrest, or citation, this is called a bail schedule. Chief Short suggests going through all of the ordinances, and reassess any fees associated with that specific ordinance. Referring to the Marijuana Ordinance, there were sections left out that were crucial, this will be gone through again, and brought back to council.

Water hook up, and sewer hookup fees were discussed. Dan Burbank said at a previous meeting that these fees are barely enough to cover materials. 2007, and 2008 was when these fees were decided. Possibly a 10% increase would be suffice enough to cover the expense.

The city of Etna falls on the “low” end when compared to other cities, and what their monthly charges are for sewer, and water. The council feels that we should not raise the fees for water and sewer, because we just did, and they will be increasing in November anyway. Lori Fleck stated that on the bills that will come out in October, should state that the fees will be increasing.

Mayor Seward suggested raising the water hookup to \$2,300, and the sewer to \$2,400, and then discuss it with Dan Burbank.

The dog license fees were discussed and compared to other cities, Etna’s dog licensing fees relatively compare to other cities. Mayor Seward asked if we should raise these fees. Lori Fleck suggests raising the fees 50% if the licensing fee goes unpaid within a month.

The council recommended that Jenny Bennett make a list of the ordinances that have fees identified with them. The council wants to see if an ordinance has a fee, and when the fee was last updated. Sarah Griggs thinks that there is a late fee associated with the dog license renewal at the amount of \$5.00 per month that the fee is late.

Council discussed the fees for reserving the park. Lori Fleck thinks that we need to raise the fees because the park is well used, and it does get rented a lot. The council decided it would be better to raise this fee for the whole park if it is an organization that reserved it and charges an admission fee for an event.

Swimming pool fees were discussed. Chuck Jopson requested to see a financial analysis done. Lori Fleck explained that the goal is to have three sponsors per day.

Adjournment

There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Griggs
City Clerk