

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ETNA CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JANURAY 5, 2015**

Members of the Etna City Council met this 5th day of January, 2015, in the Etna City Council Chambers. Mayor Marilyn Seward called the meeting to order and asked William Miller to lead in the salute to the flag of the United States of America.

**Roll Call**

Council Members Diana Callahan, Chuck Jopson, William Miller and Marilyn Seward were present. Lori Fleck was absent.

**Oral Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda Items**

Chris Reich Highway 3, Etna. Reich asked the council which members were elected by the public and which were appointed. Miller stated he was elected, Callahan stated that she was initially appointed but ran unopposed and Jopson added he was appointed. Reich expressed the opinion that neither, Miller, Callahan or Jopson were elected as the election was cancelled. Reich stated that on June 4, 2012 the council decided to have all the recordings of the meetings on the City website. This has not been done. Reich questioned why this has not been done? Wes Dunkin noted that he was told to take the recordings off the City website at a City Staff Meeting. Reich noted that this should not have been done at a staff meeting due to it was approved by council, it should have been done at an open and public council meeting. Reich noted that he has a problem with the transparency of this board. Reich also questioned why the Trailhead Restaurant is still vacant? Seward stated that the City sold the restaurant to a person that was going to open the restaurant. Reich stated he heard another offer was submitted as well and that offer was declined. Seward stated she did not remember the circumstances of the sale.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2014, along with the Check Registers were presented for approval. Callahan moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Jopson seconded and the motion passed 4-0 with Callahan, Jopson, Miller and Seward voting yes.

**Current Business:**

Discuss Community concerns regarding potential impact of a Dollar General Store in Etna

Mayor Marilyn Seward read a letter of what the City has received from Dollar General and the process which happens when a potential business comes to town. Many Members of the public came forward and spoke regarding the Dollar General Store coming to Etna. The Council agreed to contact the City Attorney regarding a possible moratorium to prevent the business from building. This was a discussion item, no action taken.

Mayor Seward called a 10 Minute Break 9:20

Mayor Seward called the meeting back to order at 9:28

Discuss/Approve agreement with Pacific Municipal Consultants to prepare Zoning Ordinance

Mayor Seward noted that this is an amendment to the original agreement. The cost will be \$7,200. Russell noted these ordinance updates are required by the state as part of the Housing Element Update. Planner Scott Friend relayed to Russell that without these ordinance updates, the State Dept. of Housing and Urban Development would not approve the Housing Element. Callahan moved to approve the

Agreement. Miller seconded and the motion passed 4-0 with Callahan, Jopson, Miller and Seward voting yes.

Approve request for Chief Short to attend POST Management Course

Chief Short stated it was recommended by the POST Advisor, that he attend a POST approved Management Course. This is a 3 week course. The first week is January 11-16. The next courses are February 1-5 and February 22-26. This is a POST reimbursable class. Officer Stacher will be in the office and on patrol those weeks. Miller moved to approve Short's attendance to the Management Course. Jopson seconded and the motion passed 4-0 with Callahan, Jopson, Miller and Seward voting yes.

**Ambulance Department-** Ambulance Director Doug Blangsted noted that the ambulance is very slow right now, but that could change at any moment.

**Police Department** – Chief Short noted at the next meeting they will have the yearend stats for the Council to review.

**Fire Department Report- No Report**

**Public Works Department- No Report**

**City Clerk Statements and Requests-** Russell noted that she received the YE 6/30/14 audit which will be placed in your box this week. She noted she would be out of the office on Jan. 14, 2015 for her daughter's appointment.

**Council Statements and Requests-** Seward noted that the staff meeting scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> will need to be postponed as Dunkin, Russell and Short will be gone on that day. The staff meeting will be rescheduled to January 21st at 9:00 am. Seward also noted they will hold a special meeting January 8, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Seward spoke briefly about what the City needs to address to inform the citizens of what is happening within the City.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

No Comments

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 9:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Russell