

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ETNA CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, October 6, 2015

Members of the Etna City Council met this 6th day of October, 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 All Fee Schedules.

Fire Chief Alan Kramer discussed with the council regarding mechanical issues with the fire engine, and he just replaced two tires. Kramer will be giving the information to Sarah Griggs regarding the engine.

The council agreed to increase Etna Zoning Fee Schedule as follows:

1. Annexation	\$2,030.00	increased to	\$2,500.00
2. Conditional Use Permit	\$585.00	increased to	\$600.00
3. Conditional Use Permit When categorically exempt	\$60.00	increased to	\$75.00
4. Home Occupation Permit	\$30.00	increased to	\$50.00
5. Sign Permit	\$60.00	increased to	\$75.00
6. Lot Line Adjustment	\$220.00	increased to	\$250.00
7. Subdivision (5 or more lots)	\$685.00	increased to	\$750.00
8. Subdivision (4 or less lots)	\$965.00	increased to	\$1,000.00
9. Variance	\$555.00	increased to	\$600.00
10. Zoning Amendment	\$555.00	increased to	\$600.00

(Note: Pre-Application Fee will remain at %15 of Total cost.)

(Note: Environmental Review Fees may be determined by county, or state, and will remain unchanged.)

Johnson-Joss Park Fee Schedule was discussed by council, and changes are as follows:

Tent camping fee \$25.00 per family will be eliminated, and will be set as \$5.00 per person per night. The “Upper Park” area, and “Horseshoe Pit” area will be considered as one, and will be eliminated as a separate area. Lastly, to rent the entire park it will now cost \$125.00 instead of \$100.00.

Resolution 707 the Animal Bail Fee Schedule was discussed, and will remain unchanged.

Ordinance No. 197 Water Service and Connection Charges were discussed and changes are as follows:

The fee for each new water connection is	\$1,966.00 to \$2,500.00
The fee for each new sewer connection is	\$2,044.00 to \$2,100.00

The council looked over Dan Burbank’s “New Water Service Material Pricing,” and after looking over the numbers they determined that Burbank’s estimate fell below the original connection

fees for both water, and sewer. Chuck Jopson will speak with Dan Burbank to determine more accurately what these costs are.

The Swimming Pool fees will be reviewed by council at a later date to determine if they need to be raised as well.

The City Council will be working to determine an Etna Bail Schedule in coordination with Police Chief Josh Short.

Sarah Griggs read an email she received from Ann Marsh. See below.

“PLEASE READ THIS COMMENT INTO THE RECORD OF YOUR SPECIAL MEETING ON 10-6-15

Dear Honorable Etna City Council Members and City Clerk Sarah Griggs:

Where are the Fee Schedules that are set to be approved?? Please email me a complete copy of what is being discussed for approval, and a complete copy of the existing fees.

While it does not appear to be illegal under the Brown Act, why is approval of these fee schedules being done at a "Special Meeting" rather than a regular meeting? This is not an emergency, there is no compelling timeline to be met. A meeting regarding new, probably more costly fees to the public should be held at a regular meeting where a majority of the public know the date and time. To continue this helter-skelter "Special Meeting" routine is at best ill-advised, and at worst an end-run around public participation because notice for a regular meeting must be given 72-hours before the meeting while notice for a "Special Meeting" is only 24-hours.

Under the Brown Act, a public hearing in addition to this "Special Meeting" may be required if the new fees exceed the reasonable cost of providing the services, facilities, or regulatory activity for which the fee is charged. Please provide proof that these new, proposed fees meet the "reasonable cost" criteria.

Brown Act, Section 54954.6 New or increased taxes or assessments At least one prior meeting (a)(1) **Before adopting any new or increased general tax or any new or increased assessment, the legislative body of a local agency shall conduct at least one public meeting at which local officials shall allow public testimony regarding the proposed new or increased general tax or new or increased assessment in addition to the noticed public hearing at which the legislative body proposes to enact or increase the general tax or assessment. For purposes of this section, the term “new or increased assessment” does not include any of the following: (A) A fee that does not exceed the reasonable cost of providing the services, facilities, or regulatory activity for which the fee is charged.**

Sincerely,
Anne Marsh”

Adjournment

There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Griggs
City Clerk

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