**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE ETNA CITY COUNCIL**

**Tuesday January 21, 2020**

Members of the Etna City Council met on this 21st day of January 2020, at the Etna City Council Chambers. Mayor Erik Ryberg called the meeting to order and led in the salute to the flag of the United States of America.

**Roll Call**

Council members Lori Fleck, Erik Ryberg, Jaime Tarne, Cate Trost, and Mitch Trost were present.

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

None.

**Consent Calendar**

* Minutes from the Regular Meeting January 6, 2020
* Check Register
* Income Statement
* Resolution 20-001 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Etna authorizing signatories for the Mechanics Bank General Fund Account

Council member Mitch Trost moved to approve the Consent Calendar, Mayor Ryberg seconded and the motion passed 5-0 with Fleck Ryberg, Tarne, C. Trost, and M. Trost voting yes.

**Current Business**

**Discuss/Approve CDBG PI Waiver Project – Discuss additional work to open contract with RB Aldrich Construction.** Council tabled this item for the next Regular Meeting Monday February 3, 2020.

**Discuss/Approve Etna Ambulance ID’s, forms, and ambulance operations update.** Ambulance Director O’Conner-Cone informed the council that they have recently hired a new full-time paramedic for the department, and also explained the various forms that the department will be using for their employees. Council member Tarne would like the attorney to review the forms before approving them. Council approved Ambulance ID cards.

**Discuss/Approve accepting credit card payments for water/sewer, park, pool, etc.** City Clerk Kris Hargrove explained that City Hall is now able to accept credit card payments, but there is a fee that is associated with these transactions. Council member Tarne made a motion that any transaction over $50.00 will incur a $3.00 flat fee, Fleck seconded and the motion passed 5-0 with Fleck, Ryberg, Tarne, C. Trost, and M. Trost voting yes.

**Discuss Airbnb Licensing and TOT.** Council member Tarne informed the council that vacation rentals are legal in residential areas within the city limits with a conditional use permit from the City. There are currently five vacation rentals in the City. No action taken.

**Discuss Business License approval process.** Council member Tarne explained the ordinances regarding business licenses and the lack of approval. Mayor Ryberg stated that the council does not have the right to not approve a business license, and there are ordinances and zoning regulations in place to assure that businesses and their activity is legal. No action taken.

**Discuss/Approve off-site backup system.** Council member C. Trost informed the council that BackBlaze is the better option for the City for an off-site backup system.

**Discuss/Approve resignation of Mayor Ryberg.** Council member Fleck explained that because Jaime Tarne is the Mayor Pro-Tem she will automatically become the Mayor once Mayor Ryberg resigns. The council agreed that Jaime Tarne will become the Mayor until the next Regular Meeting, the council accepted Mayor Ryberg’s resignation, and approved posting the vacancy.

**Council Reports**

O’Conner-Cone gave a brief report on the Ambulance Transfers.

Council member Tarne reported that the Public Works Department has been very busy with snow removal.

Council member Fleck gave a report about potential grants available for the City that she learned about from the LOLA meeting.

Council member M. Trost reported that the Hiker’s Hut will no longer have hikers this season.

City Clerk Hargrove informed the council that the Auditor will be coming the beginning of February.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

**SUMMARY:**

* **Council approved ID’s for the Ambulance Department**
* **Council approved City Hall accepting credit card payments for water bills, among other things, but to exclude ambulance payments**
* **City Hall will use BackBlaze as on off-site backup system**
* **Council accepted Mayor Erik Ryberg’s resignation.**

**CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957**

* **Discuss Personnel Matters and Employee Performance.**

**PENDING ITEMS:**

* **Lot line adjustment behind museum**
* **Switching the part-time Public Works position to a full-time public works position**

Jenny Bennett,

Asst. City Clerk