

City Council met for a Special Called Emergency City Council meeting on March 17, 2020, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 907 E. Houston, with Mayor Pro-Tem McWaters presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilmember Marilyn Clay, Councilmember Jennifer Bergman, Mayor Pro-Tem Carolyn McWaters, Councilmember Fred Terrell, Councilmember Danny Lee, City Manager Kelly McDonald and City Secretary Angela Smith

City Attorney David Olson was present using the Facebook Live stream.

VISITORS PRESENT: None due to COVID-19 gathering precautions.

EMPLOYEES: Sean Anderson, Jennifer Jeude, Bobby Pennington, Darrel Broussard, Garrett Allbright

Mayor Pro-Tem McWaters called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and stated there was a quorum and that the meeting was on the city's Facebook account as a Facebook Live event. The invocation was given by Fred Terrell and Marilyn Clay led the pledge to the US flag and Danny Lee led the pledge to the Texas flag.

Discussion and Action

1. **Consider and take possible action to adopt an Ordinance extending the Mayor Pro-Tem's declaration of disaster concerning the COVID-19 pandemic executed on March 13, 2020**

Councilmember Jennifer Bergman made a motion to approve the ordinance extending the declaration of disaster with a second from Councilmember Marilyn Clay.

All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Fire Chief/EMC Anderson stated that the extension is for 60 days and expires one day after the council meeting in May so it can be extended if needed then.

2. **Consider and take possible action to adopt an Ordinance prohibiting Community Gatherings of ten (10) persons or more during the COVID-19 declaration of disaster; authorizing Mayor to change number of gather as needed; authorizing City Manager to close city facilities as needed.**

Councilmember Clay made a motion to approve the ordinance prohibiting community gatherings as stated during the COVID-19 declaration of disaster with a second from Councilmember Terrell.

Fire Chief/EMC Anderson reminded council that information comes from the CDC and Texas Department Health and Human Services. He also stated that dispatch has been issued protocols to follow on calls to police and EMS has protocols to follow using proper protective equipment. There are no positive cases in Liberty County and they are working on getting more tests available as right now only tests are through the hospital. It was commented that we need to be careful, so Chief Anderson stated that is

why we are trying to be proactive to limit number of contacts. The Library is already closed due to renovations.

City Manager McDonald spoke on City Hall changes and stated she has a meeting with the hospitals on Friday to determine protocols.

The vote occurred on the motion to approve the ordinance. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Adjourn

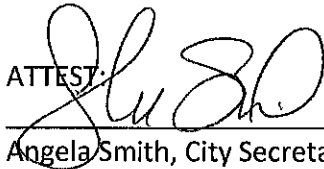
Councilmember Bergman made a motion to adjourn with a second from Councilmember Terrell. Meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of April 2020.



Carolyn McWaters, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:



Angela Smith, City Secretary TRMC