

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DAVENPORT CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 25, 2020**

ROLL CALL

Mayor Brad Sweet called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council Members present were, Heath Becker, Patrick Katz, Cory Hollis, Lance Strite, and Theresa Telford.

Absent: Nathan Hansen and Chris Ruiz.

Patrick Katz made a motion to excuse Nathan Hansen and Chris Ruiz. The motion was seconded by Cory Hollis. The motion carried.

Also present were, Fred Bell, Steve Goemmel, Dave Leath. Jeremy Burnham attended by phone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lance Strite made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Cory Hollis. The motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

POLICE REPORT

No Report.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

No Changes.

COMMENT / SIGN IN

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street Committee

Patrick Katz told the City Council that they met to discuss parking on Sixth Street between Morgan Street and Park Street. He said, "Fred Bell and Steve Goemmel worked up a report that gave various options to increase the parking in this area." Patrick said, "the Committee recommends leaving the parking the way it is right now. That seems to be the best solution."

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sweet told the City Council that he listened in to a conference call regarding the construction project at Lincoln Hospital. He commented that the project has started and is coming along fine.

The Mayor briefed the City Council on a meeting that he had with David Bingham who is the City Attorney. He said, "We discussed the Covid 19 crisis at length and determined that all of the city staff are essential to the operation of the city." He told the City Council that the doors at city hall are locked. Citizens are encouraged to use the drop box or the mail to make payments. The staff will continue to work regular hours at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2020-07 Allowing the Mayor to Renew a Commercial Lease Agreement with the Lincoln County Historical Society. City Administrator Steve Goemmel told the City Council that the City Attorney suggested some changes to the draft of the lease renewal for the museum. Patrick Katz asked what the changes were. Steve told the City Council that in discussion with John Coley, the museum agreed to be open at least 100 hours during the year and to allow the City to use the facility six times a year for City activities. He said, "those were the only changes to the lease."

Lance Strite made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-07. The motion was seconded by Theresa Telford. The motion carried.

2.. Resolution 2020-10 Ratifying Proclamation of a Local Emergency and Providing Temporary Procedures to Respond to the Covid-19 Pandemic. City Administrator Steve Goemmel asked the City Council to consider this resolution for dealing with the Covid 19 crisis. Steve told the City Council that most Cities in Washington are passing resolutions like this and since the Mayor issued his "Proclamation of Emergency Order," a resolution ratifying this order is needed.

The City Council recommended the following actions:

1. Waiving late fees for bills received in April.
2. Not shutting water off for at least 15 days for non-payment.
3. Closing the City Park play toys.
4. Closing the City Library.
5. Closing City Hall to the public but still maintain essential services.
6. Conduct future City Council meeting by telephone or video conferencing when it's possible.
7. Waive the user fee for Wheatland Little League because the season is cancelled.
8. Remove the hiring freeze from the resolution.
9. Delay all tourism grants until such a time that is appropriate.
10. Abandon the plans to purchase a vehicle for the public works department and put a freeze on the 2020 budgeted water and sewer capital projects.

Theresa Telford made a motion to pass Resolution 2020-10 with the suggested amendments. The motion was seconded by Lance Strite. The motion carried.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS

Theresa Telford made a motion to pay Claims/Vouchers #16384 - #16405 in the Amount of \$19,416.75. The motion was seconded by Patrick Katz. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Patrick Katz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Heath Becker. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

David M. Leath
City Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Brad Sweet