

CITY OF NEBRASKA CITY, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
April 13, 2020

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Nebraska City was conducted via the Zoom online video conferencing platform pursuant to the Governor's Executive order #20-03, on April 13, 2020. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in at least three public places, the designated method for giving notice, as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in advance to the media, Mayor and Commissioners of this proceeding and said meeting was open to the public.

Mayor Bryan Bequette called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Mayor publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review online at <https://ago.nebraska.gov/open-meetings>. Mayor Bequette then led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call the following answered present: Paul Davis, Patrick Wehling, Vic Johns, Gloria Glover and Mayor Bequette. Absent: None. The following City Officials were present: Interim City Administrator Marty Stovall, City Attorney Drew Graham, Police Chief David Lacy, Utilities Director Jeff Kohrs, Paramedic Manager Andrew Snodgrass, Fire Chief Rob Schreiner, Library Director Donna Kruse and City Clerk-Treasurer Randy Dunster.

Moved by Commissioner Glover and seconded by Davis to approve the April 6, 2020 City Council meeting minutes. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Davis, Wehling, Johns, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Bequette explained the City's Directed Health Measure, (DHM), requesting closure of businesses that would not be able to maintain six feet of separation from their customers which was followed by the State's DHM requesting the same. Mayor Bequette gave a report on the Board of Health Meeting and of COVID-19 cases in Otoe County and surrounding Counties.

Grant Bruggemann reported on District 1 Covid-19 statistics.

Gregg Goebel reported from the Otoe County Emergency Management that cyber-crimes are on the rise in the form of fraudulent phone calls and emails pretending to be from the Utilities requesting payment or regarding stimulus checks being sent out.

Marty Stovall reported that the City has adjusted how the building inspections of new buildings will continue as usual, however, inspections of buildings that are currently occupied will no longer be inspected in person, but by pictures or video conferencing means.

Grant Bruggemann reported on the UMC Covid-19 Dashboard which shows that current cases are tracking the projections at this point.

Jeff Kohrs reported an influx of phone calls reporting receipt of spoofing phone calls claiming to be from the Utilities demanding payment which are not legitimate and have been reported and news outlets have been made aware. Jeff also reported that the Wastewater treatment facility has been dealing with blockages caused by people flushing things other than toilet paper which are not intended to be flushed and he advised customers to be aware of potential problems that could result in blocking up the wastewater lines.

Chief David Lacy reported that the Police Department was doing their best to maintain their few supplies of Personal Protection Equipment, (PPE) and that he was on a few lists requesting more supplies, but hadn't received them yet. He also stated that for the most part they have not had many issues regarding gatherings of 10 or more people, or with businesses remaining open that could not maintain six feet of distance with their customers.

Chief Rob Schriener reported on the Fire and Rescue practices and possible restrictions regarding their living quarters.

Andrew Snodgrass reported on the EMS responding with masks and other PPE depending on the nature of the call and reported symptoms. He also reported that cleaning supplies were running low and the availability is limited.

Donna Kruse gave a report on the Library practices and restricted Mon-Fri schedule and filling phone requests.

Commissioner Wehling reported on Parks and Rec Departments cleaning practices and closures of park equipment. The drive-thru Easter-Egg Hunt event went well.

Commissioner Johns reported that the Cemetery Board informed him that Funeral Directors were only allowing gatherings of 10 or less.

Drew Graham spoke about projected lost revenue with the cancellations of large gatherings statewide.

Mayor Bequette reported the communication meetings that he has on a weekly basis with the Governor Ricketts.

Meeting Adjourned at 6.46 P.M.

AFFIDAVIT

I, the undersigned City Clerk for the City of Nebraska City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Randy A. Dunster, City Clerk-Treasurer