

CITY OF NEBRASKA CITY, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
April 27, 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 27, 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 6:04 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, Gloria Glover and Mayor Bequette. Absent: Vic Johns. 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 Wehling and seconded by Glover to approve the April 20, 2020 City Council meeting minutes with the amendment that the minutes should refer to the website for information on the Open Meetings Act. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Davis, Wehling, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Bequette and seconded by Wehling to approve the NCHS request to recognize the graduating Seniors of 2020 by designating a route for them to Cruise for on Sunday May 10, 2020 at 1:00pm. Brian Hoover spoke to explain the request. Upon roll call, the following voted YES: Davis, Wehling, Glover and Mayor Bequette. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Bequette gave a report on the Board of Health Meeting and requested that Gregg Goebel from the Otoe County Emergency Management report on the current statistics regarding Covid-19 cases. He also reported that the hospital would be opening up some of their departments starting with the Radiological Department.

Commissioner Wehling reported on Parks and Rec Departments cleaning practices and maintaining golf course distancing practices.

Drew Graham spoke about the Governor's rollback of Directive Health Measures, (DHMs), and the new guidelines that will take effect on May 4, 2020.

Andrew Snodgrass reported on the Covid-19 testing taking place in the County and Personal Protection Equipment, (PPE), and availability of disinfectant.

Commissioner Johns joined the meeting at 6:32pm.

Kimberly Warner spoke about the economic impacts of the DHMs on local businesses, the Covid-19 infection statistics and encouraged allowing business owners to make the decisions to open their businesses or keep them closed based on their individual capability to operate with public safety in mind.

Drew Graham explained that the regarding DHMs enacted by the State and the City the more restrictive DHM would be the guideline to follow and while the State or the City can roll back their own DHMs they cannot roll back the DHMs for the other governmental entity or remove all DHMs entirely.

The Council discussed the frequency of City Council meetings and possibly returning to the normally scheduled meeting schedule. It was requested to be addressed at the next City Council meeting.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 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