

SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, April 29, 2020 – 5:00 P.M.
Council Chambers – Denison, Iowa
Electronic meeting via conference call

A special council meeting of the City of Denison, Iowa was held pursuant to law on the above date and hour. Mayor Soseman called the meeting to order with the following members present: GARCIA, GRANZEN, MILLER Present via phone were: CURNYN, LOESCHEN

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA Motion Miller/Garcia to approve the agenda. Ayes: 5 Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM

Miller had been asked if contractors could work on the mini-golf project. Consensus of the council was it would be ok since they are outside but they need to keep social distance.

DISCUSSION ON GOVERNOR
REYNOLDS PROCLAMATION
TO START OPENING STATE

Discussed Governor Reynolds Proclamation that would be effective May 1, 2020. Chief Schaffer reviewed the list of places that would be able to open at 50% capacity. Clarified that fitness center openings does not include aquatic centers or pools.

Councilwoman Garcia clarified that openings are not required, if a business is not comfortable then don't open. Mayor asks retailers to post a notice on their doors with their requirements. No action taken.

DISCUSSION ON CITY'S
COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN

Discussed the City's COVID-19 Response Plan. The Library will remain closed and discussed opening in phases later in May. City Hall will remain closed and will be re-evaluated at the May 5th meeting.

Consensus of council was that if employees choose to stay home, with no diagnosis from a medical professional, they will have to use leave time. If an employee decides to get tested they will have to use their own time for the first 10 days. If diagnosed or told by a doctor to stay home, the 80 hrs paid sick leave will begin immediately and the employee will not be required to use time. If an employee needs to stay home and is out of time, they can use up to 5 business days and run a negative balance to be re-accrued at a later date. If an employee leaves employment and is in a negative status in their leave bank, pay for the negative hours will be deducted from their final paycheck. Councilman Curnyn would like us to require documentation from a medical provider if an employee is required to stay home and be paid.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Soseman says we have not peaked yet and reminded everyone to continue to social distance, wash hands often and cover coughs/sneezes. She is asking the public to please wear masks into retail stores and asks retailers to wear masks.

Rapid testing has been requested for Denison/Crawford County. Mayor Soseman asked the public to contact your state representatives and ask for additional testing. The contact information will be posted on the City's website.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Pamela Soseman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa K. Koch, City Clerk