

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

City Council Chambers, 123 South Lincoln Street, Municipal Building, Aberdeen, South Dakota, May 2, 2020, at 2:30 p.m., special meeting of the Board of City Council Members, Mayor Travis Schaunaman presiding. Present at roll call were City Council Members Mark Remily, Rob Ronayne, Dave Lunzman, Josh Rife, Alan Johnson, David Bunsness, Dennis "Mike" Olson, Clint Rux, and Mayor Travis Schaunaman. City Staff present were Ron Wager and Jill Mohr.

Mayor Schaunaman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Ronayne, second by Rux to move into executive session to discuss the qualifications, competence, performance, character or fitness of a prospective public officer or employee, consult with legal counsel to discuss contractual matters, and prepare for contract negotiations with prospective employee. (SDCL § 1-25-2(1), (3), and (4)). All present voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Bunsness, second by Rife to move out of executive session. All present voting aye, motion carried.

**SELECTION OF NEW CITY MANAGER**

Motion by Bunsness, second by Rux to offer Joseph A. Gaa, of Dickinson, North Dakota, the position of City Manager in coordination with the retirement of Lynn Lander, current City Manager, and instructing Dr. Richard Fursman to negotiate the contract terms with Mr. Gaa. All present voting aye, motion carried. Upon agreement of contract terms fixing his compensation and starting date, the Council, pursuant to Aberdeen City Charter, Sec. 3.01, shall formally appoint Mr. Gaa as the new City Manager.

**DISCUSSION AND PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION NO. 20-05-01R**

Motion by Bunsness, second by Ronayne to approve first reading and passage of Resolution No. 20-05-01R extending Emergency Ordinance No. 3 regarding the novel coronavirus COVID-19 Public Health Crisis. Upon roll call vote, all voting aye, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-05-01R  
RESOLUTION EXTENDING ORDINANCE NO. 20-04-05  
COVID-19 EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 3  
AND EASING CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS OF THE ORDINANCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Aberdeen City Council adopted COVID-19 Emergency Ordinance No. 3 (Ordinance No. 20-04-05) (“emergency ordinance”) implementing certain measures which it deemed necessary to slow the community spread of the virus responsible for the COVID-19 disease; and

**WHEREAS**, aided by the voluntary compliance of most residents and businesses with the social distancing and hygiene practices recommended by the CDC, such measures have helped in slowing the community spread of the virus and providing a basis to begin reopening businesses and other public gathering places within the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the emergency ordinance shall be repealed, in part or in whole, on the day following each regular or special meeting of the City Council, *unless* the City Council at such regular or special meeting by resolution affirms (1) the continued existence of the public health emergency, and (2) the necessity of all or certain parts of the social distancing measures set forth in Section A, Paragraphs 1 - 7, and extends all or any part of the ordinance for the day following the next regular or special meeting of the City Council.

**WHEREAS**, based on the number of cases in Brown County, the almost complete lack of hospitalization in the City, and the available modeling, the City Council believes some of the social distancing restrictions can be modified to allow businesses to resume on-site services of customers without causing the number of cases in the city to rise to the level that it will overwhelm the hospitals’ capacity if proper procedures are put in place.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. The City Council affirms that some, but not all, of the social distancing measures set forth in Section A, Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of the emergency ordinance are necessary for the prevention and spread within the City of Aberdeen of the contagious virus.

2. The City Council hereby extends paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 of Section A of the emergency ordinance for the day following the next regular or special meeting of the City Council, except that part of each paragraph that prohibits or closes on-site consumption, sales, or services *if* such business, facility, club, shop, organization, or other entity complies with the following restrictions:

- (a) Maintains a minimum six-foot space between tables, chairs, and barstools if occupants are not members of the same household or dining party of not more than 10 persons;
- (b) Limits capacity in indoor recreational facilities and fitness businesses to a number of persons that can safely and reliably ensure social distancing;
- (c) Requires handwashing at regular intervals of at least once per hour for all restaurant, bar, and food service employees;
- (d) Cleans and disinfects video lottery machines between each customer and at the start of business;
- (e) Reduces seating to allow for social distancing by removing chairs or marking certain seats as “not available due to social distancing”;
- (f) Posts for customers the regular cleaning and disinfecting schedule;
- (g) Maintains a six-foot space between customers waiting for service or entry into the facility; and
- (h) Employees of beauty and hair salons, nail salons, tattoo parlors, spas, massage studios, and barber shops wear masks which cover their nose and mouth during customer contact times. Customer seating must be at least six (6) feet apart.
- (i) Implements daily health screening protocol per South Dakota Department of Health guidelines for all employees.
- (j) Employees shall wear a mask that covers the face and nose when social distancing guidelines cannot be met with, or a barrier to the public is not provided.
- (k) Equipment and mats in health, fitness, athletic, and weight training facilities must be cleaned and disinfected between each use.

3. In addition to the specific requirements listed above, businesses shall operate in a manner consistent with CDC guidelines and any applicable state regulation or executive orders. Employers should plan to respond in a flexible way to varying levels of disease transmission in the community and be prepared to refine their business response plans as needed.

4. The City encourages all individuals within the City to continue to follow the CDC guidelines and recommended hygiene practices.

5. The City encourages grocery and retail stores to limit customers to a number of persons that can safely and reliably ensure social distancing, and, where practicable, to clearly mark one-way shopping aisles and install a plexiglass or similar divider between the customer and the cashier.

6. The City encourages enhanced cleaning and disinfecting requirements for motel and hotel rooms.

7. The City Council hereby extends paragraph 6 of Section A and all of Section B of the emergency ordinance for the day following the next regular or special meeting of the City Council.

The foregoing Resolution was approved after first reading and passed at a special meeting of the Aberdeen City Council on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2020. Number of AYES: 9; Number of NAYS: 0.

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, motion by Bunsness, second by Johnson to adjourn the meeting. All voting aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Prepared by Ronald Wager, as designee for the Finance Officer.



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City Attorney, as designee for Finance Officer