

The Clear Lake City Council met in special session on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building with Mayor Gary Eide presiding. Those present were Alderwoman Kelli Bauman via teleconference, Aldermen Carey Holt, Harry Mewherter, John Keimig, Jon Klockman and Dean Christensen. Also present were Christa Bittner, Ken Reiste, Todd Boyd, Cory Borg & Sheila Monnier. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Holt, seconded by Keimig to approve the agenda. All voted aye. Motion carried.

No one appeared for public voice, but Attorney Todd Boyd, on behalf of Mike Kellen, discussed the possibility of suspending the operating insurance on the Sports Page until they reopen in September 2020. The council agreed to add to the agenda for April 6th's meeting for discussion.

Resolution 2020-6, a resolution proposing regulations on businesses during the public emergency, COVID-19, was read. After much discussion with Sheila and Cory, the council agreed to the resolution with some changes being made by Todd and an ordinance is to follow at the April council meeting. Motion by Keimig, seconded by Mewherter, to approve Resolution 2020-6. Upon roll-call vote the following votes were cast: Bauman-yes via teleconference; Christensen-yes; Holt-yes; Klockman-yes; Keimig-yes; Mewherter-yes. Motion carried. Copies of it will be handed out to main street businesses & effective immediately March 26, 2020.

Water bill payment plan examples were presented and discussed, but nothing was decided on if and when the city would need to use them in case of an emergency.

Motion by Holt, seconded by Klockman to approve following warrants; Bobcat of Brookings 4500. S595 trade in, DADI 1000. CL Mural, Deuel Co Motor Supp 312.05 supplies, D. Stoltenburg 25.65 CC Anchors & Frames, Fastenal 300.23 street supplies, Gates Heating 620.03 water heater repair, J. May 150.00 Acct#4054.06 WM Dep refund, Pitney Bowes Rental 9.50, SD Dept of Health 30.00 City water tests, Swenson Sales 208.97 cylinder, Transource truck & eq. 293.56 street supplies. All voted aye. Motion carried.

City Superintendent presented an example of a "travel voucher" for essential city staff members. These will be created and be in the possession of the full time employees for the city in case they are required to travel to other cities for essential items or parts to keep the city running effectively. Also, the open bid reading for the street project is scheduled for April 1st, 2020 at 11:00am, Don requesting a council member be present as a witness.

The idea of teleconferencing for the April 6th meeting was brought up, the finance officer and some council members will do a trial run before that meeting to see if it will work for our public meeting allowing the community to call in and to keep the council members abiding with social distancing.

Motion by Klockman, seconded by Christensen to enter into Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) for Personnel matters & (3) – Legal Counsel for contractual matters at 8:22 PM. All voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor Gary Eide declared the Council out of Executive Session at 8:50 PM.

There being no further business, motion by Keimig, seconded by Klockman to adjourn at 8:50 PM. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Christa Bittner
Finance Officer

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