

**City of Grand Prairie
Minutes of the March 19, 2020 Emergency Meeting
5:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
300 Main Street**

Mayor Ron Jensen called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Ron Jensen
Mayor Pro Tem Greg Giessner
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jorja Clemson
Council Member Jeff Copeland
Council Member Mike Del Bosque
Council Member Cole Humphreys
Council Member John Lopez
Council Member Jim Swafford
Council Member Jeff Wooldridge

There was no executive session.

1. DISCUSSION OF PROCEDURAL MATTERS RELATED TO COVID-19

Megan Mahan, City Attorney, went over the proposed ordinance extending indefinitely the local state of disaster. Mr. Hart said that Traders Village wanted to be included in the mall provision, but the intent of the ordinance is to prevent COVID-19 from spreading. At this time, they could have up to 125 in each building, but they most likely will have to close. Ms. Mahan went over particular sections of the ordinance regarding limited occupancy for various types of stores. She said if county orders are stricter, this ordinance requires the city to follow the stricter county orders. The Governor's proclamation extends to the end of March, but may be extended. The penalty in the ordinance is a Class C Misdemeanor.

Discussion took place on protocol for meetings during the local state of disaster. Mayor Jensen said he would prefer to have the meetings in the Chambers with proper social distancing.

Steve Dye, Deputy City Manager, Chief Operating Officer, stated that some cities have closed their city halls and some municipal courts have closed.

2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, EXTENDING THE LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER INDEFINITELY; ADOPTING AND APPROVING CERTAIN RULES TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF PERSONS IN THE CITY DUE TO THE IMPACT OF COVID-19; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL CONTRACTS AND LEGAL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR CONDUCTING BUSINESS FOR THE

DURATION OF THE DECLARATION OF DISASTER; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE UNDER SECTION 1-8 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Pro Tem Giessner moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Clemson, to adopt the ordinance extending the local state of disaster indefinitely. The motion carried unanimously as follows:

AYES: Mayor Jensen, Mayor Pro Tem Giessner, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Clemson, Council Members Copeland, Del Bosque, Humphreys, Lopez, Swafford and Wooldridge

NAYS: None

3. POSTPONEMENT OF MAY 2, 2020 ELECTION TO NOVEMBER 3, 2020

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Clemson moved, seconded by Council Member Del Bosque, to adopt an ordinance postponing the May 2, 2020 election to November 3, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

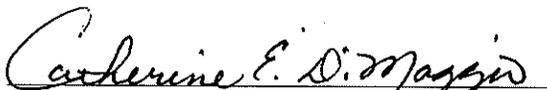
AYES: Mayor Jensen, Mayor Pro Tem Giessner, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Clemson, Council Members Copeland, Del Bosque, Humphreys, Lopez, Swafford and Wooldridge

NAYS: None

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jensen adjourned the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

Approved at the April 21, 2020 meeting.


Catherine E. DiMaggio, City Secretary