

**MOUND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 25, 2020 SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING**

The City Council of the City of Mound, Hennepin County, Minnesota, met in a special emergency meeting via teleconference on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 that began at 3:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Ray Salazar; Council members Phil Velsor, Jeff Bergquist, Paula Larson, and Sherrie Pugh (all via phone)

Members absent: None

Others present (all via phone): City Manager Eric Hoversten, Fin Dir/Clerk/Treasurer Catherine Pausche, Fire Chief Greg Pederson, Field Officer Andy Drilling, City Attorney Troy Gilchrist, Elizabeth Hustad

1. Open meeting

Mayor Salazar called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and read an introduction to the telephonic meeting, noting every vote will be by roll call.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Salazar read each Council Member's name and they replied 'here.'

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approve agenda

MOTION by Velsor, seconded by Larson, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote In Favor: Larson, Velsor, Bergquist, Pugh, Salazar Opposed: None Abstain: None. Motion carried.

5. The Presiding Officer (Mayor) to read Statement Regarding Holding Meetings via Telephone or Other Electronic Means

Mayor Salazar read the following statement:

Based on a statement I issued under Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.021, the City Council will be conducting its meetings during this emergency by electronic means until further notice. City staff has worked to establish a means to allow the City Council to meet electronically and to provide the public an opportunity to monitor meetings as they occur. All votes taken at these meetings will be by roll call vote. The Council is currently focusing on matters needing immediate attention, but will resume usual Council business as soon as possible.

6. Discussion and Action on Resolution Adopted Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 12.29 Extending the Period of a Mayor-Declared Local Emergency

Hoversten said a normal declaration of emergency stems from a local event and that support would rise up through county, state and federal resources, but in the case of a pandemic, the reverse occurs. This administrative action is to ensure we are eligible for any resources made available, both financial and otherwise. It is not known what that assistance might look like, but Hennepin County recommended all communities take this action. Hoversten said our EOC is up and running in a virtual capacity for the purposes of monitoring the situation and emphasized

there are no immediate operational needs. Hoversten asked if the City Council had any questions.

Fire Chief Greg Pederson said he is constantly monitoring information from Hennepin County Emergency Management and other agencies and they are participating in a daily briefing. This group was formed to stay connected, facilitate shared resources, including supplies. The city is tracking unusual expenses that may be eligible for reimbursement.

Pederson said all 40 fire fighters are healthy and large group meetings have been suspended until April 20 and replaced by weekly electronic updates at a minimum. Fire and medical response protocols are the same with social distancing measures. EMS protocol is following Metro EMS guidelines that say police and fire are to respond, but not everyone enters the structure to reduce risk. Pederson said this was implemented on Friday March 20 and will be in place indefinitely.

Council Member Pugh asked if the department has sufficient PPE. Pederson said yes and that there are supplies from a previous pandemic scare and they are doing everything they can to keep their staff safe.

MOTION by Bergquist, seconded by Pugh, to approve the following resolution. Roll call vote In Favor: Larson, Velsor, Bergquist, Pugh, Salazar Opposed: None Abstain: None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-25: RESOLUTION ADOPTED PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 12.29 EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF A MAYOR-DECLARED LOCAL EMERGENCY

Pugh said she is interested in knowing which businesses have been adversely affected and whether they are aware of the federal financial resources. Salazar said Senator Osmek shared some sources and asked if it could be put on the website. Hoversten said they have received some info including the Phase II Relief Package and will put Small Business Association info on the website. Hoversten said there is a call with Congressman Phillips office that may provide further information.

7. Adjourn

MOTION by Bergquist, seconded by Larson, to adjourn at 3:25 pm. Roll call vote In Favor: Larson, Velsor, Bergquist, Pugh, Salazar Opposed: None Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Raymond J. Salazar

Attest: Catherine Pausche, Clerk