

AGENDA

NOTICE OF EMERGENCY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the governing body of the City of Canyon will meet at 4:30 p.m. on the 23rd day of March 2020, in the Commission Chambers of City Hall at 301 16th Street in the City of Canyon. This is an emergency meeting called pursuant to Government Code Section 551.045(b)(2)(c). The COVID-19 pandemic has caused an emergency or matter of urgent public necessity that requires the City Commission to deliberate and possibly take action in response.

1. Call to Order.
2. Invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Resolution No. 08-2020, Ratifying the Declaration of Disaster Order of March 18, 2020. A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Canyon to Implement Subchapter E of Chapter 418 Title 4 Texas Government Code Regarding Emergency Management Response to Statewide Epidemic of COVID-19 Together With Chapter 92 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Canyon, Emergency Management Plan.
5. Update From City Manager Joe Price on Steps Being Taken by City Staff Regarding COVID-19.
6. Update on Creation of Incident Management Team (IMT) - City of Canyon.
7. Discussion on What Warrants an Emergency Meeting and Requirements that Must be Met to Hold One.
8. Adjourn.



Joe Price, City Manager

I certify that the above Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board of the Civic Complex of the City of Canyon, Texas at least one hour before the meeting on the 23rd day of March 2020, meeting the requirements of an Emergency Meeting per Government Code Section 551.045.



Gretchen Mercer, City Clerk

DISASTER DECLARATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CANYON

DISASTER DECLARATION

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan, China; and

WHEREAS, Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough and shortness of breath, and can range from mild to severe illness; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a state of emergency related to the outbreak of COVID-19 and urged citizens to practice social distancing protocols; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbot declared a state of emergency related to the outbreak of COVID-19 and suspended multiple state statutes and rules to promote social distancing protocols; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Local Health Authority and the City of Amarillo Public Health Department received confirmation of two cases of COVID-19 in the City of Amarillo; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, gatherings of unidentifiable individuals without necessary mitigation for the spread of the virus may pose a risk for the spread of infectious disease; and

WHEREAS, the continued worldwide spread of the COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action; and

WHEREAS, Texas Government Code 418, Section 418.108 authorizes the Mayor of the City of Canyon to declare a local state of disaster and exercise the powers granted therein on an appropriate local scale; and

WHEREAS, Section 418.004(1) of the Texas Government Code defines disaster to be the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or man-made cause, including fire, flood, earthquake, wind, storm, wave action, oil spill or other water contamination, volcanic activity, epidemic, air contamination, blight, drought, infestation, explosion, riot, hostile military or paramilitary action, extreme heat, cybersecurity event, other public calamity requiring emergency action, or energy emergency; and


WHEREAS, a declaration of a local disaster includes the ability to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk and promote the health and safety of individuals in the City of Canyon; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Canyon has determined from the statements and information provided by the Office of the Texas Governor, the Local Health Authority for the Amarillo Area Public Health District, City of Amarillo Public Health Department personnel, health professionals and other emergency service agencies serving the City of Canyon, and other health agencies serving the State of Texas that extraordinary measures must be taken to limit the development, contraction, and spread of COVID-19 in the City of Canyon, Texas and to promote and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of citizens; and

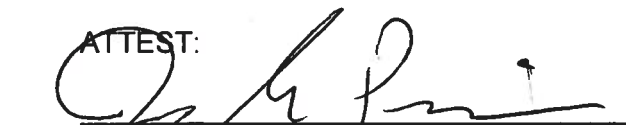
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CANYON:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of Canyon, Texas pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code; and
2. Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the City Council of the City of Canyon, Texas; and
3. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary; and
4. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the city emergency operations plan; and
5. Pursuant to the authority granted to the Mayor of the City of Canyon under the Texas Disaster Act of Texas Government Code 418, I shall exercise any all necessary powers set out there under and hereby authorize the use of all available resources to state government and political subdivisions to assist in the City of Canyon's response to this disaster; and
6. To the extent permitted by law, any local ordinance or administrative rule prescribing the procedures for conduct of City business or any local ordinance or administrative rule that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster, including any local ordinance or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement which would impede the City's emergency response necessary to cope with this declared disaster, are hereby suspended, but only for the duration of this declared disaster and only for that limited purpose; and
7. A violation of this Declaration and Order is punishable as a Class C misdemeanor by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or as authorized by Section 418.173 of the Texas Government Code.
8. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this the 18th day of March 2020 at 7:20 (a.m/p.m.).



Gary Hinders, Mayor

ATTEST:


Gretchen Mercer, City Secretary
Joe Price
Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 08-2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CANYON TO IMPLEMENT SUBCHAPTER E OF CHAPTER 418 TITLE 4 TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE REGARDING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RESPONSE TO STATEWIDE EPIDEMIC OF COVID-19 TOGETHER WITH CHAPTER 92 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CANYON, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN.

WHEREAS, the President of the United States declared a state of emergency related to a nationwide epidemic of COVID-19 which threatens the entire country; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor of Texas declared a state of emergency relating to the epidemic of COVID-19 which threatens the State of Texas; and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of State Health Services jointly with the Governor declared a statewide health disaster; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Canyon, acting pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE §418.108, declared a state of disaster within the City of Canyon on March 18, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CANYON, TEXAS:

1. The local disaster declaration by the Mayor on March 18, 2020 is extended for the duration of the Governor's declaration of a state of emergency or disaster declaration as amended or extended; and,
2. Pursuant to §418.1015 TEX. GOV'T CODE, the Mayor is designated as the emergency management director of the City or in his absence the Mayor Pro Tem. The Mayor or in his absence, the Mayor Pro Tem, may designate an emergency management coordinator for the City of Canyon to carry out the duties and responsibilities required by the provisions of Subchapter E, CH 418 Title 4 TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE.
3. To the extent public funds are required and lawfully appropriated for such purpose the expenditure of such funds shall be exempt from the competitive bidding procedure generally required by TEX. LOC. GOV'T CODE §252.021 pursuant to TEX. LOC. GOV'T CODE §252.022 (a)(1) and (2) for the duration of the local disaster declaration.
4. The provisions of the Emergency Management Plan required and authorized by §92.03 of the Code of Ordinances are in effect as of the date of the adoption of this

resolution to include the Amarillo Area EOP Annex U adopted by reference. The penalty for violations as set forth in code section 92.99 are now in effect.

ADOPTED ON _____, 2020

GARY HINDERS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gretchen Mercer, City Clerk