

City Commission Emergency Meeting
March 23, 2020

The City Commission of the City of Canyon ,held an Emergency Meeting at 4:30 pm in the City Commission Chambers of the Civic Complex pursuant to Government Code Section 551.045(b)(2)(c). The COVID-19 pandemic created an emergency or matter of urgent public necessity requiring the City Commission to deliberate and take action in response. Mayor Gary Hinders presided over the meeting with the following Commissioners in attendance, Mayor Pro-Tem Cody Jones, Roger Remlinger, and Paul Lyons and Randy Ray.

Also present were the following City Staff: City Manager Joe Price, Assistant City Manager Jon Behrens, City Secretary Gretchen Mercer, IT Manager Shaun Holtman, Street and Solid Waste Supervisor Brendon Banner, Director of Public Works Dan Reese, Interim Police Chief Ray Resendez, Utility Department Supervisor Eric Whitten, Director of Finance Joel Wright, Planning and Development Director Danny Cornelius, Assistant Librarian Andrea High, City Engineer Dwight Brandt, and City Attorney Chuck Hester.

Item 1. Call to Order.

Mayor Hinders called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Item 2. Invocation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jones gave the invocation.

Item 3. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Lyons.

Item 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.

City Manager Joe Price presented Resolution No. 08-2020 for consideration. Mr. Price explained the response to COVID-19 pandemic and the Declarations of Disaster put in place by Texas Governor Greg Abbott.

After discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Jones moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Remlinger to adopt Resolution No. 08-2020 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5. Update from City Manager Joe Price on Steps Being Taken by City Staff Regarding COVID-19.

City Manager Joe Price discussed internal protocols in place for the City of Canyon staff stressing the importance of adaptability using the examples of Library Director Janice Doan supporting HR as needed, and Library Assistant Andrea High being appointed as Interim PIO. Mr. Price stated the importance of community support of local restaurants and businesses during this difficult time

and applauded the Canyon Chamber of Commerce, and businesses for stepping up. Mayor Hinders also commended local businesses and restaurants and added appreciation towards the leaders of Canyon for stepping up and setting the example for all.

Item 6. Update on Creation of Incident Management Team (IMT) – City of Canyon.

City Manager Joe Price explained the City of Canyon had begun the process of implementing the Incident Management Team (IMT). Mr. Price stated Interim Fire Chief Vince Whitfill was serving as the IMT Commander with David Hoff heading up the IMT Team. Mr. Hoff then gave the history of Incident Management Teams stating they were created in the 1980's due to the wildfires in California.

Item 7. Discussion on What Warrants an Emergency Meeting and Requirements that Must be Met to Hold one.

City Attorney Chuck Hester stated this meeting was called to expand the Disaster Declaration signed by Mayor Hinders March 18, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Hester then gave a brief explanation of qualifications to call an Emergency meeting.

Item 8. Adjourn

There being no further business, Mayor Pro-Tem Jones moved this meeting be adjourned at 5:13 pm.

Gary Hinders, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gretchen Mercer, City Secretary