

CITY OF OVILLA MINUTES

Monday, March 20, 2020

**Special EMERGENCY City Council Meeting
105 S. Cockrell Hill Road, Ovilla, TX 75154**

In accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF OVILLA conducted a meeting at 3:30 PM, Friday, March 20, 2020 by telephone conference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called "social distancing") to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). [There was no public access to the location described above.]

The public was permitted to offer public comments telephonically as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting.

Mayor Dormier called the Special Emergency Council Meeting of the Ovilla City Council to order at 3:35 pm, with notice of the meeting duly posted.

The following City Council Members were on teleconference call:

Rachel Huber	Council Member, Place 1
Dean Oberg	Council Member, Place 2
David Griffin	Mayor Pro Tem, Place 3
Doug Hunt	Council Member, Place 4
Michael Myers	Council Member, Place 5

Mayor Dormier noted the participating Council Members, thus constituting a quorum. City Secretary, department directors and various staff were also on the teleconference call.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Griffin gave the invocation and led the reciting of the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

PRESENTATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & COMMENTS

There were no presentations. Josh Lewis – 144 Water Street – implementing online helpline

CONSENT AGENDA

Administrative Policy: Response to COVID-19

PL5 moved to pull the Consent Agenda Item and discuss as Regular Agenda Item 3.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. DISCUSSION/ACTION – Consideration approving a Resolution and Order, extending a Mayoral Declaration of a State of Emergency dated March 13, 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and delegating the mayor with full power and authority of the City Council to review, ratify, and adopt any subsequent Dallas County and/or Ellis County emergency orders relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to execute any resolution or other document to ratify and adopt any such order.

PL5 Myers moved to approve the Resolution R2020.06 Declaration of Local Disaster and Resolution, assigning the Mayor full power and authority of the City Council to review, ratify, and adopt any subsequent Dallas County/Ellis County emergency orders relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to execute to ratify and adopt any such order, as presented, seconded by PL2 Oberg.

No oppositions, no abstentions.

VOTE: The motion to approve carried unanimously: 5-0.

Recorded Vote:

PL1 Huber AYE

PL2 Oberg AYE

Mayor Pro Tem AYE

PL4 Hunt AYE

PL5 Myers AYE

ITEM 2. DISCUSSION/ACTION – Consideration of and action on waiving credit card processing fees to citizens for payments made online during the Local State of Emergency due to COVID-19.

Staff explained that there is a service charge to process credit card payments of approximately 3%. To practice Social distancing put in place by state and local governments, discussion of the fee being waived so that citizens may pay online payments at no charge to them instead of paying in person at City Hall. Mayor Dormier reiterated that the fee would be a reimbursement to their account.

PL4 Hunt moved to approve the waiving of credit card processing fees as presented, seconded by PL2 Oberg.

No oppositions, no abstentions.

VOTE: The motion to approve carried unanimously: 5-0.

Recorded Vote:

PL1 Huber AYE

PL2 Oberg AYE

Mayor Pro Tem AYE

PL4 Hunt AYE

PL5 Myers AYE

ITEM 3. DISCUSSION/ACTION – Consideration of any item(s) pulled from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration and action.

The consent agenda item was pulled for discussion. The concern was employee safety and the tracking of expenses due to the pandemic. The structure of approvals and guidelines for reimbursables were discussed.

PL5 Myers move to accept the consent item as presented. Seconded by PL2 Oberg.

No opposition, no abstentions.

VOTE: The motion to approve carried unanimously: 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

PL4 Hunt moved to adjourn the meeting of March 20, 2020 seconded by PL2 Oberg. There being no further business, Mayor Dormier adjourned the meeting at 4:29 p.m.

Recorded Vote:

PL1 Huber AYE

PL2 Oberg AYE

Mayor Pro Tem AYE

PL4 Hunt AYE

PL5 Myers AYE

ATTEST:

Glennell Miller, City Secretary

Miller



Richard Dormier
Richard Dormier, Mayor

Approved April 13, 2020