

Burke City Council
Special Meeting
March 25, 2020

The special meeting of the Burke City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas Glover at 6:31 PM in the Municipal Building Meeting Room. Council members present were Wyatt Reis, Mark Green, Garry Wetzler, Vickie Dobesh, Megan Lindholm and Todd Halsne. Also present was Finance Officer Mike Glover, City Attorney Rachelle Norberg, and Jamie Hood. Tyler Van Metre, Mistie Sachtjen and Dr. Smith attended via phone.

Approve Agenda:

Motion by Garry Wetzler, second by Mark Green to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried.

Conflict of Interest:

None

Public Input:

None

COVID – 19 Virus:

Mistie Sachtjen, Community Memorial Hospital Administrator and Dr. Megan Smith gave an update on the COVID 19 pandemic. There has been 1 tested at the Burke Hospital for the virus and that came back negative. Dr. Smith stressed that we need to be proactive and not reactive. Dr. Smith supports the resolution that the Gregory County Commissioners passed on March 24, 2020. After some discussion, the Council agreed to adopt and support the Resolution passed by the Gregory County Commissioners.

Motion by Mark Green, second by Todd Halsne to approve Resolution 2020-3, An Emergency Resolution to Address a Public Health Crisis By Implementing Certain Measures That Have Been Deemed Necessary to Slow The Community Spread of Coronavirus (COVID – 19). Roll call Vote; Wetzler-aye, Lindholm-aye, Green-aye, Reis-aye, Halsne-aye, Dobesh-aye. Resolution No.2020-3 was passed and adopted on this 25th day March 2020.

Ordinance #2020-3-25, An Ordinance of The City of Burke, South Dakota Declaring A Health Emergency and Limiting Public Gatherings Within the City and Within One Mile Of The City Limits, was presented to the Council for the first Reading. Motion by Wyatt Reis, second by Garry Wetzler to approve the first reading of Ordinance #2020-3-25, An Ordinance of The City of Burke, South Dakota Declaring A Health Emergency and Limiting Public Gatherings Within the City and Within One Mile of The City Limits. Motion carried 6-0. The second reading will be held at the Special Meeting March 31st,2020 at 12:00 pm at the Municipal Building Meeting room.

Next the construction work at the Civic Center was discussed. A couple citizens have voiced their concerns about the construction workers at the Civic Center and the possibility

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of 10 or more working there. Finance Officer, Mike Glover contacted Doug Baltzer, Project Manager from Puetz Design & Build, and asked him about the concerns some citizens had. Doug explained to Mike that Puetz has added procedures to their employee handbook concerning COVID – 19 and they are following information released by the Department of Health and OSHA. Puetz has not shut down any of their construction sites yet and one of those sites is an occupied hospital. Doug also mentioned that if the project is delayed and crews are sent away, he doesn't know when they would be able to return as they have a work schedule through the end of the fall.

The Burke City Council was fine with the construction continuing. The community needs the facility back up and running.

Utility Bills:

Discussion was held about the possibility of waving the finance charges and posting fees for utility bills until Ordinance 2020-25-3 is repealed.

Motion by Wyatt Reis, second by Vickie Dobesh to suspend finance charges and posting fees for utility bills until Ordinance 2020-3-25 is repealed and to develop a payment plan that citizens can agree to. Motion carried.

Any Payment plan agreement will have to be entered into before the second Thursday of the month. Failure to notify the Finance Office of your wish to enter into a payment plan will lead to all late fees and posting fees being added back onto your account and your meter pulled.

Library:

Jamie Hood met with Council to discuss what she has implemented at the Library. The Library is closed to the public, but Jamie is available on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 12 pm – 5pm for curbside pickup and also 10 am to 12 pm on Saturdays.

If the library would happen to be closed discussion was held about paying Jamie her normal hours. Motion by Vickie Dobesh, second by Megan Lindholm to approve to pay the Librarian her normal wages should the Library be closed. Motion carried.

Dog Tags:

Finance Officer, Mike Glover ask the Council if they were fine with moving the deadline for Citizens to get their dog tags. The Council was fine with moving the deadline date. The deadline to get your dog licensed will be July 31, 2020 and could be later depending when the finance office opens up to the public.

Aluminum Bleachers for Ballfields:

There were 4 sets of aluminum bleachers that were destroyed in the tornado. Mike is wanting to get the replacement bleachers ordered. For 4 sets of bleachers it costs \$11,372.00, shipping is \$1,129.97 for a total of \$12,501,97. This cost is covered by insurance.

Motion by Vickie Dobesh, second by Garry Wetzler to approve ordering the 4 replacement sets of bleachers. Motion carried.

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Adjournment:

Mayor Glover declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

ATTEST:

Mike Glover, Finance Officer

Thomas Glover, Mayor