

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, March 20, 2020

An emergency meeting of the Paxton City Council was held on Friday, March 20, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Mayor Ingold called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll call showed the following aldermen in attendance: Evans, Geiken, Johnson Anderson, Pacey, Satterlee, Wilson and Withers. Also, in attendance were: Mayor Bill Ingold, Treasurer/Comptroller Tammy Jensen, Public Works Assistant Director Bob Carleton, Police Chief Coy Cornett, City Attorney Marc Miller, EMA Director Ed Hanson, and members of the audience and press.

Mayor Ingold led everyone in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

There was no public comment at this time. The Mayor has been sharing emails on what essential jobs are with the Council.

City Attorney Miller discussed the meeting ordinance with the Council. With the suspension of the Open Meetings Act, Council meetings can be held virtually, if needed. With the Governor's announcement today asking people to stay at home, it made sense to move tomorrow's meeting to tonight. City Attorney Miller discussed some of the specific details of the ordinance. The Council asked if this ordinance would stay in effect if there were another emergency. No, this ordinance is only in effect until the Open Meetings Act is reinstated. The Council asked if the City has the capability to do conference calling. Yes, the City does. The Council reiterated the fact that all City meetings should be available to the public in some fashion. Cordelia Geiken spoke about some of the technology that would allow the City meetings to be broadcast for free and make everything available to the public.

Alderman Wilson made a motion to **APPROVE ORDINANCE 20-6 AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING EMERGENCY MEETING PROCEDURES TO ALLOW FOR ELECTRONIC MEETINGS**. Alderman Evans seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Alderman Evans, Geiken, Johnson Anderson, Pacey, Satterlee, Wilson and Withers. Seven ayes, motion carried.

The special meeting for tomorrow evening is cancelled. The adjourned City Council meeting for March 24th to discuss MFT road work is also cancelled.

The normal April City Council meeting will be postponed until April 28th.

At 5:47 p.m. Alderman Withers made a motion to adjourn tonight's special meeting of the Mayor and City Council. Alderman Johnson Anderson seconded the motion. All ayes - motion carried on a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gwen Smith
City Clerk