

THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MET IN EMERGENCY SESSION MARCH 21, 2020, IN THE MIAMI CIVIC CENTER AT 10:00AM WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rudy Schultz, Mayor
 David Davis, Councilmember Ward 1
 Doug Weston, Councilmember Ward 2
 Ryan Orcutt, Councilmember Ward 3
 Vicki Lewis, Councilmember Ward 4

Dean Kruithof, City Manager
 Ben Loring, City Attorney
 Melissa Moore, City Clerk

Notice of an emergency meeting of the Miami City Council, Miami, Oklahoma, called by Mayor Rudy Schultz, was displayed in the main lobby of the Miami Civic Center and by posting on www.miamiokla.net starting at 4:00PM on March 20, 2020, pursuant to 25 O.S. §311(9) (a) and (b) and the agenda was displayed and posted in the same manner on March 20, 2020, at 6:30PM.

THE COUNCIL MAY DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND VOTE ON ANY ITEM LISTED IN THIS AGENDA:

Call to Order

Mayor Schultz called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.

Enact Ordinance 2020 – 02 Declaring an Emergency Related to the Impending Threat COVID-19 to the People of the City of Miami, Oklahoma Posing Temporary Restrictions Within the City; Suspending Various Utility Rate Hikes; Authorizing Emergency Purchases and Contracts; Prohibiting Events or Gatherings on City-Owned Property; Recommending Limitations on Other Social Gatherings; Providing a Termination Date; Providing Severability; Providing for Conflicting Provisions; and Establishing an Emergency

Mayor Schultz read a statement asking citizens to follow the CDC recommended guidelines and anyone who is in a high-risk group please self-quarantine. Schultz explained that he spoke with Jonas Rabel, President of Integris this morning and Integris will update their Facebook page with new information. Information from the state level is obtainable on the Oklahoma State Department of Health website: www.ok.gov/health. Jonas Rabel explained the virus will spread, what they are trying to prevent is a spike in the number of cases which would create the hospital to be overrun with patients.

Ordinance 2020-02 was read by Mayor Schultz and each section was discussed. The ordinance includes limiting and closing certain commercial businesses to assist in promoting social.

Councilmember Davis explained that as the largest community in Ottawa County the council has a responsibility to safeguard the citizens.

The ordinance suspends various utility charges. The utility rate increase scheduled for April 01, 2020 is suspended until June 03, 2020. The demand changes from winter to summer rates scheduled to begin May 01, 2020 will be suspended until June 03, 3030. Utility penalties are suspended until June 03, 2020 and all penalties assessed on utility bills that were due from March 17, 2020 until the enactment of the ordinance will be reversed and not charged. Dean Kruithof explained that payment plans are available, and citizens are encouraged to call and set up a plan as needed.

The ordinance gives the city manager the authority to make emergency purchases and to enter into contracts to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. A report of such will be made to MSUA or to Council. The ordinance gives additional powers to the Mayor to address issues that may arise caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. A report will be made to MSUA or to Council. The ordinance limits in person gatherings on City Owned property and recommends CDC guidelines be followed. Ben Loring explained SB661 was passed by the state legislature and was signed by the governor last week. The bill modifies the open meeting act to allow for vote remotely by telephone in order to keep the number in attendance low. The ordinance is set to terminate at 12:00PM on April 15, 2020.

Mayor Schultz read some frequently asked questions and the responses. Councilmember Orcutt reported that NEO will move to an online format.

Councilmember Orcutt moved to approve ordinance 2020 – 02 declaring an emergency related to the impending threat COVID-19 to the people of the City of Miami, Oklahoma posing temporary restrictions within the city; suspending various Utility Rate Hikes; Authorizing Emergency Purchases and Contracts; Prohibiting Events or Gatherings on City-Owned Property; Recommending Limitations on Other Social Gatherings; Providing a Termination Date; Providing Severability; Providing for Conflicting Provisions; and Establishing an Emergency. Councilmember Davis made the second. The Council was polled with the following results:

Orcutt; Aye Davis; Aye Weston, Aye Lewis, Aye Schultz, Aye

Mayor Schultz declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Weston moved to approve the emergency clause for Ordinance 2020-02. Councilmember Lewis made the second. The Council was polled with the following results:

Weston, Aye Lewis, Aye Davis, Aye Orcutt; Aye Schultz; Aye

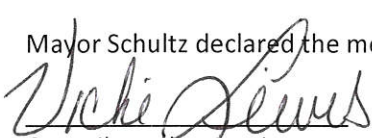
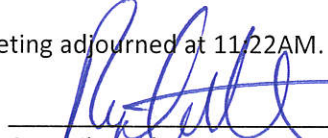


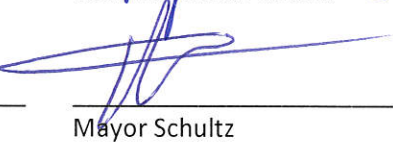

Mayor Schultz declared the motion carried.

Adjournment

Councilmember Orcutt moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lewis made the second. The Council was polled with the following results:

Orcutt, Aye Lewis, Aye Weston, Aye Davis, Aye Schultz, Aye

Mayor Schultz declared the meeting adjourned at 11:22AM.

 _____ Councilmember Lewis	 _____ Councilmember Orcutt	 _____ Councilmember Davis
 _____ Councilmember Weston	 _____ Mayor Schultz	ATTEST:  _____ Melissa Moore, City Clerk

