FRUITA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL REMOTE MEETING
MARCH 26, 2020
5:00 P.M.

Public Link to Meeting
When: Mar 26, 2020 05:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)
Topic: City Council Meeting - 3/26/20

The link to join the meeting electronically will be posted on 3/26/2020 prior to the meeting at www.fruita.org/covid19 under City Council meetings. You may also contact the City of Fruita at 970 858-3663 for information to connect to the meeting.

1. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Kincaid excluded the moment of silence from the agenda that is normally observed in lieu of the Invocation at the beginning of the second Council meeting of each month.

2. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Council members present via Zoom Video Conferencing were Ken Kreie, Amanda Ewing, Kyle Harvey, Dave Karisny and Lori Buck. Councilor Leonhart was marked as excused absent or potentially running late. Mayor Kincaid called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

3. AGENDA – ADOPT/AMEND

Mayor Kincaid asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Deputy City Clerk Deb Woods stated that there were no changes to the agenda.

- COUNCILOR KARISNY MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. COUNCILOR BUCK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH FIVE YES VOTES.

Councilor Karen Leonhart joined the meeting via the public link above at 5:05 p.m.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. CITY MANAGER MIKE BENNETT

1) RESOLUTION 2020-20 – EXTENSION OF DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY

City Manager Mike Bennett said that the item before the Council was a request for the Council to extend the Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency, which he originally declared on March 24, 2020 at 9:20 p.m. This is a formal action that the City of Fruita can take to set the community up
to be eligible for potential aid that could come from higher levels of government for economic hardships or expenditures that are made to limit the spread of COVID-19.

The Declaration describes all the steps that had occurred prior to the point in time in which the City of Fruita declared the local emergency. Many other declarations have occurred at the state and federal levels as well and Mr. Bennett noted that the City enacted its COVID-19 Response Plan on March 10, 2020. The City was holding off on declaring the local emergency until there was an absolute need to do so, but a trigger has recently arisen, just as the Council had discussed in previous meetings.

The trigger that transpired was the request and recommendation of the Mesa County Emergency Services Director for Grand Valley municipalities to declare a local emergency. Mr. recommended that the Council ratify the Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency and approve the extension of it.

- **COUNCILOR EWING MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2020-20 – EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY. COUNCILOR LEONHART SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH SIX YES VOTES.**

5. **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

Mr. Bennett provided the following updates:

- Staff is providing all of the City updates related to COVID-19 at fruita.org/covid19.
- Staff is not trying to reissue or summarize most of the information that is being put out by the Mesa County Public Health Department, state government or federal government, but staff has been providing all those links.
- The City of Fruita has links to the Governor’s Stay-At-Home Order and there is a FAQ on it that is very helpful for most residents and businesses to assist them in understanding how the Order from Governor Polis applies to each individual.
- The order from the Governor also states the many reasons people can get outside and Mr. Bennett asked residents, City Staff and the Council to continue to support local businesses as much as possible by patronizing those that can stay open.
- The Governor’s order also stresses social distancing, but allows people to be outside to get exercise and fresh air.
- The Mesa County Health Department reports six (6) cases of the corona virus in Mesa County. Mr. Bennett noted that this number represents cases of residents, but each of the hospitals throughout the Grand Valley have more cases of people who are not residents that they have treated. In one case, the source of the virus is unknown, but for the first five, the Health Department was able to determine the source.
- Mr. Bennett stated that construction and development are still going fairly strong; even though the Fruita Civic Center is closed to walk-ins, the Planning & Development Department has been extremely busy issuing many planning clearances and reviewing plans.
• The Planning & Development Director has worked with each of the applicants that were on the docket for Planning Commission or City Council by giving them alternative dates for rescheduling their public hearings to May.
• The April 21st City Council meeting agenda contains some Consent Agenda items and a possible Development Improvements Agreement (DIA).

6. COUNCIL REPORTS AND ACTIONS

COUNCILOR DAVE KARISNY

Councilor Karisny mentioned that the Grand Valley Regional Transportation Committee (GVRTC) has not decided if they are going to have an April 27th meeting, but if they do, it will be a remote (electronic) meeting. The GVRTC is not planning on cutting any services right now but is taking a number of precautions for their drivers and passengers.

COUNCILOR EWING

Councilor Ewing commended City staff and health care and grocery store workers for how they are handling the corona virus situation. Mayor Kincaid noted that Councilors Ewing’s and Karisny’s last meeting would be on April 21st after the municipal election.

There were no other Council Reports.

7. COUNCIL REPORTS AND ACTIONS

8. ADJOURN

With no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Woods
Deputy City Clerk
City of Fruita