

Regular Council Meeting April 21, 2020

Mayor Dusty Cornelius called the council meeting via teleconference to order at 7:03 p.m. with the following council members present: Brad Thornhill, Alva Rodriguez, Doyle Parrish, Heidi Hays, Abel Reyna, and Jim Justus. Also present were City Administrator Margot Hardin, City Secretary Amy Wallace, Chief of Police John Wilson, and Public Works Director Chase Longo.

Approve March 17, 2020 Minutes: Abel Reyna made a motion to approve the March 17, 2020 minutes. Doyle Parrish seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approve Emergency Meeting March 17, 2020 Minutes: Heidi Hays made a motion to approve the Emergency Meeting March 17, 2020 minutes. Jim Justus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approve Emergency Meeting April 9, 2020 Minutes: Abel Reyna made a motion to approve the Emergency Meeting April 9, 2020 minutes. Doyle Parrish seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approve March Accounts Payable: Brad Thornhill made a motion to approve the March Accounts Payable, excluding D & H Spraying and Landscape Accounts Payable. Heidi Hays seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approve March D & H Spraying and Landscape Accounts Payable: Abel Reyna made a motion to approve the March D & H Spraying and Landscape Accounts Payable. Heidi Hays seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Forum: Heidi Hays reported to the council that she has had two complaints about mosquitos. Public Works Director Chase Longo notified the council that mosquito spraying would start this evening.

Police Report: Chief of Police John Wilson presented the monthly police report.

Public Works Report: Public Works Director Chase Longo presented the monthly public works report.

Resolution 04-20-01 Approving Mayor's 2nd Declaration of Disaster: Doyle Parrish made a motion to approve Resolution 04-20-01 Approving Mayor's 2nd Declaration of Disaster. Abel Reyna seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-20-01

EXTENDING MAYOR'S SECOND DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been recognized as a pandemic by the World Health Organization and is a contagious respiratory virus; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott, issued a state-wide disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, there is at least one (1) confirmed case of COVID -19 in Crosby County; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to spread and pose an imminent threat of widespread or severe illness, injury, or loss of life requiring emergency action and represents a public health disaster according to the Texas Department of State Health Services; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Texas, on March 19, 2020, issued Executive Order GA-08, placing restrictions on social gatherings, visitations to local food and retail establishments where individuals in large numbers gather as well as visitations to nursing homes, retirement centers and long-term care facilities; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued Executive Order GA-14 superseding Executive Order GA-08, effective until April 30th confirming the social distancing requirements, further defining essential businesses and extending school closures until May 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, it is critical for the City of Crosbyton to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of the citizens of Crosbyton and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States and the United States Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), on March 16, 2020, issued COVID-19 Guidelines for America calling upon Americans to slow the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people, using drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options at restaurants and bars, and avoiding visitation at nursing homes, among other steps; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code §418.108(a), the Mayor issued a declaration of local disaster on March 17th due to the COVID-19 pandemic that was renewed and extended on March 17th by the City Council of the City of Crosbyton until April 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor issued the Mayor's Second Declaration of Disaster on April 4, 2020 in order to provide additional guidance and clarification to the March 17th Declaration due to the increased number of confirmed cases of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Second Declaration of Disaster was extended on April 9th by Resolution of the City Council of the City of Crosbyton until April 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution of the City Council of the City of Crosbyton, paragraph 19, Specific Provisions, of the Mayor's Second Declaration of Disaster issued on April 4, 2020, was amended to read "Curfew for Minors from 10:00 p.m. on any day until 5:00 a.m. of the following day, unless for work;" and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code §418.108, the City Council believes it to be in the best interest of the City and its citizens, in order to protect and preserve the public health, safety and welfare, to affirm the Mayor's Second Declaration of Disaster and continue the extension of the Declaration of Local Disaster;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROSBYTON, TEXAS, HEREBY RESOLVES AND DECLARES:

1. **THAT** the recitals outlined above are found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein as if set forth fully herein.
2. **THAT** all terms and conditions of the Mayoral Declaration of a Local Disaster, which was signed and executed by the Mayor on March 17, 2020, along with the Mayor's Second Declaration of Disaster issued on April 4, 2020, and the Resolution of the City Council extending and affirming the Mayor's Declaration of Disaster passed on April 9, 2020, not in direct conflict with this Resolution, are hereby renewed in accordance with Texas Government Code § 418.108(b).
3. **THAT** pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this Resolution extending Mayor's Second Declaration of Disaster and continuing the extension of the Mayoral Declaration of Local Disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.
4. **THAT** the City Council authorizes the Mayor to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the COVID-19 virus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the City, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals, and all actions authorized for a general-law municipality pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 418 and Texas Health and Safety Code §122.005, enforcing applicable orders issued by the Crosby County Judge, the Governor of the State of Texas or the Texas Department of State Health Services related to suppressing the COVID-19 virus, and insuring compliance of such actions.
5. **THAT** to the extent permitted by law, any local ordinance or administrative rule prescribing the procedures for conduct of City business or any local ordinance or administrative rule that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster, including any local ordinance or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement which would impede the City's emergency response necessary to cope with this declared disaster, are hereby suspended, but only for the duration of this declared local disaster and only for that limited purpose.
6. **THAT**, in the event any term or condition of this Resolution, the Mayoral Declaration of Local Disaster or the Mayor's Second Declaration of Disaster is in direct conflict with and superseded by Executive Order GA-14 or any subsequent executive order of the Governor of the State of Texas, the Mayor and the City Manager are authorized to comport the respective Resolution, Declaration, Mayor's

Second Declaration of Disaster, or any subsequent Mayoral order to come into compliance with the Governor's executive order without further action being taken by the City Council.

7. **THAT** the Mayor and the City Manager is authorized to use all available resources of the City of Crosbyton reasonably necessary to comply with this Declaration.

8. **THAT** pursuant to §418.173 of the Texas Government Code, any person who knowingly or intentionally violates this Declaration commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

9. **THAT** this resolution and extension of the declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall remain in full force until the Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott, issues a proclamation or other similar declaration that his state-wide disaster proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas has ended or until 11:59 p.m. on May 19, 2020, subject to being extended, modified, amended, rescinded or superseded under applicable laws.

READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 21st day of April 2020.

CITY OF CROSBYTON

By: _____
Dusty Cornelius, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Wallace, City Secretary

Resolution 04-20-02 Mayoral Suggested Best Practices and Precautionary Measures for Grocery Stores, Convenience Stores, Drug Stores (COVID-19): Brad Thornhill made a motion to approve Resolution 04-20-02 Mayoral Suggested Best Practices and Precautionary Measures for Grocery Stores, Convenience Stores, Drug Stores (COVID-19). Jim Justus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-20-02

GROCERY STORES, CONVENIENCE STORES, DRUG STORES

MAYORAL SUGGESTED BEST PRACTICES AND PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been recognized globally as a contagious respiratory virus and continues to spread and to pose an increasing, imminent threat of disaster throughout the City of Crosbyton and beyond; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued Executive Order GA-14 superseding Executive Order GA-08, effectively mandating that all travel be restricted except that necessary to obtain essential services and prohibited social gatherings as well as other mandates necessary to more effectively contain the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Crosbyton, issued Second Declaration of Disaster, approved via Resolution No. 04-20 on April 9, 2020 to help further contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout the City of Crosbyton; and

WHEREAS, grocery stores, convenience stores, drug stores, and pharmacies are considered essential businesses and services; and

WHEREAS, while it is imperative that the public continue to have the ability to purchase groceries and other essential products, it is also necessary to take those precautionary steps to reduce the continued spread of COVID-19 including following federal and CDC guidelines and taking affirmative steps to ensure that social distancing of 6 feet is maintained; and

WHEREAS, the many of the grocery stores, convenience stores, drug stores, and pharmacies have already implemented numerous policies and practices designed to protect its employees and patrons from the continued spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in order to assist the grocery stores, convenience stores, drug stores, and pharmacies in their efforts to protect their employees and members of the public from the continued spread of COVID-19, the Mayor has developed the following suggested best practices and precautionary measures;

BEST PRACTICES AND PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR GROCERY STORES, CONVENIENCE STORES, DRUG STORES, AND PHARMACIES

1. For larger stores, limit the occupancy of each store so as not to exceed 20% of total permitted occupancy as per City occupancy standards including employees at any given time.

For smaller buildings, limit the occupancy of each store so as not to exceed 10 individuals at any given time including employees.

2. Provide clearly marked floor markers encouraging social distancing of at least six (6) feet as per the CDC guidelines for all areas where customers from lines or are required to wait for assistance including if waiting outside the store.
3. Where feasible, require customers/patrons/members of the public to enter through one door and exit a different door thus minimizing contact between members of the public.
4. Where feasible, designate aisles for one way traffic to improve social distancing where feasible.
5. Where feasible, install sneeze guards at cash registers, counters, customer windows or anywhere the public must interact in-person with employees.
6. Implement additional cleanliness measures including sanitizing frequently touched surfaces such as grocery carts, door handles, checkout pin pads, etc.
7. Implement additional cleanliness measures and policies for employees. For example, employees will be given time to wash hands every hour.

As Mayor, I recognize and sincerely appreciate the dedication and hard-work that all of the employees of our retail grocery stores, convenience stores, drug stores, and pharmacies are providing each and every day during this difficult time. I am thankful for your presence and service to the Crosbyton community. Hopefully these suggested measures will enhance and build upon the policies and practices you have already put in place.

Dusty Cornelius, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Wallace, City Secretary

Extending Delinquent Utility Bills and Disconnecting Fees Due to COVID-19 Pandemic: Jim Justus made a motion to extend delinquent utility bills due to COVID-19 Pandemic through May 20, 2020. Alva Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrative Report: City Administrator Margot Hardin updated the council on the status of city projects.

With no further business before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Dusty Cornelius, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Wallace, City Secretary