

**March 16, 2020
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
EMERGENCY MEETING
1705 MAIN STREET
DAPHNE, AL
4:30 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

There being a quorum present Council President Robin LeJeune called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Tommie Conaway, Doug Goodlin, Robin LeJeune, Ron Scott, Angie Phillips and Joel Coleman

COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT: Pat Rudicell

Also Present: Candace Antinarella, City Clerk; Jay Ross, City Attorney; Mayor Dane Haygood; Kelli Reid, Finance Director; Jeremy Sasser, Public Works Director; BJ Eringman, Deputy Public Works Director; Hannah Noonan, Human Resources; Chief Carpenter, Police Department; Kenny Hanak, Fire Department; Ange Baggett, Marketing and Recreation Director; Eric Lazzari, Facilities Director; Eric Butler, Building Official; Courtney Coleman, Revenue Officer; Tonja Young, Library; Chip Martin, Fire Marshal; Betsy Schneider, Operations; Conrad Bates, IT; Jane Ellis, Senior Center; Vickie Hinman, HR Director; Troy Strunk, Director of City Development and Jessica Linne, Assistant City Clerk.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation was given by Councilman Scott.

3. CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC (COVID-19):

A. DISCUSS THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE POTENTIAL HAZARD TO THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF GENERAL PUBLIC

Each Department gave an update on the precautions they are putting in place to prepare for the pandemic.

B. CONSIDER AND/OR AUTHORIZE THE CLOSURE OF CERTAIN CITY FACILITIES

Mayor Haygood shared his recent memorandum sent to City employees concerning the pandemic and his recommended facility closings. Discussion was had on the closing of the library, parks, senior center and how to provide services to the public.

Councilman LeJeune asked the Mayor if he is planning to close City Hall. Mayor Haygood said he doesn't recommend closing City Hall or the library to the public.

Discussion was had concerning business licenses and the City Clerk's office interacting with the public addressing concerns should City Hall be closed.

Mayor Haygood said Court will be reinstated April 21, 2020. He also mentioned that all city business travel has been curtailed for the time being. Mayor Haygood mentioned that he had spoken to Department Heads and said he was ok with excusing them if they didn't have pertinent information to share with the Council.

Councilman LeJeune said he felt like there should be a 60 day suspension on all City meetings, except the Council and Planning Commission.

MOTION by Councilman Scott to allow Mayor Haygood and Council President to require individual Department Heads to attend Council meetings as needed and allow others be excused from Council meetings during this pandemic unless they have information to share. Seconded by Councilman Goodlin.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mayor Haygood said that the IT Department is moving forward with purchasing equipment and setting up ways to live stream Council meetings.

**MOTION by Councilman Scott to cancel the March 23, 2020 Council Meeting for the intention of Fire Chief interviews to be rescheduled at a later date. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Scott to cancel all City Board, Committee and Authority meetings for the next 60 days. Seconded by Councilman Goodlin.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. DECLARATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

**MOTION by Councilwoman Phillips to waive the reading of the Declaration of a State of Local Emergency. Seconded by Councilman Goodlin.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Phillips to adopt the Declaration of a State of Local Emergency. Seconded by Councilman Goodlin.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council members asked questions regarding testing of individuals coming into City Hall.

**MOTION by Councilman LeJeune to recommend to the Mayor to close beginning March 19, 2020 the Library to include the drop off to remove face to face contact and only utilize online book service as well as closing City Hall to the public.
City Attorney suggested using the Resolution provided because of the specific language used in the Resolution. Councilman LeJeune agreed and withdrew his motion. City Attorney said it is not specific to the Library or City Hall, but he said it can be tweaked to say that. He said it authorizes the Mayor to close City Facilities as need be.**

City Attorney, Patrick Dungan, explained the law in Alabama when it comes to closings and state of emergencies. He explained the Resolution 2020-19.

D. RESOLUTION:

2020-19 – Coronavirus Pandemic

**MOTION by Councilwoman Phillips to waive the reading of Resolution 2020-19. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway. Councilman LeJeune asked if the Resolution would be the best decision in regards to authority given to close buildings. City Attorney clarified the Resolution's authority.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Phillips to adopt Resolution 2020-19. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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MOTION by Councilman LeJeune to recommend to the Mayor to close City Hall to the public as well as close the Library to the public and not use online pickup beginning Thursday, March 19, 2020.

Seconded by Councilman Coleman.

Councilwoman Conaway – Aye

Councilman Goodlin – Nay

Councilman LeJeune – Aye

Councilman Scott – Nay

Councilwoman Phillips – Aye

Councilman Coleman – Aye

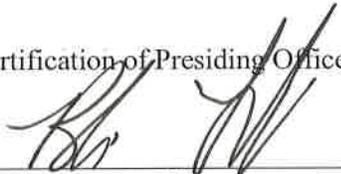
13. **ADJOURN:**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, COUNCIL ADJOURNED INTO A 5 MINUTE BREAK AT 6:16PM BEFORE ENTERING INTO THE SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING.

Respectfully submitted by,

Certification of Presiding Officer,


Candace G. Antinarella, CMC, City Clerk


Robin LeJeune, Council President