



CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING JUNE 24, 2020

Members Present:

Mayor Gary Neffendorf
Mayor Pro Tem Bobby Watson
Councilmember Charlie Kiehne
Councilmember Tom Musselman
Councilmember Polly Rickert

Members Absent:

None

City Staff Present:

Kent Myers, City Manager
Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works and Utilities
Daniel Jones, City Attorney
Lynn Bizzell, Fire Chief
Steve Wetz, Police Chief
Brian Jordan, Development Services Director
Lea Feuge, Public Information Officer
Russell Immel, Information Technology Director
Andrea Schmidt, Parks Department Director
Tammie Loth, Human Resource Director
Kelli Olfers, Gillespie County Health Director
Laura Hollenbeck, Finance Director
Kris Kneese, Assistant Director of Public Works and Utilities
Garrett Bonn, Assistant Engineer
Jennifer Krupa, Special Events Coordinator
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Neffendorf called the emergency meeting of the Fredericksburg City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 2020, held remotely via Zoom Teleconferencing. This Emergency Meeting is for immediate City Council action required due to the rapidly increasing COVID-19 case counts, and data showing an increase in COVID-19 transmission stemming from large gatherings. On roll call vote:

Mayor Neffendorf	aye
Councilmember Kiehne	aye
Councilmember Musselman	aye
Councilmember Rickert	aye
Councilmember Watson	aye

Mayor Neffendorf announced a quorum of the City Council is present.

2. UPDATE ON CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC

Lynn Bizzell, Fire Chief, reported as of 6-23-2020:

World 8,993,659 Positive Cases			United States 2,302,288 Positive Cases			
Texas Positive Cases	Texas Total Deaths	Texas Active Cases	Texas Recovered Cases	Texas Test Preformed	Texas Counties	Texas Hospitalized
120,370	2,220	47,436	70,714	1,805,642	242 out of 254	4,092
Texas Highest cases Days	6-10-2020 2,504	6-16-2020 4,098	6-20-2020 4,430			
Texas Highest fatalities days	5-14-2020 58	5-15-2020 56	6-16-2020 46	6-23-2020 28		
Region 8 Total Cases	Region 8 Deaths	Region 8 Active Cases	Region 8 Counties	Region 8 Pending investigation cases	Region 8 Probable cases	Region 8 New cases Since last report
9,987	135	5,504	27 out of 28	435	196	565

He also stated Gillespie County is reporting 31 cases with some of these pending investigations. Yesterday one hundred eighty-two people got tested, and the results should be available within a week. He encouraged everyone to follow the CDC Guidelines, social distancing to eliminate community spread, good hygiene, and wear a mask when you cannot keep 6 feet apart.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Neffendorf reviewed the different ways the public could provide comments. He stated the City received three citizen comments. He noted City Staff will make contact with the three citizens who provided comments

Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary, read the three names of the residents who emailed written comments (Michaela, Craig Lindig, and Chasity Neutze).

4. FUTURE SPECIAL EVENTS

A. Consider, discuss, and take appropriate action on Special Event Permits issued by the City for the following scheduled events:

Jennifer Krupa, Special Events Coordinator, reported the number of positive COVID-19 cases have increased, so she has contacted several groups regarding their upcoming special events. She stated the current Governor's Order reduces the maximum mass gatherings, and some events will struggle to follow the CDC Guidelines due to their event attendance. She also

reviewed the Mayor's role regarding events within the City that will have more than 100 people. She discussed a moratorium and a written plan for all events held on City property.

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the reasons for approving a 30-day moratorium due to the increases of COVID-19.

The City Council discussed a 30-day moratorium, special event permits, and the increase of COVID-19 cases. They also discussed allowing the event coordinators time to create a plan and be considered at the July 20, 2020, City Council Regular Meeting.

Daniel Jones, City Attorney, reviewed the City Code of Ordinances related to the City Managers' role regarding Special Events. He also reviewed the Mayor's role being able to create additional restrictions, provided in the recent Governor's Order.

Mayor Neffendorf expressed his concerns regarding holding special events on Market Square and keeping participants safe during the virus increase.

Councilmember Musselman provided the square footage of Market Square, and the estimated maximum number of people allowed in order to maintain social distancing.

i. Knights of Columbus Bestfest

Jennifer Krupa, Special Events Coordinator, reviewed the event and stated the event coordinators are willing to work with the City to provide a successful event. She also discussed the steps the organization is willing to do to follow the CDC Guidelines.

The City Council discussed the event and requested a plan to come back to them for consideration.

ii. Farmer's Market

Jennifer Krupa, Special Events Coordinator, reported the current process used at Farmer's Market. She also noted that the market coordinator is willing to change the market back to grab & go and eliminate the music, food, and wine.

The City Council agreed by consensus to allow the Farmer's Market to proceed as usual this week but beginning July 2 to use the grab & go format for holding the market.

iii. July 4th Fireworks

Kent Myers, City Manager, stated the City Council previously voted to approve holding the Fireworks with using a drive-in style format. Still, with the recent increase in positive cases, several surrounding cities have now cancelled. He also noted that the City Council previously discussed postponing the Fireworks to Labor Day.

Jennifer Krupa, Special Events Coordinator, reported Luckenbach canceled their July 4 events, and Alstadt Brewing's Fireworks are still moving forward. She noted the cost related to cancelling or postponing the City Fireworks.

The City Council discussed the effects that cancelling or postponing the Fireworks will have on the City. They also discussed the traffic impact on Hwy 16 and 290 and the stay in your car format for viewing the Fireworks.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Musselman to reconsider the motion approving the Fireworks, to not hold them this year due to COVID-19. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

iv. Hill Country Swap Meet

Jennifer Krupa, Special Events Coordinator, reviewed the plan that Swap Meet coordinators have submitted for their event, scheduled for July 24 – July 26, 2020.

The City Council discussed the plan that was submitted.

The City Council agreed by consensus to allow this event to move forward using the plan they submitted and the CDC Guidelines.

v. Cross Trails Fall Festival

Jennifer Krupa, Special Events Coordinator, reviewed the event and stated this event occurs in September.

The City Council discussed the event and requested a plan to come back to them for consideration.

vi. Kraut Run

Jennifer Krupa, Special Events Coordinator, reviewed the event and explained that the final event is a celebration at Town Pool.

The City Council discussed the event and requested a plan to come back to them for consideration.

5. ADJOURN

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kiehne, seconded by Councilmember Watson, to adjourn the Wednesday, June 24, 2020, City Council Regular Meeting at 7:21 p.m.

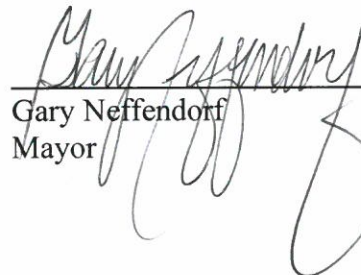
On roll call vote:

Councilmember Musselman	aye
Mayor Neffendorf	aye
Councilmember Kiehne	aye
Councilmember Rickert	aye
Councilmember Watson	aye

The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST


Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary


Gary Neffendorf
Mayor