

**SPECIAL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NASSAU BAY, TEXAS
MARCH 19, 2020
5:00 PM**

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Mark Denman, Councilmembers Ashley Graves, John Mahon, Bryce Klug, and Bob Warters

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Don Matter (teleconference) and Councilmember Matt Prior

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Jason Reynolds, City Secretary Sandra Ham, Assistant City Manager Mary Chambers, Finance Director Csilla Ludanyi, Police Chief Tim Cromie, and Human Resources Manager Chani Honeycutt

PRESIDING: Mayor Mark Denman

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Mayor Mark Denman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and announced a quorum of Council was present with five elected officials in attendance.

CITIZENS' REQUEST FOR HEARING BEFORE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Mark Denman announced a Public Hearing for citizens to address Council regarding any issues or concerns.

The Public Hearing was opened at 5:01 p.m.

There were no public comments and the Public Hearing was immediately closed.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of the first reading and only reading of Ordinance O2020-797 of the City of Nassau Bay, Texas, providing for the extension of the Mayor's previously signed Declaration of Disaster (Emergency Notice) dated the 13th day of March 2020.

Councilmember John Mahon inquired on how the long the extension of the disaster declaration would be in effect. City Manager Jason Reynolds stated it is in effect until City Council terminates the order. Councilmember Bryce Klug requested more details the purpose of the declaration for the City. City Manager Reynolds indicated the extension provides for the federal reimbursement of any costs the City should incur during the pandemic.

The caption of the ordinance reads as follows (first and only reading):

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF DISASTER
DECLARATION AS PROVIDED FOR HEREIN AND MAKING CERTAIN
FINDINGS OF FACT AND OTHER CONCLUSIONS AS SET OUT
HEREIN.

(Said Ordinance is of record in Ordinance Book No. 13 of the City of Nassau Bay, Texas, being Ordinance No. O2020-797.)

It was moved by Councilmember Ashley Graves, seconded by Councilmember Bob Warters, to approve the first reading of an ordinance providing for the extension of the Mayor's previously signed Declaration of Disaster (Emergency Notice) dated the 13th day of March 2020.

Motion passed 5 – 0.

Update on the status of the City of Nassau Bay regarding the COVID-19 pandemic

Councilmember Ashley Graves began the discussion by inquiring if the declaration made by State of Texas Governor Abbott created any conflicts or affected the City's local declaration. City Manager Jason Reynolds stated it did not and continued overviewing the current information about the order.

Discussion ensued regarding public gatherings, specifically the effect it would have on conducting public Council meetings. Mr. Reynolds noted that City Secretary Sandra Ham was conferring with other City Secretaries around the region to determine the best method for the next City Council meeting, and whether virtual meetings were an option.

Councilmember Mahon inquired whether the City could livestream the next meeting, in order to encourage citizens to not attend in person, but still provide the ability participate in the meeting. City Manager Reynolds indicated a live stream of the meeting was possible, with Councilmember Bryce Klug voicing his concerns against streaming the video on Facebook. Rather, Councilmember Klug requested the meeting to be streamed on the City's website. Mr. Reynolds indicated that Saturday's March 21st special meeting will be live streamed.

Mayor Mark Denman requested feedback regarding the City livestreaming the meeting. Mayor Denman indicated his support for the livestream process to be a one-time process, and not a requirement for every future City Council meeting. City Manager Reynolds indicated any future meetings would be scaled down to the core necessities of a Council meeting. It was noted there would be access to the recording of the live streamed Council meeting.

Councilmember Bryce Klug continued the discussion and inquired on the local restaurants in Nassau Bay, and their economic status through the COVID-19 Stay Home – Work Safe order. City Manager Reynolds noted the City is actively promoting the City's restaurants on social media.

Councilmember Ashley Graves inquired on Erma's Nutrition Store, and if there were any restrictions barring them from hosting their weekly farmer's market. City Manager Reynolds responded by stating that Erma's is not restricted under the executive orders as they are considered a "grocery store." He stated the City's Police Department will focus on using discretion during this time and will encourage all to practice proper safety measures.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Minutes approved as submitted and/or amended this 11th day of May, A.D. 2020.



ATTEST:

Sandra V. Ham
City Secretary

CITY OF NASSAU BAY, TEXAS

Mark A. Denman
Mayor