

City of San Angelo, Texas
Emergency City Council Meeting
Thursday, March 19, 2020

Present:

Mayor Brenda Gunter
Mayor Pro tem Harry Thomas, SMD 3
Council Member Tommy Hiebert, SMD 1
Council Member Tom Thompson, SMD 2
Council Member Lucy Gonzales, SMD 4
Council Member Lane Carter, SMD 5
Council Member Billie DeWitt, SMD 6

1. Call to Order

With a quorum of the City Council Members present, Mayor Gunter called the special session of the San Angelo City Council to order at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2020, in the San Angelo McNease Convention Center, 501 Rio Concho Drive, San Angelo, Texas 76903.

2. Public Comment

Mayor Gunter asked for personal and social responsibility and a collective effort from the citizens to ensure the health and safety of the Concho Valley. She recapped Governor Abbott's noon declaration, effective March 20, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

Tom Green County Judge Steve Floyd announced they are in full support of the mayor and governor's efforts and are issuing an order to cover county specific services and authorities.

3. Emergency Agenda

- a. Approval of declaring an extension to the declaration of a local disaster (Presentation made by City Attorney Theresa James)

Health Director Sandra Villarreal responded to questions regarding testing in Tom Green County.

Council Member Hiebert read into record a statement from Dr. Fauci of the National Institute of Health and requested vigilance in this time.

Mayor Gunter advised that Dave Erickson of the ASU Small Business Development Center and Michael Looney of the Chamber of Commerce are points of contact for business resources. She also stated the police non-emergency line should be used to report violations of the public health declaration or state's executive order.

City Attorney Theresa James clarified rules for churches, airports, and other businesses.

Angelo State University President Dr. May provided an update on transitioning to online courses and announced May graduation ceremonies have been postponed. He also stated ninety percent of employees are now off-campus and provisions have been made for students remaining on-campus.

San Angelo Independent School District Superintendent Dr. Dethloff announced they have developed a home-based learning platform beginning Monday through April 10th.

Shannon Medical Center President and CEO Shane Plymell provided an update on Shannon's safety focus, explained the use of remote platforms for screening and offsite testing, and their plans to care for any potential patients in the Concho Valley.

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City Manager Daniel Valenzuela announced that essential city services will continue during this time. He encouraged strict compliance with all guidelines so the community can quickly return to normal and stressed that returning to normal buying habits will allow grocery stores to return to normal stocking levels.

Goodfellow Air Force Base Commander Colonel Nazario announced they are deemed mission critical and will continue to operate during this time with modified services and have confined students to Goodfellow.

Mayor Gunter thanked City Attorney Theresa James for her leadership and assistance.

Chamber of Commerce Vice President of Economic Development Michael Looney announced a newly deployed business resource hub on their website at www.sanangelo.org.

Mayor Gunter announced the City's Public Information Office will gather and disperse updates from all community partners and will provide regular community updates to the public.

City Attorney Theresa James reminded governments, businesses, and citizens to track their emergency related expenses for possible reimbursement.

Concho Valley Council of Governments John Austin Stokes stated they are operating as normal, with enhanced cleaning procedures.

Mayor Gunter stated State Representative Drew Darby and Senator Perry's offices are aware of our actions, are involved in the process, and have been supportive of our efforts.

Motion: Council Member DeWitt made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hiebert, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously (7) ayes to (0) nays.

Mayor Gunter announced a press conference would immediately follow this meeting and clarified this meeting was held in lieu of the originally scheduled Monday, March 23, 2020 meeting.

4. Adjournment

Motion: Council Member Hiebert made a motion, seconded by Council Member Carter, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously (7) ayes to (0) nays.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

THE CITY OF SAN ANGELO, TEXAS:

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Mayor Gunter

Brenda Gunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Julia Antille

Julia Antille, City Clerk

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