

JAMESTOWN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, MARCH 16, 2020
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

The special meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Heinrich at 5:30 P.M.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Mayor Heinrich, Council Members Phillips, Steele, Brubakken, and Buchanan, City Attorney Ryan, and City Administrator Hellekson.

Mayor Heinrich read the declaration of the state of emergency he signed on Saturday, March 14, 2020, that he is asking the City Council to endorse.

Robin Iszler, Director, Central Valley Health, stated that the State of ND Health Department opened the Emergency Operations Center and is working to fit test N-95 masks and will continue to work with the state to provide services. The ND Department of Health Hotline is 1-866-207-2880 and available from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Tami Dillman, CVH, stated that the department's website, health.nd.gov has CDC links and information about COVID-19.

David Klein, Great Plains Housing Association Executive Director, reminded people that many organizations may have limited services and to be patient. Klein stated that anxiety is a factor and to remember that the FirstLink 211 line is a free, confidential service and available to anyone at any time. Text your zip code to 898-211 for help. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is 1-800-273-8255.

Jerry Bergquist, Stutsman County Emergency Manager, stated that with this public emergency declaration, the City is helping to increase the public's awareness of this new public health situation and hopefully increasing the likelihood of support.

Council Member Brubakken moved a Resolution to declare an emergency for the City of Jamestown in response to the COVID-19 novel corona virus. Seconded by Council Member Phillips. Roll Call No. 1 showed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Carried.

The Mayor stated that the City of Jamestown Civic Center is closed to the public through March at which time staff will assess the situation. This means closed for walking and events will have to be rescheduled if possible.

Further public meetings can be accessed by viewing through the CSI video, or by calling a phone number and conference code that will be provided for each meeting. The numbers for Thursday, March 26, 2020, 3:00 PM Committees and 5:00 PM Special City Council are 1-701-566-9575, conference ID 932143993#.

Council Member Buchanan moved to adjourn at 5:49 PM. Seconded by Council Member Steele. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

ATTEST:
SARAH HELLEKSON, City Administrator

APPROVED:
DWAINE HEINRICH, Mayor