



**MINUTES
MARCH 27, 2020
LAVON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
3:00 P.M.**

The meeting was conducted telephonically in accordance with the orders of the Office of the Governor in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The meeting agenda and packet were posted on the city website prior to the meeting.

ATTENDING: VICKI SANSON, MAYOR
JOHN KELL, PLACE 1
MIKE COOK, PLACE 2
KAY WRIGHT, MAYOR PRO TEM, PLACE 3
TED DILL, PLACE 4
MINDI SERKLAND, PLACE 5

1. **MAYOR SANSON CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 3:02 P.M., CONDUCTED A ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCED A QUORUM PRESENT.**
2. **MAYOR SANSON OBSERVED A MOMENT OF SILENCE.**
3. **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Joshua Murray, 1762 Lake Rd., Collin County, stated concern with the delay of hiring additional police personnel and the potential future crime rate caused by the coronavirus.

4. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- A. Discussion and action regarding Resolution No. 2020-03-08 providing guidance to protect the safety and welfare of the public supplemental to the Declaration of Local State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency executed by Mayor Vicki Sanson on March 16, 2020 and extended by the City Council on March 23, 2020 until April 8, 2020; and providing an effective date.**

City Administrator Kim Dobbs reviewed changes from the original resolution outlined in the presented red-line copy. A grammatical change was made to Section 7. There was discussion of the terminology shelter-in-place and stay-at-home. City Attorney John Lawson stated that the verbiage is only a guideline. Mr. Cook relayed that his experience at his Dallas retail location was that after the shelter-in-place declaration the attitude and actions of shoppers changed dramatically, that it seemed to get their attention better and conveyed the seriousness of matters. Council members Kell, Serkland and Dill expressed support for shelter-in-place language. Mayor Sanson asked what the impact would be on the average citizen and Mr. Lawson stated that the citizens should understand from the declaration that the Council has a genuine concern for the residents of Lavon.

Ms. Dobbs recapped that the resolution contains provisions discussed on March 17, 2020 to temporarily suspend utility disconnections, close public playground and picnic facilities, discontinue non-essential meetings and a small number of businesses may be required to temporarily close. Ms. Dobbs stated that the goal is to encourage citizens to act responsibly during this time. Ms. Wright expressed support for shelter-in-place language and for the resolution as proposed.

Ms. Dobbs advised that the staff is monitoring financial activity and assessing the potential impacts of the economy on city fiscal conditions, noting a temporary freeze on hiring of the second new authorized police officer. Chief Jones added that at this time there was not a candidate for the position and he felt there would be no impact to operations resulting from a delay in hiring. Mayor Sanson confirmed that one of the two officers had been hired and Chief Jones noted that there are presently 11 fulltime sworn personnel and 7 reserve officers.

Mayor Sanson polled each council member to see if there were any questions or issues for discussion relating to this item.

MOTION: APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2020-03-08 PROVIDING GUIDANCE TO PROTECT THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY EXECUTED BY MAYOR VICKI SANSON ON MARCH 16, 2020 UNTIL APRIL 8, 2020, AS AMENDED; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION MADE: KELL
SECONDED: DILL
APPROVED: UNANIMOUS

The Mayor called roll for the vote:

PLACE 1-JOHN KELL	FOR
PLACE 2-MIKE COOK	FOR
PLACE 3-KAY WRIGHT	FOR
PLACE 4-TED DILL	FOR
PLACE 5-MINIDI SERKLAND	FOR

Ms. Dobbs noted that the resolution would be scheduled for consideration and possible extension at the April 7, 2020 meeting.

5. MAYOR SANSON ADJOURNED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 3:57 P.M.

DULY PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of Lavon, Texas, on this 7th day of April 2020.



Vicki Sanson

Mayor

ATTEST:



Kim Dobbs
City Administrator/City Secretary

