

March 31, 2020

The City Council of the City of Fort Morgan, Colorado, met this day for a virtual meeting via computer link due to restrictions on public gatherings related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The Honorable Mayor Ron Shaver called the special meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll Call: Present: Honorable Mayor Ron Shaver
Councilmember Clint Anderson
Councilmember Lyn Deal
Councilmember Allison Howe
Councilmember Kevin Lindell
Councilmember Doug Schossow
Councilmember Brian Urdiales

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION POLICY FOR USE IN THE EVENT OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION

Acting City Manager Brent Nation said this resolution would allow the city council and city boards and commissions to conduct electronic meetings in the event of a local emergency such as the one currently in existence across the state and country for the COVID-19 pandemic. Nation said this resolution was in line with what many other locations in Colorado had been adopting.

Councilmember Kevin Lindell offered a resolution to approve the Resolution adopting an electronic participation policy for use in the event of a local emergency declaration, which was seconded by Councilmember Clint Anderson and approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING EMERGENCY AUTHORITY

Nation explained that this resolution would enact an emergency declaration for the city in light of the pandemic, and give temporary emergency powers to the acting city manager to take actions to protect the public health and suppress the spread of disease. He said it would also make the city eligible for emergency assistance or disaster relief funding for which it might qualify, and that there was no intent by the city to enact a curfew or other measures unless absolutely necessary. The emergency declaration would be effective for 30 days from the date of adoption and could be extended by the council if needed.

Councilmember Allison Howe offered a resolution to approve the Resolution concerning the Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency, declaring an emergency and providing emergency powers, which was seconded by Anderson and approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC CONSENT FOR SIGNATURES ON ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, CONTRACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS REQUIRING THE CITY'S SIGNATURE

Nation said this was an additional measure to allow the city to continue to operate under the restrictions on gatherings and mandated social distancing during the pandemic. This measure would be good for 60 days and could also be extended by the council.

Lindell offered a resolution to approve the Resolution approving the use of electronic consent for signatures on ordinances, resolutions, contracts and other instruments requiring the city's signature. That resolution was seconded by Anderson and approved unanimously.

Mayor Shaver adjourned the March 31, 2020 special meeting at 5:56 p.m.

/s/ Ronald Shaver
Mayor

/s/ John Brennan
City Clerk