



CITY OF BANDERA

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MINUTES FOR THE EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BANDERA

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2020 AT 11:00 AM
IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AT 511 MAIN STREET, BANDERA, TEXAS

THERE EXISTS A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS THAT NECESSITATES A MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO TAKE ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY FOR WHICH NOTICE IS HEREBY POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 551.045 FOR AT LEAST ONE HOUR BEFORE THE MEETING IS CONVENED.

1. Call to order.

Mayor Schauman calls the meeting to order at 11:00 am. All councilmembers are present Also present is the City Secretary Jill Shelton, City Administrator J Horry, City Attorney Dan Santee and Marshal Will Dietrich.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Marshal Dietrich offers the invocation and all stand for the pledge.

3. Visitors to be heard. *(Please hold comments to three (3) minutes.)*

There are no visitors to be heard.

4. Discussion and possible action on the following items:

- A. An ordinance pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code Section 122.005 to take any action necessary or expedient to promote health or suppress disease, including actions to:**
- (1) prevent the introduction of a communicable disease into the municipality, including stopping, detaining, and examining a person coming from a place that is infected or believed to be infected with a communicable disease;**
 - (2) establish, maintain, and regulate hospitals in the municipality or in any area within five miles of the municipal limits; or**
 - (3) abate any nuisance that is or may become injurious to the public health.**
 - (4) rules necessary or expedient to promote health or suppress disease or to prevent the introduction of a communicable disease into the municipality, including quarantine rules, and may enforce those rules in the municipality and in any area within 10 miles of the municipality.**

City Attorney Dan Santee explains how the city can approach an emergency declaration and what that entails. He explains Governor Abbott's Executive Orders and the emergency authority afforded to the City.

There is discussion about regulating City Park and churches, enforcing possible penalties, closing City Hall to the public, waving specific utility fees, enforcing the recommendations from the Governor's Office, procedures for employees if someone is confirmed with the virus, giving

authority to the City Administrator to make decisions as things move forward, the Economic Development Corporation assisting businesses, and waiving temporary signage for businesses.

Mayor Schauman recesses the meeting at 12:17 pm.

Mayor Schauman reconvenes the meeting at 12:25 pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Gibson makes a motion that Bandera City Park will remain open to foot, bicycle, and horse traffic, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. There is discussion about what is included within the City Park and what facilities will be closed. There is discussion about restricting access to equipment. Mayor Pro Tem Gibson withdraws her motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Gibson makes a motion that Bandera City Park will remain open to foot, bicycle, and horse traffic; activities in City Park are limited to walking, bicycling and horseback riding through the park; congregation of any kind is prohibited; gate will remain closed; pedestrian access point remain open; disc golf course is closed, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. There is continued discussion about what to leave open, what surfaces people may come in contact with and limiting access to equipment.

Mayor Pro Tem Gibson amends her motion to strike the part about the disc golf course being closed; to add restroom closures and add barricading picnic tables, pavilion, restrooms, seconded by Councilmember Russe.

Mayor Pro Tem Gibson further amends her motion to add fishing to the list of allowed activities, seconded by Councilmember Russe. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

Councilmember Clark makes a motion to keep the skate park open and possible signage at the discretion of the City Administrator and the Public Works Director limiting the congregation to ten people, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. Councilmembers Clark and Palmer are in favor, Councilmember Russe and Mayor Pro Tem Gibson are opposed. The Mayor breaks the tie with a vote in favor. Motion passes.

Mayor Pro Tem Gibson makes a motion that Sandidge Park remain open, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

City Secretary reviews the items to be included in Ordinance 373 as follows:

- Authorization for the City Administrator to utilize the Federal guidelines and Regulations concerning personnel and day to day operations of the City of Bandera.
- Recommend EDC to explore expansion of a local disaster relief program.
- Waive temporary sign rules and permits for local business' in the restaurant and bar industry due to the new Executive Order from Governor.
- Utility department and Municipal Court will be closed to the public and will suspend late fees, cut offs, and credit card fees for payments. Business will be done by phone, email or online.
- Bandera City park to remain open to foot, bicycle, and horse traffic only, activities to include walking, running, biking, horseback riding and fishing. The gates will remain closed. The restrooms will remain closed. Barricades or caution tape to be placed on picnic tables, playground equipment and pavilions. The disc golf portion of park will remain open.
- The Skate Park will remain open with signage for limitations of 10 people or less.
- Sandidge Park will remain open.

Mayor Pro Tem Gibson makes a motion to approve Ordinance 373 with amendments to Section 2, as stated, and amendments to Section 7, as stated, seconded by Councilmember Russe. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

B. Discussion and direction to staff regarding the following:

Council gives specific regulations in Ordinance 373 as stated above.

- (1) Possible suspension of water cut off and late fees
- (2) Limiting in person payments and public access at City Hall
- (3) Information related to incentives and considerations available to local business and citizens
- (4) Governor's Orders including temporary provision for the Texas Open Meetings Act and Texas Public Information Act.
- (5) Personnel policies related to attendance and sick leave
- (6) Postponement of city events
- (7) Library, park, and museum closures

5. Requests and Announcements.

a. Request be Council to place items on a future agenda.

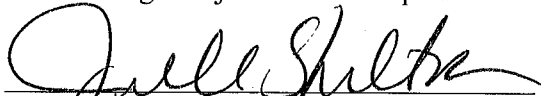
Jerry Russe - assisting businesses in meeting payroll for their employees by utilizing EDC funds and any other funds that may be available.

b. Announcements by Council.

There are no announcements.

6. Adjourn.

The meeting is adjourned at 1:11 pm.


Jill Shelton, City Secretary