

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS
MINUTES OF: EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE OF MEETING: APRIL 2, 2020
TIME OF MEETING: 2:00 P.M.
PLACE OF MEETING: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

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ROLL CALL WAS ANSWERED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PHYSICALLY PRESENT: MIKE URETA JR.

PRESENT VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE: PAUL CASIAS, PAM PALILEO, JAMES WARNOCK, & RUBEN FALCON

MAYOR: JOE CHRIS ALEXANDER
CITY MANAGER: FRANK RODRIGUEZ III
CITY SECRETARY: MARINA A. CANTU
CITY ATTORNEY: PUJA BOINPALLY

Mayor Alexander called an Emergency Meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. after declaring a quorum present.

Mayor Alexander recessed the Emergency Meeting at @ 2:08 p.m. due to technical difficulties.

Mayor Alexander reconvened the Emergency Meeting at 2:14 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ureta gave the Invocation.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Act upon implementing a Shelter in Place Order for the City of Fort Stockton.

Mayor Alexander explained that the wording was the main change made to this order. He asked City Attorney Puja Boinpally to elaborate.

City Attorney Boinpally stated the order defined what essential and non-essential businesses are considered to be.

She gave grocery stores as an example of a business providing an essential service. She advised everyone that guidelines included how long a business should stay open and what precautions should be taken were included in the new order.

She also mentioned automobile dealerships, transportation, and hotels/motels as being essential businesses.

Daycares must remain open for essential employees. However, the daycare must keep the children in groups of ten or fewer. The children must remain in the same group every day, the children should not be mixed. She did voice that it is very difficult to maintain the 6-foot safe distance rule.

Essential travel consists of the elderly and minors being transported to medical facilities.

The Social Distancing Requirements consist of the following recommended safety precautions:

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- Maintain a reasonable safe distance of 6-feet
- Wash hands for 20 seconds using soap and water.
- Frequently sanitize highly touched surfaces.

Only one person per vehicle will be allowed to enter essential businesses.

The City Curfew shall remain from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Council Member Ruben Falcon emphasized the importance of the community working together as a whole to stay calm and respect each other's personal space.

Council Member Warnock advised the community not to leave their children alone in vehicles. He asked that they please make arrangements for childcare so shopping could be done. The elderly et disabled are an exception as they will be allowed to be assisted.

Mayor Alexander discussed Outdoor Activity. He advised the community that City Council wants to limit people from having contact. However, the community may engage in walking, hiking, bicycling, and running provided they comply with the 6-Foot Social Distancing Rule et stay in groups smaller than 10 people.

The playground equipment and the picnic tables are being taped off. The basketball courts and other sports/recreation equipment are also off limits.

Mayor Alexander reiterated not to take the family grocery shopping.

Mayor Alexander delivered the following update provided by Pecos County Memorial Hospital CEO Betsy Brisco:

- 11 people tested
- 7 results pending
- 0 positive cases

He advised that the county would be meeting to enact a similar policy.

Solar Farms and Oil Companies have been giving their employees letters stating what their work shifts are.

