



**SPECIAL**  
**CITY OF STURGEON BAY COMMON COUNCIL AGENDA**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2020**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL – 421 MICHIGAN ST**  
**DAVID J. WARD, MAYOR**

1. Call to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll call.
4. Adoption of agenda.
5. Resolution re: City of Sturgeon Bay Declaration of Emergency in response to COVID-19 pandemic.
6. Adjourn.

NOTE: DEVIATION FROM THE AGENDA ORDER SHOWN MAY OCCUR.

Posted:

Date: 3.18.2020

Time: 2:20 pm

By: DM

## **RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

### **City of Sturgeon Bay**

The Common Council of the City of Sturgeon Bay, Door County, Wisconsin, by this resolution, adopted by a majority of the Common Council on a roll call vote with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been given, resolves and orders as follows:

**WHEREAS**, in December, 2019, a novel strain of the coronavirus known as COVID-19 was detected, and COVID-19 has continued to spread throughout the world, including to the United States and the State of Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government, state governments, and local governments are working together to contain the further spread of the disease and treat existing cases; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, and on March 12, 2020 the Governor of the State of Wisconsin declared a Health Emergency in the State pursuant to Wisconsin statute section 323.02(16); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, Door County declared a state of emergency, which has great potential to impair transportation, food or fuel supplies, medical care, fire, health or police protection or other vital facilities or services in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, since the Governor of the State of Wisconsin declared a Health Emergency, a number of Executive Orders have been issued, directing public and private entities to take certain actions including facility closures, reductions in service and restrictions of public assembly of ten or more and fifty or more people; and

**WHEREAS**, the current and future actions and orders from the State of Wisconsin have an impact on municipal and business operations and finances, as well as residents and guests of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sturgeon Bay ("City") recognizes that declaring an emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to Wisconsin Statute section 323.11 is necessary to make all possible resources and means available to the City in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents from the threat posed by the continued spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has further determined this action is prudent and necessary to maintain the eligibility for cost reimbursement should funds be made available from the State and/or Federal Government as provided by statute; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has further determined it to declare an emergency to address Worker's Compensation concerns regarding protection for its volunteer workers as provided by statute; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has further determined it necessary to declare an emergency to establish protection from liability and liability exemptions for the City employees and volunteers as provided by statute; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has also determined it necessary to declare an emergency as a demonstration to the public of the seriousness of the COVID-19 outbreak and its local impact.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.11 the Common Council (“Council”) finds and declares that an emergency exists within the City by reason of an imminent threat of disaster impairing medical care, health, and other critical systems of the City due to the spread of COVID-19; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that during the period of emergency prescribed by this Resolution, the Mayor with the advice and concurrence of the Council President may order, by ordinance or resolution, whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property within the City; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Common Council rules including, but not limited to XI, XII, XIII, XV, XVI concerning budgeted and unbudgeted appropriations, expenditures, and rule making are suspended insofar as they may impede the effective execution of the provision and response to this public health emergency and orders contained in this declaration; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Administrator is hereby authorized and directed by the Council to coordinate and administer the City’s emergency management response and to carry out the orders of the Council related thereto; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that City Common Council hereby authorized to attend meetings of the Council remotely and the Mayor and City Administrator shall take all actions necessary to effectuate the same in compliance with all other applicable laws; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, based upon the information available to the Council and the ongoing threat posed by the spread of COVID-19, the period of emergency shall continue for sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Resolution unless sooner terminated or extended by further resolution of the Council; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all actions heretofore taken by the Council and other appropriate public officers and agents of the City with respect to the matters contemplated under this Resolution are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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Attest: Stephanie Reinhardt, Clerk/Human Resources Director