

Julie Masters, Mayor
Charles Suderman, Mayor Pro Tem
Sean Skipworth
Walter Wilson

MINUTES
City of Dickinson
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING

Wally Deats
Louis Decker
William H. King III
Chris Heard, City Administrator

July 2, 2020

The Dickinson City Council met in a duly called and announced **SPECIAL MEETING** on **Thursday, July 2, 2020, at 11:15 a.m.** In accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City Council of the City of Dickinson, Texas conducted the meeting by telephone conference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called “social distancing”) to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The meeting was held for the purpose of considering the following items:

ITEM 1.) CALL TO ORDER AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Mayor Masters called the meeting to order at 11:16 a.m. City Secretary Alun Thomas called roll and certified a quorum. Council Members present were as follows: Mayor Julie Masters, Mayor Pro-Tem Charles Suderman, and Council Members Sean Skipworth, Walter Wilson, Wally Deats, and William H. King, III. Council Member Louis Decker was not present at the time of the certification of a quorum, but arrived at 11:20 a.m. Also present were City Attorney David Olson, City Administrator Chris Heard, and Emergency Medical Services Director/Co-Emergency Management Coordinator Derek Hunt.

ITEM 2.) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING: Ordinance Number 958-2020 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DICKINSON, TEXAS, EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF DISASTER ISSUED BY MAYORAL PROCLAMATION ON JUNE 28, 2020 IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19. (First and Only Reading)

Council Member Suderman made a motion to approve the Ordinance, and Council Member King seconded the motion. Council discussed the intention of the declaration, which Mayor Masters said was to allow her to issue an order requiring the use of face masks. Council Member Louis Decker arrived at 11:20 a.m. Council then discussed for how long it should extend the declaration and the proper way to enforce the mask order. City Attorney David Olson said that the city should encourage citizens to report violations of the order to the city or to business owners, and to not directly confront violators. Council Member Wilson asked if the City should provide businesses with signs to explain the mask order to their customers. City Administrator Chris Heard said that he would send something out to businesses in the city to help with this.

The City Council then discussed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) and its effect on the City. Mr. Heard explained

that the money that the City has expended to date related to the declaration will all be covered as pass-through dollars under the CARES Act, and that the spending falls within his \$50,000 spending limit. He said that the Council would be able to more fully discuss CARES Act funding, and be presented with an Ordinance related to the CARES Act, during the July 14, 2020 City Council meeting.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

VOTE:

6 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker, King)

0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

ITEM 3.) ADJOURN

Council Member Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 a.m., and Council Member Suderman seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

VOTE:

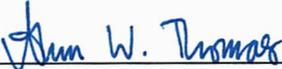
6 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker, King)

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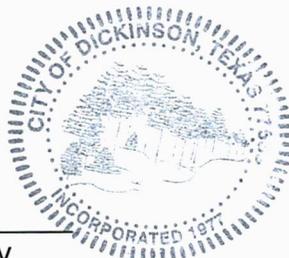
MOTION PASSED

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 14th day of July, 2020.

ATTEST:



Alun W. Thomas, City Secretary





Julie Masters, Mayor