



CITY OF KETCHUM, IDAHO SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 23, 2020, 4:00 PM

480 East Avenue, North, Ketchum, Idaho

In recognition of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), instead of attending the meeting, members of the public are encouraged to observe the meeting live on the City's website at <https://ketchumidaho.org/meetings>

Minutes

- CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Neil Bradshaw

Mayor Neil Bradshaw called this Special City Council Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

- ROLL CALL

ALL PRESENT - ONLINE

Mayor Neil Bradshaw – Present at City Hall

Council President Amanda Breen

Councilor Michael David

Councilor Courtney Hamilton

Councilor Jim Slanetz

- COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILORS

Council President Amanda Breen talked about social distancing and brought up concerns with the Ketchum Post Office and the fact that they have put no procedures in place at this time for social distancing. There are no hand disinfectants, no gloves or masks, no additional pens, and long lines with people standing very close to one another. She talked to the Postmaster, John McDonald, and he said they are cleaning and sanitizing every night and advised that they have no plans to increase separation of patrons. She encouraged the City to do something to have the post office do their part. Mayor Bradshaw voiced his disappointment and advised that he will send a letter to the postmaster to encourage social distancing and sanitizer etc.

Councilor Courtney Hamilton talked about the number of construction sites that are still working. She voiced concern over people not social distancing and would like the City or State mandate that construction stop for residential as well as commercial. Mayor Neil Bradshaw advised we are working on having a unified approach in dealing with construction. He talked about the State's order and advised that if Ordinance 1207 is passed today, we will be able to go beyond what the state is recommending.

Councilor Michael David advised that we are in the midst of a health crisis and need to be prepared for the economic fallout. We need to have a plan in place for when people can't pay their bills. There is a potential economic crisis after this health crisis.

Councilor Jim Slanetz said we are only as strong as our weakest link. We are going to need to be compassionate and work together.

Mayor Neil Bradshaw talked about the campaign the city has put forward. He thanked everyone in the public for everything they are doing. He went on to talk about all that City is doing as far as staff working remotely, a separate COVID-19 webpage, parks closed, newsletters and social media posts. He talked about the posters throughout town and about St. Luke's being closed. Mayor Bradshaw advised the Council that we are working on the budget to try and figure out the economic impact. He advised the Council that Police are enforcing when necessary and have reported good and bad compliance. Mayor Neil Bradshaw wanted to reassure the council and public that we are making sure we are doing all we can to keep the City Safe.

- STAFF AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS (council deliberation, public comment not taken)
 1. ACTION ITEM: Council approval of Emergency Declaration - Resolution 20-011

Mayor Neil Bradshaw informed the council that on March 18, 2020 he signed an Emergency Declaration. He is now asking Council approve Resolution 20-011 to keep the Emergency Declaration in effect in perpetuity.

Councilor Jim Slanetz questioned if we had the ability to end this Declaration at any time. Mayor Neil Bradshaw advised that it could be ended at any time and would be put on the agenda for council approval when it is time to be rescinded.

Councilor Michael David questioned how long we are looking to extend the Declaration. City Attorney Matt Johnson explained the time frame and how this would work saying the Council can come back at any time to rescind the Declaration.

Motion to adopt Resolution 20-012

Motion made by Council President Breen, Seconded by Councilor David.

Voting Yea: Council President Breen, Councilor David, Councilor Hamilton, Councilor Slanetz

2. ACTION ITEM: Recommendation to conduct first, second and third reading of Emergency Ordinance 1207 establishing emergency powers – Mayor Neil Bradshaw

Councilor Michael David questioned the logistics of the proposed Ordinance. City Administrator Suzanne Frick explained that we have broad discretion on how we manage city property and employees. We need a justification and an Ordinance in place to give us authority when regulating the private sector and to deal with the issues at hand.

Council President Amanda Breen questioned what type of liability the city would have if we shut a construction company down? City Attorney Matt Johnson talked about force majeure. He explained that you need information and good justification when shutting down

businesses. Amanda Breen asked about the post office. Matt Johnson believes Federal agencies are handled differently.

Mayor Neil Bradshaw would like to have uniform treatment across the county for this. He had heard everything said by council at this meeting. He is concerned about the risks being brought into our county.

Councilor Jim Slanetz questioned how we find the details on what makes sense and how to move forward? Mayor Neil Bradshaw explained that we would need a suggestion from a council member, and data that shows that the closure would benefit the community, and the council would need to vote on it. Council President Amanda Breen talked about restrictions on shopping hours and allowing a limited number of people in the stores. Councilor Michael David talked about enforcing the isolation order and the need to monitor it. Mayor Bradshaw agreed and reiterated that essential services or not, people need to follow the isolation orders.

Councilor Michael David asked Attorney Matt Johnson about enforcement of essential businesses and the CDC recommendations. City Attorney Matt Johnson said he does not believe the enforcement is addressed in the isolation order. He advised that this ordinance will help with enforcement. Mayor Bradshaw gave examples of what some of the businesses in our community are doing to work with the isolation mandate.

Councilor Courtney Hamilton clarified that we are on isolation as mandated by the state, and the next step is quarantine. Mayor Bradshaw talked about what we are doing internally to strengthen the isolation order and advised that he is not in favor of a quarantine. He would like to strengthen the isolation measures through-out the state and is hoping to have something to council to look at in the coming days.

Attorney Matt Johnson explained that a quarantine order does not have to be city wide. He believes that is where we will see orders come forward.

Motion to waive the 1st and 2nd reading of Emergency Ordinance 1207

Motion made by Councilor Hamilton, Seconded by Council President Breen.

Voting Yea: Council President Breen, Councilor David, Councilor Hamilton, Councilor Slanetz

Motion to adopt Emergency Ordinance 1207 and read by title only

Motion made by Councilor Hamilton, Seconded by Councilor David

Voting Yea: Council President Breen, Councilor David, Councilor Hamilton, Councilor Slanetz

Councilor Michael David read the title allowed.

(After Approval and signature of Ordinance 1207, full copies of the Ordinance were posted outside the building at City Hall, Town Square, Community Library, Ketchum Post Office and at the City of Ketchum Parks & Recreation Building)

- **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Neil Bradshaw thanked Council for participating in the special meeting. He is anticipating more meetings to keep the public informed.

Motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Councilor Slanetz, Seconded by Councilor Hamilton.

Voting Yea: Council President Breen, Councilor David, Councilor Hamilton, Councilor Slanetz

Neil Bradshaw, Mayor

Robin Crotty, City Clerk