



CITY OF KETCHUM, IDAHO SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 23, 2020, 5:00 PM

480 East Avenue, North, Ketchum, Idaho

Minutes

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- **CALL TO ORDER:** By Mayor Neil Bradshaw

Mayor Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

- **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

Mayor Neil Bradshaw

Council President Amanda Breen (Teleconference)

Councilor Courtney Hamilton (Teleconference)

Councilor Jim Slanetz (Teleconference)

Councilor Michael David (Teleconference)

ALSO PRESENT

City Administrator Jade Riley

Fire Chief Bill McLaughlin

Director of Finance & Internal Services Grant Gager

Public Affairs & Administrative Services Manager Lisa Enourato

City Attorney Matt Johnson (Teleconference)

Police Chief Jamie Shaw (Teleconference)

- **COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILORS**

None

- **NEW BUSINESS** (no public comment required)

1. Update and discussion on current status of COVID-19 - Bill McLaughlin, Fire Chief

Mayor Bradshaw introduced the item and then turned it over to Fire Chief Bill McLaughlin.

The Fire Chief commented that Blaine County remains in the critical risk level and that last Friday the incidence rate was the highest since April. He said the most concerning factor, however, is hospital capacity. He stated that regional and statewide hospital capacity is severely

impacted, with staffing becoming a greater issue all the time. The Fire Chief also commented that hospital capacity tends to lag behind new cases and is, therefore, expected to continue to be an issue. He recommended we take additional measures to limit the spread of COVID within the community.

2. ACTION ITEM: Consideration and adoption of Health Order 20-06 - Neil Bradshaw, Mayor

Councilor David asked for an update on enforcement of, and compliance with, our existing Health Order in bars and restaurants. Chief McLaughlin stated that data is not widely available, but that some cases have been tied to restaurants and bars locally.

Councilor Slanetz asked for a clarification on the differences between the State of Idaho's Stage 2 Order and Ketchum's proposed Health Order. City Administrator Jade Riley commented that standards for construction and regulations for gyms and other similar facilities were added. Mayor Bradshaw mentioned that, other than the two additions, the Health Order was modified to better align with the State of Idaho's order and CDC guidelines. Councilor Slanetz commented that he still found it confusing.

Councilor Hamilton agreed that it is confusing because there have been so many iterations of regulations and recommendations locally and statewide.

Mayor Bradshaw suggested the first part of the second paragraph of Section 4 be amended to read "unless previously submitted" instead of "prior to resuming construction activity at any location."

Councilor Hamilton voiced her concern with enforcement of new regulations when existing regulations are not being followed throughout the community, especially with indoor gatherings.

Council President Breen echoed Councilor Hamilton's comments about enforcement and voiced her concerns with the Thanksgiving holiday and indoor gatherings. She referred to the City of Boise's process for reporting COVID violations and recommended that the City of Ketchum look into something similar.

Councilor Slanetz questioned the inconsistencies in the proposed Health Order between distancing requirements in different types of establishments (ie. churches, restaurants and gyms).

Councilor David agreed that there is a lot of inconsistency depending on business type. He voiced his support of the draft Health Order for the time being, while continuing to evaluate the situation. He stressed the importance of keeping businesses open, especially due to the lack of a safety net for small businesses and individuals who are struggling economically.

Council President Breen and Councilor Hamilton agreed with Councilor David's point. Councilor Hamilton highlighted the importance of the holidays for our local economy and encouraged us to do as much as we can now to slow the spread in order to keep our economy open during the holidays.

Councilor Slanetz agreed that it might be the right time to tighten restrictions a bit, but also mentioned his fear of not being able to loosen restrictions when things start to get better. He stressed the importance of being willing to ease off restrictions when the time is right.

Motion to approve Public Health Emergency Order No. 20-06, as amended by Mayor Bradshaw.

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

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

- ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:00pm.

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

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