

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

MARCH 17, 2020

JACKSON, WYOMING

The Jackson Town Council met in a special session in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall located at 150 East Pearl at 9:00 A.M. Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

TOWN COUNCIL: Mayor Pete Muldoon, Arne Jorgensen, Jim Stanford, and Jonathan Schechter. Hailey Morton Levinson joined by telephone at 9:06 a.m.

STAFF: Larry Pardee, Tyler Sinclair, Lea Colasuonno, Todd Smith, Michelle Weber, Zolo, Matt Redwine, and Sandy Birdyshaw.

Consideration of an Emergency Ordinance Putting Mitigation Measures in Place for Private Establishments. Mayor Muldoon made comment that Dr. Riddell had worked on a new County-wide Health Order that would accomplish much of the same of the town's proposed ordinance. The Health Order was in the Governor's office this morning under review. The Mayor said he would recess this meeting in order to wait and hear from Dr. Riddell on the new Health Order. Lea Colasuonno made comment on how the Town's proposed ordinance related to the Health Order. The Mayor moved to the next agenda item while waiting to hear on the Health Order.

Matters from Staff Related to COVID-19. Susan Scarlata provided an update on communication and information efforts in the community.

The Mayor meeting recessed at 9:28 a.m. and reconvened at 3:03 p.m. Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

TOWN COUNCIL: Mayor Pete Muldoon, Arne Jorgensen, Jim Stanford, and Jonathan Schechter. Hailey Morton Levinson joined by WebEx.

STAFF: Larry Pardee, Tyler Sinclair, Roxanne Robinson, Lea Colasuonno, Zolo, and Sandy Birdyshaw.

OTHERS: Deputy Teton County Attorney Keith Gingery and Sheriff Matt Carr.

Consideration of an Emergency Ordinance Putting Mitigation Measures in Place for Private Establishments. This item was discussed further. Mayor Muldoon summarized the Teton District Health Officer's Health Order #20-2 just released a few minutes ago and encouraged community members to adhere to the precautions stated within.

Deputy Teton County Attorney Keith Gingery made comment on the three Health Orders issued by the Teton District Health Department. Health Order 20-1A prohibited gatherings of over 250 people and Dr. Riddell would have issued this on March 15th, however new CDC Guidelines came out before it was issued, so it immediately became outdated. Health Order 20-1B prohibited gatherings of over 50 people. Health Order 20-2, in effect for fourteen days, was fully explained which closed certain public places and placed restrictions on restaurants within Jackson and Teton County.

The Council held discussion with Mr. Gingery on process and powers.

Lea Colasuonno made comment on an emergency ordinance to repeal the emergency ordinance numbered 1247. This repeal ordinance would not need to be ratified since it was enacted in a special meeting and not an emergency meeting.

A motion was made by Jonathan Schechter and seconded by Jim Stanford to suspend the requirements for three (3) public reading of ordinances under W.S. § 15-1-115(c). Mayor Muldoon called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Jonathan Schechter and seconded by Jim Stanford to read the Emergency Ordinance in short title. Mayor Muldoon called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor and the motion carried.

Emergency Ordinance 1248. AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 1 OF TOWN OF JACKSON ORDINANCE NO. 1247 REGARDING LIMITING MASS GATHERINGS TO IMMEDIATELY PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JACKSON, WYOMING, IN REGULAR SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

A motion was made by Jonathan Schechter and seconded by Jim Stanford to approve the emergency Repeal Ordinance discussed and approved today by Council removing temporary restrictions on the size of gatherings within the Town of Jackson for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare. Mayor Muldoon called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor and the motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding conducting business such as making deliveries on sidewalks in the public right of way, temporary loading zones, using discretion in the on-street parking ban and winter snow towing, grocery store accommodations for persons at risk, local food help, the special 3:00 p.m. Council meeting on March 23rd, non-essential retail, a possible additional special meeting for Thursday or Friday morning, traveling over spring break, financial stress, financial contributions, and resources available to our community.

Chief Smith made staff comment regarding parking issues, protocol across law enforcement agencies, appreciation for support, and email suggestions.

Adjourn. A motion was made by Jim Stanford and seconded by Jonathan Schechter to adjourn. The vote showed all in favor and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m. minutes:spb/rdr

TOWN OF JACKSON

ATTEST:

Pete Muldoon, Mayor

Sandra P. Birdyshaw, Town Clerk

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