

THE RAYMORE CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020 AT CENTERVIEW, 227 MUNICIPAL CIRCLE, RAYMORE, MISSOURI. MAYOR TURNBOW PHYSICALLY PRESENT WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PARTICIPATING VIA TELEPHONE: COUNCILMEMBERS ABDELGAWAD, BARBER, BERENDZEN, BURKE, CIRCO, HOLMAN, JACOBSON, AND TOWNSEND. PHYSICALLY PRESENT WERE CITY MANAGER JIM FEUERBORN, CITY ATTORNEY JONATHAN ZERR, CITY CLERK JEANIE WOERNER AND STAFF MEMBERS.

Mayor Turnbow announced that in response to the pandemic of the COVID-19 virus and orders issued by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Cass County Health Department, State Department of Health and Human Services, and the Governor of the State of Missouri, staff in attendance is practicing social distancing, citizens are requested to view the meeting online in order to meet the CDC guidelines to limit crowds of ten (10) or less, and members of the City Council are participating via telephone as authorized under 610.021(1) RSMo. He provided protocol for meeting procedures and announced that all votes would be by roll call. Because of the recent orders that have been issued, he asked the City Council to amend the agenda to remove public comments and to add the consideration of Bill 3539, authorizing the Mayor to declare a state of emergency in the City of Raymore. He advised citizens that if they had any comment on the two proposed emergency bills on the agenda, they would be able to submit those comments via email to the Assistant City Manager Mike Ekey which would then be distributed to the City Council.

- 1. Call To Order.** Mayor Turnbow called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call.** City Clerk Jeanie Woerner called roll; quorum present to conduct business.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 4. Approving an amended City Council agenda for March 23, 2020.**

An amended agenda is being presented for Council's consideration of Bill 3539 to authorize the Mayor to declare a State of Emergency and to remove public comments in order to prevent violating the State and County orders of gatherings of ten (10) people or more.

MOTION: By Councilmember Holman, second by Councilmember Barber to amend the agenda by removing public comments and placing consideration of Bill 3539, authorizing the Mayor to declare a state of emergency in the City of Raymore, as the first item of New Business.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Holman stated his realization of this emergency and the necessity of this action to ensure public safety.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
	Councilmember Barber	Aye
	Councilmember Berendzen	Aye
	Councilmember Burke, III	Aye
	Councilmember Circo	Aye

Councilmember Holman	Aye
Councilmember Jacobson	Aye
Councilmember Townsend	Aye

5. Presentations/Awards.

6. Personal Appearances.

7. Staff Reports.

City Manager Jim Feuerborn stated no verbal staff reports would be heard. No work session would be held on March 30, as it is the fifth Monday of the month.

8. Committee Reports.

9. Consent Agenda.

A. City Council Minutes, March 9, 2020

MOTION: By Councilmember Holman, second by Councilmember Barber to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

DISCUSSION: None

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
	Councilmember Barber	Aye
	Councilmember Berendzen	Aye
	Councilmember Burke, III	Aye
	Councilmember Circo	Aye
	Councilmember Holman	Aye
	Councilmember Jacobson	Aye
	Councilmember Townsend	Aye

10. Unfinished Business. Second Readings.

A. Award of Contract - Memorial Park Arboretum Light Replacement

BILL 3528: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMORE, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR \$15,000 WITH BRINTON ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF TRAIL LIGHTS IN THE ARBORETUM AT MEMORIAL PARK."

City Clerk Jeanie Woerner conducted the second reading of Bill 3528 by title only.

MOTION: By Councilmember Holman, second by Councilmember Barber to approve the second reading of Bill 3528 by title only.

DISCUSSION: None

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
	Councilmember Barber	Aye
	Councilmember Berendzen	Aye
	Councilmember Burke, III	Aye
	Councilmember Circo	Aye
	Councilmember Holman	Aye
	Councilmember Jacobson	Aye
	Councilmember Townsend	Aye

Mayor Turnbow announced the motion carried and declared Bill 3528 as **Raymore City Ordinance 2020-014.**

B. Award of Contract - Westgate Drive Extension Project

BILL 3531: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMORE, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH J.M. FAHEY CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR THE WESTGATE DRIVE EXTENSION PROJECT, CITY PROJECT NUMBER 20-242-201, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$597,360.55 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS WITHIN ESTABLISHED BUDGET CONSTRAINTS."

City Clerk Jeanie Woerner conducted the second reading of Bill 3531 by title only.

MOTION: By Councilmember Holman, second by Councilmember Barber to approve the second reading of Bill 3531 by title only.

DISCUSSION: None

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
	Councilmember Barber	Aye
	Councilmember Berendzen	Aye
	Councilmember Burke, III	Aye
	Councilmember Circo	Aye
	Councilmember Holman	Aye
	Councilmember Jacobson	Aye
	Councilmember Townsend	Aye

Mayor Turnbow announced the motion carried and declared Bill 3531 as **Raymore City Ordinance 2020-015.**

11. New Business. First Readings.

A. Bill 3539: Authorizing the Mayor to Declare A State of Emergency

BILL 3539: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMORE, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE

TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS AND TO INSTITUTE THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 240 OF THE RAYMORE CODE OF ORDINANCES AND CHAPTER 44 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF MISSOURI AND DECLARING THIS BILL AS AN EMERGENCY.”

City Clerk Jeanie Woerner conducted the first reading of Bill 3539 by title only.

City Manager Jim Feuerborn stated this Bill provides the City Council the ability to authorize the Mayor, if he so chooses, to declare a state of emergency in response to the President of the United States’ declaration of a national emergency to contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus and support the order issued by Cass County today. It provides the Mayor the authority to take whatever steps are necessary in response to the current situation with the virus. The declaration of a state of emergency is outlined in Chapter 240 of the Raymore City Code and Chapter 44 RSMo. Due to the circumstances of the pandemic, this Bill is presented as an emergency.

MOTION: By Councilmember Holman, second by Councilmember Barber to approve the first reading of Bill 3539 by title only.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Holman stated reasoning for the emergency nature of this Bill.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
	Councilmember Barber	Aye
	Councilmember Berendzen	Aye
	Councilmember Burke, III	Aye
	Councilmember Circo	Aye
	Councilmember Holman	Aye
	Councilmember Jacobson	Aye
	Councilmember Townsend	Aye

Mayor Turnbow declared Bill 3539 as an emergency and called for the second reading in its entirety.

Mayor Turnbow announced the Council Rules of Procedure calls for public comment before the second reading of emergency Bills. Comments can be taken via email to the Assistant City Manager as provided for on the agenda. The meeting will be paused for two minutes to allow time to hear input. Hearing no comments, Mayor Turnbow called for the second reading of Bill 3539 in its entirety.

City Clerk Jeanie Woerner conducted the second reading of Bill 3539 in its entirety.

MOTION: By Councilmember Holman, second by Councilmember Barber to approve the second reading of Bill 3539 in its entirety.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Turnbow stated he has been working diligently with staff and emergency management personnel to provide a decision in the best interests of all

citizens and businesses of Raymore. He did not take this decision lightly because of the negative impact it will have on businesses in Raymore. He gave his respect to Council for providing him this power.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
Councilmember Barber	Aye
Councilmember Berendzen	Aye
Councilmember Burke, III	Aye
Councilmember Circo	Aye
Councilmember Holman	Aye
Councilmember Jacobson	Aye
Councilmember Townsend	Aye

Mayor Turnbow announced the motion carried and declared Bill 3539 as **Raymore City Ordinance 2020-013.**

B. Award of Contract - Fire Hydrant Replacement Project

BILL 3533: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMORE, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DEXTER'S PLUMBING AND EXCAVATING, LLC. FOR THE FIRE HYDRANT REPLACEMENT PROJECT, CITY PROJECT NUMBER 20-348-501, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$101,715 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS WITHIN ESTABLISHED BUDGET CONSTRAINTS."

City Clerk Jeanie Woerner conducted the first reading of Bill 3533 by title only.

Assistant City Manager Mike Ekey provided a review of the staff report included in the Council packet. This project includes replacement of sixteen (16) non-operational fire hydrants which are outlined on the map included in the Council packet.

MOTION: By Councilmember Holman, second by Councilmember Barber to approve the first reading of Bill 3533 by title only.

DISCUSSION: None

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
Councilmember Barber	Aye
Councilmember Berendzen	Aye
Councilmember Burke, III	Aye
Councilmember Circo	Aye
Councilmember Holman	Aye
Councilmember Jacobson	Aye
Councilmember Townsend	Aye

C. Temporary Reduction - Water and Sewer Rates (Emergency Reading)

BILL 3537: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMORE, MISSOURI, DECREASING WATER AND SEWER RATES BY 5% FOR THE NEXT 30-DAY PERIOD TO ENCOURAGE GREATER WATER USAGE IN SUPPORT OF CDC GUIDELINES DURING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK AND IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE REDUCTION IMMEDIATELY THE MAYOR IS AUTHORIZED TO DECLARE THIS AN EMERGENCY."

City Clerk Jeanie Woerner conducted the first reading of Bill 3537 by title only.

City Manager Jim Feuerborn provided a review of the staff report included in the Council packet. This was presented to Council at recent work sessions in response to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines for more frequent hand washing and cleaning of clothes due to the outbreak of COVID-19. A reduction in costs will hopefully encourage and support residents in following the CDC's recommended guidelines.

MOTION: By Councilmember Holman, second by Councilmember Barber to approve the first reading of Bill 3537 by title only.

DISCUSSION: None

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
	Councilmember Barber	Aye
	Councilmember Berendzen	Aye
	Councilmember Burke, III	Aye
	Councilmember Circo	Aye
	Councilmember Holman	Aye
	Councilmember Jacobson	Aye
	Councilmember Townsend	Aye

Mayor Turnbow announced the Council Rules of Procedure calls for public comment before the second reading of emergency Bills. Comments can be taken via email to the Assistant City Manager as provided for on the agenda. The meeting will be paused for two minutes to allow time to hear input. Hearing no comments, Mayor Turnbow called for the second reading of Bill 3537 in its entirety.

City Clerk Jeanie Woerner conducted the second reading of Bill 3537 in its entirety.

MOTION: By Councilmember Holman, second by Councilmember Barber to approve the second reading of Bill 3537 in its entirety.

DISCUSSION: None

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
	Councilmember Barber	Aye
	Councilmember Berendzen	Aye
	Councilmember Burke, III	Aye

Councilmember Circo	Aye
Councilmember Holman	Aye
Councilmember Jacobson	Aye
Councilmember Townsend	Aye

Mayor Turnbow announced the motion carried and declared Bill 3537 as **Raymore City Ordinance 2020-016.**

D. Employee Residency Mileage Radius

BILL 3538: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMORE, MISSOURI, UPDATING AND AMENDING THE CITY'S ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY MANUAL."

City Clerk Jeanie Woerner conducted the first reading of Bill 3538 by title only.

Assistant City Manager Mike Ekey provided a review of the staff report included in the Council packet. Section 300.5 of the Administrative Policy manual requires all employees to live no more than a 35 mile radius beyond the corporate City limits. In order to attract talented applicants, Council recently discussed in a work session the expansion of the residency requirements to be increased to 70 miles.

MOTION: By Councilmember Holman, second by Councilmember Barber to approve the first reading of Bill 3538 by title only.

AMENDED MOTION: By Councilmember Holman, second by Councilmember Barber to amend Section 300.5 of the Administrative policy manual to read, "City employees are allowed to live outside the corporate limits of the City of Raymore."

DISCUSSION: None

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Nay
	Councilmember Barber	Aye
	Councilmember Berendzen	Aye
	Councilmember Burke, III	Aye
	Councilmember Circo	Aye
	Councilmember Holman	Aye
	Councilmember Jacobson	Aye
	Councilmember Townsend	Aye

MOTION AS AMENDED: By Councilmember Holman, second by Councilmember Barber to approve the first reading of Bill 3538 as amended, by title only.

DISCUSSION: None

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Nay
	Councilmember Barber	Aye
	Councilmember Berendzen	Aye

Councilmember Burke, III	Aye
Councilmember Circo	Aye
Councilmember Holman	Aye
Councilmember Jacobson	Aye
Councilmember Townsend	Aye

12. Public Comments.

13. Mayor/Council Communication.

Councilmembers asked residents to be understanding and have patience in this time of pandemic, expressed the need to follow social distancing and the stay at home orders, and gave trust and confidence in the leadership of the Mayor in declaring the state of emergency.

Councilmember Circo stated he is working with local representatives to offer assistance to local, private businesses.

Mayor Turnbow thanked members of the Council for their trust and faith in empowering him with a state of emergency. He has worked diligently with staff and noted their dedication and commitment to enacting the best course of action for the community. He stated that he realizes the hardship and economic impact this pandemic and recent orders have on local businesses.

14. Adjournment.

MOTION: By Councilmember Holman, second by Councilmember Barber to adjourn.

DISCUSSION: None

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
	Councilmember Barber	Aye
	Councilmember Berendzen	Aye
	Councilmember Burke, III	Aye
	Councilmember Circo	Aye
	Councilmember Holman	Aye
	Councilmember Jacobson	Aye
	Councilmember Townsend	Aye

The regular meeting of the Raymore Council adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanie Woerner
City Clerk