

The City Council for the City of Sisseton met in special session on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Terry Jaspers, Aldermen German, Just, Solberg, Stapleton and Wegleitner. Alderman Brooks was absent.

Others Present: Amber Kemnitz, Jim Croymans, Tribal Chairman Donovan White, Craig Kantos, Steve McCleerey, Kevin Deutsch

Others Present via Teleconference: Erin Cameron, Jim Pearson, Ellen Lekness, Mike Tchida, Aaron McCleerey, Ashley Wolf, Dennis Jensen

Call to Order: Mayor Jaspers called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Jaspers explained the purpose of the meeting is to provide information to the Council and public regarding the Covid-19 pandemic.

Craig Kantos with CDP Health Care System provided information about CDP. A Coronavirus task force has been established composed of Government entities, law enforcement, health care providers, and others. Information was provided regarding procedures that CDP has implemented to help protect the health of both staff and patients.

Mayor Jaspers discussed plans to be in contact with local businesses to gather information on how businesses are interacting with the public and what safety measures are being implemented to limit personal contact between businesses and customers. The Executive Order issued by Governor Noem was discussed and Mayor Jaspers expressed his encouragement of businesses to comply with the Order. The City of Sisseton intends to continue to follow the recommendations of the CDC and State of SD.

Steve McCleerey provided the informational website: covid.sd.gov and phone number 1-800-997-2880.

Tribal Chairman White expressed concerns due to a positive test result of a tribal member in the area encouraging City Council to take action to require closure of businesses within Sisseton to help slow the spread of the virus and allow pending tests to catch up allowing more accurate information for our specific area.

Mayor Jaspers expressed concerns with implementing restrictions in this community that other communities in our area are not also implementing. This could cause citizens to travel elsewhere to conduct business that could potentially cause more spread of the virus.

Council discussed municipal liquor store operations and the possibility of constructing an enclosure in the entrance of the store to limit the traffic within the store.

Liquor Store Alteration: Wegleitner moved and Stapleton seconded to hire Alderman Solberg to construct an enclosure within the liquor store to allow for walk up business only. Business

hours may be adjusted and will be determined with input from liquor store manager. All voted aye.

Additional comments were heard from both Craig Kantos and Chairman White about concerns with businesses continuing to operate. Dennis Jensen, Roberts County Commissioner discussed the intention of the County to conduct a survey of County liquor establishments on what plans are in place for those businesses to comply with the State Executive Order. Alderman Solberg would like Council to consider more restrictions on bars and restaurants limiting service to delivery and take out only. Since this has been addressed in the Governors Executive Order, the expectation of the City is that each business needs to be responsible and do what is in the best interest of the public.

Adjourn: Stapleton moved and Wegleitner seconded to adjourn. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Amber Kemnitz, Finance Officer