

**Minutes of the Claremore City Council Special Meeting  
Council Chambers, City Hall, 104 S. Muskogee Ave.  
Claremore, Oklahoma March 23, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Bill Flanagan at 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Flanagan asked City Clerk Sarah Sharp to note that members are present/absent as indicated below:

**Present:** Jennifer Lewis, Ken Hays, Herb McSpadden, Will DeMier, Bill Flanagan, Brian Callender, Justin Michael, Susan Kirtley, Scott Savage

**Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Jim Thomas, Eric Nelson, Sarah Sharp, Sean Douglas, John Feary, Tim White, Stan Brown

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Joe Dorsey- American Legion- wondering what is going to happen to their veterans. Wants to know where they can go.

Bill Biard- trying to do his due diligence. He is passionate about both sides. Proud of what the Hammett and Biard families have done over the years. Has 52 employees that he is concerned about. Hopes the Ordinance passes so that things can get back to normal. Make decisions on a timely basis and keep the owners informed. He will be open as soon as he can.

Van Robinson- Told council how the seniors appreciate letting the restaurants stay open. Seniors do not always have the means to feed themselves every evening. Believes the CDC mandates are being followed.

Matt Willis- thankful for the last few days to get their staff ready. Appreciates the hard job the Council has to do.

John Feary- CIEDA has been engaged with many small business owners over the last week. CIEDA is here to fully support the Council's decision. Trying to farm out and get resources all sized businesses will need to survive this trying time. [www.damage.ok.gov](http://www.damage.ok.gov) will help businesses with financial support. Shop local and support the businesses that we can at this time.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

Motion by Hays, second by McSpadden that the agenda for the regular CCDA meeting of

March 23, 2020 be approved as written. Roll call vote: Lewis, yes; Hays, yes; McSpadden, yes; DeMier, yes; Flanagan, yes; Callender, yes; Michael, yes; Kirtley, yes; and Savage, yes. Motion carried.

#### **ITEMS UNFORESEEN AT THE TIME AGENDA WAS POSTED**

None.

#### **CURRENT BUSINESS**

**(1) Discussion and vote to Approve/Reject Ordinance No. 2020-10, amending sections 33.65 and 33.67 and adding section 33.69 to Chapter 33 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Claremore, Oklahoma, regarding Emergency Management (Jim Thomas).**

Jim- felt that it was appropriate and timely to make these changes to allow us to make changes in this situation and possible future situations. It gives the City some flexibility to extend or resend the emergency order.

Bill- it's a unique situation that we are facing. Health is first and then we can deal with economics. These changes are needed to get the virus under control and to a manageable level.

Sean- this is a public health emergency that is rapidly developing. At this time we have verbal recommendations for social distancing. The purpose of the ordinance is to give the City the ability to limit and control community spread.

Brian Callender- this happens every year during cold and flu season. Eighty percent of people that get this virus' symptoms. Most people will be fine. People need to be smart about this.

Motion by Kirtley, second by DeMier to approve the Ordinance. Roll call vote: Lewis, yes; Hays, yes; McSpadden, yes; DeMier, yes; Flanagan, yes; Callender, no; Michael, abstained; Kirtley, yes; and Savage, yes. Motion carried.

**(2) Discussion and vote to Approve/Reject an emergency clause for Item #1 whereof Ordinance No. 2020-10, shall become effective immediately upon its passage, approval and adoption (Jim Thomas).**

Motion by Kirtley, second by DeMier to approve the emergency clause. Roll call vote: Lewis, yes; Hays, yes; McSpadden, yes; DeMier, yes; Flanagan, yes; Callender, no; Michael, no; Kirtley, yes; and Savage, yes. Motion carried.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by DeMier, second by McSpadden to adjourn. Roll call vote: Lewis, yes; Hays, yes; McSpadden, yes; DeMier, yes; Flanagan, yes; Callender, yes; Michael, yes; Kirtley, yes; and Savage, yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Sharp". The script is cursive and fluid.

Sarah Sharp, CMC  
City Clerk