

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

The governing body of the City of Coldwater met in special session for the purpose of discussing the COVID-19 Pandemic, with the following present: Mayor Penny Bruckner, Council members Mike Bushnell, Robert Cardoza, Cleta Lampe and Ashta Rosson, and City Clerk Kristal Sherman Council member Renee Blasi was on speaker phone during the meeting.

Mayor Bruckner called the special meeting to order.

Mayor Bruckner told the council she had visited with City Attorney Allison Kuhns and with the COVID-19 Pandemic becoming more of a threat every day, Allison suggested the council may want to approve a resolution declaring a local state of emergency. It would give the Mayor “the authority, temporarily, to make all decisions in regard to personnel and City operations without the need to obtain Council approval for said action”. After discussion, Mike made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-2, seconded by Robert and the motion carried. Mayor Bruckner told the council she had already made the decision to have city maintenance employee Jason Robert quarantine for two weeks at his home since he picked up his fiancée at the Wichita airport after her flight from Australia. She added that Jason will be paid his normal pay from the city during his quarantine. Kristal reminded the council that some campers will be moving into the lake this weekend since the 1st of April is next Wednesday. After discussing the lake, the council agreed to have Danny shut the west gate to the lake and to shut the north entrance gate so the only entrance into the lake is a mandatory stop at the entrance booth. Debbie will need to give each camper a questionnaire before they can enter the lake to make sure they are not showing symptoms of the virus, plus reminding them there can be no gatherings of more than 10 people. Kristal will make a form tomorrow for Debbie to hand out to each person entering the lake. Comanche County Emergency Management Director Britt Lenertz entered the meeting at 5:40 and the council discussed the COVID-19 Pandemic with her.

With no further business presented, Robert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20pm, seconded by Ashta and the motion carried.