

Resolution 20-29 Declaring a Local Emergency

Council member Pederson made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 20-29

RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019, commonly known as “COVID-19,” which is a respiratory disease that can result in serious injury or death, is spreading globally and has been identified by the World Health Organization (“WHO”) as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a National Emergency; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has been confirmed to exist and be spreading within the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz declared a Peacetime State of Emergency to authorize any and all necessary resources to be used in support of the COVID-19 response; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 12.29 authorizes the Mayor of the City of Pine City to declare a local emergency, and further provides that the state of local emergency may not be continued for a period in excess of three days except by or with the consent of the City Council of the City of Pine City;

WHEREAS, the United States Center for Disease Control (“CDC”) and Minnesota Department of Health (“MDH”) have advised that aggressive community mitigation strategies are necessary to slow the transmission of COVID-19, reduce illness and deaths, and limit the economic impacts of the outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic is an unforeseen, present, sudden, and unexpected situation, which requires immediate action to be taken to prevent damage to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Pine City; and

WHEREAS, the necessary resources to respond to and recover from this pandemic will likely exceed those resources available within the City, and additional resources may be needed from Pine County, and state and federal sources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Pine City, Minnesota, that:

1. By signing this Resolution, Acting Mayor Brian Scholin declares that the COVID-19 pandemic constitutes a local emergency within the City of Pine City, effective March

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20, 2020, with all the powers and responsibilities attending thereto as provided, Minn. Stat. Ch. 12, and as otherwise provided for the City of Pine City and City Code.

2. The City Council, by adopting this Resolution, agrees with the Acting Mayor's declaration of a local emergency within the City of Pine City and hereby extends such state of local emergency until such time as this resolution is rescinded by the City Council.
3. The City Council hereby direct City staff to review City ordinances, regulatory requirements, operations, practices, events, and resources to determine whether the foregoing should be adjusted or suspended, and to make recommendations regarding additional emergency regulations to support the employees and residents of the City of Pine City.
4. The City Council hereby direct City staff to operate and support the response to this incident, under the direction and coordination of the City Administrator, including implementing new employee protocols, strategies, and processes to ensure that public services are maintained while best protecting the health, safety and welfare of the public and the City's employees.
5. The City Council hereby directs the City's City Administrator and other appropriate City staff to request and coordinate appropriate aid and resources from surrounding jurisdictions, Pine County, the State of Minnesota, and the Federal government, as needed.
6. The City Council hereby declares, under Minn. Stat. § 13D.021, that in-person meetings of the City Council and its subcommittees, Planning Commission, and other advisory boards and commissions of the City of Pine City are not practical or prudent due to the COVID-19 health pandemic and the peacetime emergency declared by Governor Walz pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 12, and hereby directs that meetings of the City Council and its subcommittees, Planning Commission, and other advisory boards and commissions of the City shall include the ability to be conducted via telephone or other electronic means, and hereby directs City Staff to take such action as may be necessary to enable such meetings to include technology so they may occur via telephone or other electronic means pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.021, until such time as it is no longer impractical or imprudent for the City Council, Planning Commission, and other advisory commission to resume in-person meetings.
7. The City Council hereby orders that this declaration be given prompt and general publicity and that it be filed promptly by the City Clerk.

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Pettie and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

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The following voted against the same:

This resolution is hereby passed this 20th day of March, 2020



Brian Scholin, Acting Mayor

ATTEST:



Matthew Van Steenwyk, City Administrator