

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF LAKE JACKSON

BE IT KNOWN that the City Council of the City of Lake Jackson met on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in Regular Session at the LJ Civic Center, 333 E Hwy 332, Lake Jackson, Texas with the following in attendance:

Bob Sipple, Mayor	Modesto Mundo, City Manager
Vinay Singhania, Mayor Pro-Tem	Meagan Borth, Interim Assistant City Manager
Matt Broaddus, Councilmember	Sally Villarreal, Assistant City Secretary
Gerald Roznovsky, Councilmember	Sherri Russell, City Attorney
Buster Buell, Councilmember	Sabrina England, PW Director
Jon J.B. Baker, Councilmember	Sal Aguirre, City Engineer
	Pam Eaves, Finance Director

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Broaddus led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION

Mayor Sipple led the invocation.

VISITORS

There were no visitor comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of minutes – October 19, 2020
- b) Approve expanding the capacity allowed for private rentals/use of the Civic Center to match the current state guidelines of 75% capacity

On motion by Councilmember Buell second by Councilmember Singhania with all present members voting “aye” the consent agenda was approved as follows:

- a) Approval of minutes – October 19, 2020 - approved
- b) Approve expanding the capacity allowed for private rentals/use of the Civic Center to match the current state guidelines of 75% capacity - approved

ACCEPT RESIGNATION FROM PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER BRENDA COLEGROVE AND DISCUSS A REPLACEMENT

Mayor Sipple expressed his thanks for Brenda Colegrove and all she has done for the city.

On motion by Councilmember Broaddus second by Councilmember Baker with all present members voting “aye” council accepted Brenda Colegrove’s resignation from the Planning Commission.

APPROVE BISD REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE PEG (PUBLIC EDUCATION AND GOVERNMENT) FUND IN AN AMOUNT \$48,584.08

Glen Rankin – BISD representative

Mr. Rankin stated BISD has been cooperating with the city to produce videos for various entities within the city. BISD was cut short this past year due to Covid. It brought fewer projects and events. BISD will be re-focusing to Public Service Announcements (PSA’s) and interviews pertaining to the city.

Mr. Rankin stated classes are going to be working on short PSA’s with general holiday stuff. There will be holiday and voting items.

Mr. Mundo asked if the school district still maintained the PEG channel. Mr. Rankin said they do, but it is more informational now.

Mr. Rankin mentioned the PEG capabilities include multi camera shoots, or spreading out during an event, even remote live streaming if there is an internet connection. One of the goals is to be able to do so without internet connection with a reliable mobile hot spot. Also, they have the capability to do aerial drone footage.

Councilmember Baker asked how many students are enrolled in the program. Mr. Rankin said Brazoswood High School has approximately 60 students while Brazosport High School has approximately 70 students. The class is an in-person class only, there are no virtual students.

On motion by Councilmember Buell second by Councilmember Baker with all present members voting “aye” the BISD request for reimbursement from the PEG fund in an amount of \$48,584.08 was approved.

DISCUSS SLEEPY HOLLOW SUBDIVISION STREET CONDITIONS

No one was present for the agenda item.

At the October 19th City Council meeting, Mr. Gary Hodges, 101 Van Winkle asked when the Sleepy Hollow subdivision streets were rescheduled to be repaired or resurfaced. Staff has conducted a visual grading of the following asphalt streets and have assigned a grade using the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating System (PASER). Ratings are from a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being a pavement in a failed condition and 10 being a pavement in excellent condition.

		PASER Grade	Concrete	Asphalt Reconstruction	Asphalt Overlay Contractor	Asphalt Overlay County
Sleepy Hollow	SR 12		\$ 4,900,000	\$ 975,000		
- Sleepy Hollow		2		595,000	250,000	60,000
- Haven		6		380,000		40,000
- Ichabod		7				
- Van Winkle		8				
Balsam	SR 6	3	300,000	55,000		
Willenberg	SR 7	2	1,100,000	170,000		

As you can see from the above ratings, Sleepy Hollow St., Balsam and Willenberg are in the worst condition. Haven, Ichabon and Van Winkle may only need minor overlay or repairs through the County inter-local agreement.

The bond committee had looked at this over 6 months, but there has usually been a hesitation on the asphalt streets in regards that these were areas that were annexed to the city and the long term goal was to convert them to pavement. However, to convert them over to pavement, then it would be an assessment. This is where the project has died. What has happened is the streets have been pushed and pushed and as it is apparent, there is only so much you can push the project. Mr. Mundo mentioned this is something Council may need to start thinking about.

Councilmember Roznovsky asked what type of maintenance we do on black tops.

Mr. Aguirre said when you start with a proper pavement that is being worked on with a proper base and asphalt, the maintenance is primarily to come in every 10 years to put in a seal coat. Which would be flooded with oil and asphalt to seal the cracks that have developed then put in another layer of gravel, creating a better surface for driving.

Mayor Sipple asked what is recommended for a base. Mr. Aguirre stated what is preferred is the cement stabilized base. This has been done one time on Old Angleton Road. The key to longevity is a good base.

Councilmember Baker asked when the last time work was done in the Sleepy Hollow area. Mr. Aguirre guessed it had been over 20 years.

Mr. Mundo said this discussion comes up every so often. The original goal was to move it to concrete, but because it is so large and costly it gets kicked out. We will have to look at other possibilities other than concrete.

Mr. Mundo said it is significantly cheaper to do the asphalt repairs than the concrete. The entire subdivision may not have to be re-done. Mr. Mundo also stated an answer is not expected at this time. Staff wanted to bring this information for Council to review.

Councilmember Broaddus asked if the city does an assessment for asphalt like what is done for concrete. Mr. Mundo said the history has been when a neighborhood is annexed and then it is brought up to city standards, then at that time it would be assessed for a concrete street. If we were to keep it at asphalt, it would not be recommended because it would remain the same standard.

Councilmember Singhania asked if it were possible to poll residents and ask them if they would want a concrete based street and having the choice of paying an assessment long term or just do the asphalt. Mr. Mundo thought that would be possible to give them a couple of options and get their feedback.

Councilmember Roznovsky mentioned that he made a request that was approved in last year's strategic plan to move black top streets to concrete streets, curb, and gutter like the rest of Lake Jackson. It was discussed to go ahead and move those streets to meet city standards. This was put in the strategic plans for down the road because we knew it could not be done with the current bond that is in place.

Councilmember Buell stated it keeps getting pushed back for unforeseen circumstances.

Mr. Mundo stated we would survey the residents. Give them a scope of the project and cost and bring it back to Council for discussion at a later time.

Councilmember Singhania wanted to make sure residence understood their options.

Councilmember Roznovsky stated that once again that this was approved and recommended by Council

in the strategic plan to not do an assessment, but rather do it as a future bond just like other bond street repairs are done.

APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF AN AUTOCAR CNG REAR LOAD REFUSE TRUCK AND AN AUTOCAR CNG COMMERCIAL SIDE LOAD REFUSE TRUCK THROUGH THE BUYBOARD, CONTRACT #601-19 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$612,398

Mr. Mundo stated the city has had trouble with one of the commercial trucks and staff has recommended the purchase of two trucks. It takes about 10-11 months for these trucks to arrive.

On motion by Councilmember Roznovsky second by Councilmember Buell with all present members voting “aye” the purchase of an autocar CNG rear load refuse truck and an autocar CNG commercial side load refuse truck through the BuyBoard contract #601-19 in an amount not to exceed \$612,398 was approved.

DISCUSS THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION FOR A NO PARKING ZONE ON CEDAR STREET BETWEEN JONQUIL AND PLANTATION DRIVE

Sabrina England, Public Works Director stated that people are parking on Cedar between Jonquil and Plantation. This is causing a problem with people trying to pick up children at the daycare on Cedar.

Councilmember Baker asked what time the no parking would be? Ms. England said it would be during drop off and pick up times, Monday – Friday.

Councilmember Broaddus was at the Traffic meeting and informed Council of what was happening. The concern was that parents were waiting on Cedar because they did not want to wait in the que of stacking lanes at the school.

Mr. Mundo stated the City has spoke to the school district and Imagination Station daycare and they are both in agreement.

Mayor Sipple asked what would happen to these vehicles if it became a no parking zone. Mr. Mundo stated these cars would need to go to the stacking lanes at the school where they should be. This would prevent the activity of kids crossing and getting into cars on Cedar. The crossing guard on duty has expressed his concern for the safety of the children and at times feels overwhelmed.

Councilmember Roznovsky felt it would be good if it is only during school days and hours.

Ms. Russell stated she would bring an ordinance back for consideration since all seem to be in agreement.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ALLOCATING CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS TO ELIGIBLE LOCAL ENTITIES

Ms. Borth went over the following:

Through the Coronavirus Relief Fund, the CARES Act provides for payments to State, Local, and Tribal governments navigating the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak. The City of Lake Jackson’s application for funds was approved and we were allocated \$1,523,445.

The Treasury Department released a list of eligible and ineligible expenditures that pertained to local governments. Within these parameters, there is also a 75/25% rule which requires 75% of total submitted expenditures to be spent on medical, public health, and payroll expenses. The remaining 25% can be spent on anything to do with second-order effects of this emergency (economic support to

community/organizations). On October 29th, we received an update on eligible expenditures from the State that included:

“In support of Operation Connectivity, cities and counties that have received CRF funding through the Texas Division of Emergency Management may allocate funds to local education agencies (LEAs) for cost share related to eligible expenditures with the Operation Connectivity program. If a city or county provides funding to an LEA for this purpose the allocation will be allocated from the county or municipality’s 75 percent spending requirement that is identified in the first three categories within the CRF Terms and Conditions.”

This means that we can now allocate more money to BISD for their Operation Connectivity program that funds the purchases of internet solutions with the goal of providing connectivity technology for all students who could not otherwise have them. We previously committed to \$25,000 to BISD for this program in September. However, this update has changed the category that the allocation falls under and we can now commit more.

As of October 30th, BISD still needs \$203,000 to fulfill their Operation Connectivity program financial needs.

Similarly, another update provided that Category 2 expenses also include:

“Expenses for acquisition and distribution of medical and protective supplies, including sanitizing products and personal protective equipment, for medical personnel, police officers, social workers, child protection services, and child welfare officers, direct service providers for older adults and individuals with disabilities in community settings, and other public health or safety workers in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency.”

“Expenses for disinfection of public areas and other facilities, e.g., nursing homes, in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.”

Therefore, staff reached out to Lake Jackson nursing homes and assisted living facilities to determine their need for medical and sanitizing equipment. All five indicated a need and are preparing request letters for the City. Staff has created a chart to show total, current and the proposed allocation breakdowns:

Total Allocated	75%	25%
\$1,523,445	\$1,142,584	\$380,861
Total Spent as of 10/30 (Approximate)		
\$875,000	\$375,000	\$25,000
Total Estimate Spent by 12/30		
\$625,000	\$500,000	\$125,000
Total Estimate w/ Proposed Allocations Approved		
\$1,425,000	\$1,075,000	\$350,000 (Utility Credit)
City Expenses	\$500,000	
BISD Operation Connectivity	\$225,000	
Nursing Homes/Assisted Living Facilities	\$200,000	
Pending TDEM Approval Projects	\$150,000	

*These are proposed estimated and simple parameters that staff would stay within if approved.

Staff is asking for Council to approve this item as proposed to allow time and flexibility to finalize costs. Once this is complete, the City Manager would review the expenditures and give them to the Mayor for final approval and commitment signature.

Councilmember Buell asked if we are spending city money first and then waiting for reimbursement. Ms. Borth replied “yes”, this is all a reimbursement.

Mr. Mundo said the biggest cost is the Covid testing for employees and their salary if they test positive and must work from home or be quarantined. We can get reimbursed for those salaries.

CHLORINE CONVERSION PROCESS AND DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Mundo went over the following information:

1. We are now completely focused on the free chlorine conversion for 60 days at 1.0 throughout the water system.
 - a. **60 Day Chlorine Conversion.** Date to end free Chlorine conversion is Dec. 4, 2020. Well 7 is back up and running.
 - b. **Ameba Testing:** Met with TCEQ, DSHS, EPA & CDC on October 16, & 28. We have sent maps of chlorine residuals and our system to CDC. We are now working on establish testing sites with TCEQ and the CDC. Ameba testing tentatively scheduled for November 30, 2020.
 - c. **Drought Contineny Plan:** Our wells are averaging a little over 4.5 MGD gallons per day or each well is running 12.5 to 16 hours per day.
2. **Customer Service Inspection Program.** We received donation from BASF in the amount of \$50,000 to purchase residential hose bib vacuum breakers to distribute to the community. We are finalizing pricing now from vendors.
3. **Public Communication.** Zoom update revised schedule Fri at 11:00 am.
4. **Water Discount.** Council will discuss a water discount at their next Council meeting on November 2, 2020.
5. **Expenditures as of 10/30/2020**

Category	Description	Cost
Salaries & Wages		125,865.57
Operating	Chemical Analyzers	15,720.33
Miscellaneous	Food	2,864.64
Maintenance of System		10,668.89
Wells		115,817.07
Non-Fleet Equipment		4,948.71
Laboratory		4,610.40
HR Green Engineering		70,000.00
Operating	Auto Flushers	38,620.70
Operating	Chlorine est.	75,000.00
Staff Assistance from Other Cities	TBD	
SUBTOTAL		\$ 464,116.31

Mr. Mundo went over some pictures that were submitted by Ms. Webb. These pictures were of flushers.

Mr. Mundo mentioned a request to run a local car wash an additional hour. Mr. Mundo said if we do it for one, we must do it for all to be fair. This will take some conversation with staff to get usage amounts.

Councilmember Baker asked when the City would be able to get back on BWA water. Mr. Mundo said if all goes well with testing on November 30th, we could possibly be back around December 15th. It takes a little time to transition.

Councilmember Baker asked how much longer citizens would experience the chlorine smell. Mr. Mundo said on December 4th we should hopefully start seeing a decrease in the smell. Neighborhoods that are close to the distribution system will notice the change quicker. Distribution systems are on Oak Drive and Beechwood.

Mayor Sipple mentioned he has received calls from citizens asking if they can wash their cars. The answer is still “no” at this time. Citizens must wait until December 4th to wash cars.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A CREDIT ON UTILITY BILLS DUE TO THE RECENT EMERGENCY WATER CHLORINE CONVERSION

Mr. Mundo went over the following data that was gathered by staff:

Staff has received several inquiries if a credit on the utility bill would be considered by City Council due to taste of the water. We have not normally given a credit during because of normal chlorine conversion processes (two times a year – 2 weeks each). This is a special circumstance that will add six weeks to our normal chlorine conversion process. A logical argument could be made if a household is following our flushing recommendation. Then that household could possibly see an increased cost to their bill for flushing activities. The tables below show possible calculations for developing a credit to the utility bill or staff could work with each customer if they felt they were being charged for water that they were flushing and not actually using. This would be handled on a case by case basis and a review of the customers past usage.

Usage	No.	GPD	Duration	Gallons	W&S Price per Gallon	Total Cost
Flushing	2-3 faucets	25-37.5	60	1,500-2,250	.0095	\$14.25-\$21.368
					8,500 Homes	\$121k - \$182k
					Base Water Bill \$13.85	Two Months \$27.70

Credit for Base water bill only. Anything over the base bill the customer would be responsible for since they consumed the water

8,500 Homes \$235,450

Fiscal Year 2020 Residential Billing Statistics							
	Accts	Avg	Yearly base consumption	Yearly over Base Consumption	Total Consumption	Avg gallons per day per customer	Avg gallons per day customer Oct. Billing
Cycle 1 (1)	24,680	2,057	44,673	77,708	122,381	163.03	149.16
Cycle 2 (2)	24,940	2,078	44,355	65,653	110,008	145.02	116.56
Cycle 3 (3)	24,135	2,011	40,702	103,562	144,264	196.52	169.94
Cycle 4 (0)	28,702	2,392	52,765	104,910	157,675	180.61	188.41

Cycle 4 was read beginning the Monday after the Water issue occurred.

Cycle 1, 2 and 3 include usage one, two and 3 weeks respectively after the issue occurred.

- Cycle 1 Includes Flagridge and generally the area east of 332/288
- Cycle 2 Includes the area surrounding AP Beutel
- Cycle 3 Includes Northwood and Timbercreek
- Cycle 4 Includes Pecan Lake, Forest Drive, Creekside

Mr. Mundo wanted to make it clear that water is not for profit. If a credit is given, that money comes from funds that are used for city emergencies.

Councilmember Baker asked if people who live in apartments would get the credit? Mr. Mundo said they would not, it is only for residential homes. A refund to an apartment complex is considered a business, individual residents do not pay their water bill.

Mayor Sipple thanked the residents for their cooperation. Mayor Sipple asked for any comments from the public. There were no comments.

DISCUSS THE GOVERNOR’S AND MAYOR’S EMERGENCY ORDERS UNDER THE COVID-19 DISASTER DECLARATION

Mayor Sipple asked for comments to be held to 3 minutes as well as not asking the same questions.

Councilmember Baker asked if the questions that were submitted from the citizens could be reviewed first. Ms. Russell went over the questions and explained the Texas Government Code.

Ch. 418 Texas Government Code

Authority to Declare Disaster
Governor, County Judge and Mayor

Authority to Issue Emergency Orders
Governor issues orders and proclamations
County Judge and Mayor issue orders
All have the effect of law
Mayor cannot issue orders that conflict with Governor or County Judge

Governor's Current Orders

Executive Order	Issue Date	Summary
10	3/24	Daily Reporting of hospital capacity and test results
13	3/29	No PR bond for "violent" offenders
17	4/17	Strike Force Creation
24	5/21	Terminates GA-20. No more quarantine after air travel.
25	5/22	No visitation for jails
29	7/3	Mask mandate
31	9/17	If area does not have high hospitalization, they need only reserve 10% for COVID.
32	10/07	If area does not have high hospitalization, bars may operate at 50% capacity and other businesses at 75% capacity.

Mayor's Orders

Order Subject	Issue Date	Superseded by	Summary
Restaurants	3/17	Exec Order 16	No in-person dining
Yard Parking	3/25	Council decision 6/15	Ban on parking in yards suspended
Masks	6/26	Exec Order 29 - partially superseded.	Commercial entities must create health and safety policy, including masks and social distancing. The policy must be placed in a conspicuous location.

Ms. Russell stated the only plan in place from the Mayor is to have a plan and place it on the door.

Ms. Russell stated the AG is suing a couple of cities because they are not following the law in the way it should be followed.

Below is a list of questions that were submitted and answered:

What law, specifically, says Lake Jackson City Council MUST follow the governor's mandates? **§418.012 Texas Government Code. As part of his emergency powers, the governor may issue executive orders, proclamations. Executive orders, proclamations, and regulations have the force and effect of law.**

If there is no law, WHY do you feel you MUST obey his orders? (just like when we are ordered to leave town for a hurricane, we don't have to follow any orders, we just have to deal with the consequences- isn't this the same for the city?) **City council takes an oath to follow and uphold the laws. The oath is in Texas Constitution Art. 16 §1. "I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully**

execute the duties of the office of _____ of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, so help me God.”

Also, the Texas Constitution Art. 16 §5 states that no charter or ordinance shall contain any provision inconsistent with the Constitution of the State, or of the general laws enacted by the Legislature of this State.

What would be the consequences to the City of Lake Jackson if we refused to follow these mandates? Is there some sort of financial carrot/stick? Financially, the City could lose its ability to receive COVID relief funds. The maximum amount the City can receive from the CARES Act for reimbursement of COVID related expenditures is \$1,523,445. The City’s reimbursement request will include COVID testing of employees; mask for employees and first responders; and payroll expenses for employees out on COVID sick leave or COVID quarantine.

Also, the state could bring a quo warranto action to attempt to remove council members from office. The ability to remove officers is in Texas Constitution Art. 15 §7: The Legislature shall provide by law for the trial and removal from office of all officers of this State.

Under the City Charter, the council members could also be subject to recall.

Since the City Council has already acknowledged (at previous meetings) that there is no city mandate and they do not enforce it, we would like to know when the City will inform the people and businesses of Lake Jackson of that fact.

Will you notify (in writing) all of the businesses you previously notified that your mandate has been repealed (also online wherever previously posted)? **The mandate has not been repealed. It has been superseded by the governor’s order.**

Will you also inform these businesses that none of the resources (police, code enforcers, etc.) of the City of Lake Jackson will be used to enforce any of the governor’s mandates? **The City, through its health authority, is enforcing the governor’s restrictions on restaurants and bars. The City is also enforcing the mayor’s order that businesses post their health and safety policy in a conspicuous location. The City is not enforcing the mask order because the governor has made it impossible to enforce by mandating that police officers cannot detain people for not wearing masks. The inability to detain means that the officer cannot temporarily stop a person even for the short amount of time necessary to issue a citation.**

If the City Council insists on following the mandates of the governor, rather than protecting the rights of the people of Lake Jackson, will the city enforce the EXEMPTIONS to the governors mandates (since many local businesses refuse to acknowledge them)? **Private businesses have the power to exclude people from their businesses. The city will not interfere with that power.**

A few comments from visitors:

Sylvia Waldrop – 3678 CR 571

Ms. Waldrop commented on having to wear glasses. She cannot go to her eye doctor because they will not let her in without a mask. She wanted Council to think about that. Ms. Waldrop stated that people have never had to mask up for other illnesses.

Daniel McAdams - 111 Bayou Road

Spent his career reading legislation. Mr. McAdams went over an order by the Governor. A mask should be worn when 6' of social distancing cannot be done. The Mayor's order is more of a sign mandate masquerading as a mask mandate. He felt part of the problem is the orders need to provide clarity. He wants to get rid of the mask mandate.

Tom Bailey - 222 Forest Drive

Mr. Bailey stated he has lived in the area 40 years and has never seen anything like this. Mr. Bailey felt we had a weapon applied to this country. There is a treatment for Covid. People are controlled by the media who ignites fear. People have lost their businesses and jobs. Mr. Bailey said Covid is just another flu.

Bruce Pollock - 55 Banyan Court

Mr. Pollock is greatly concerned about what is going on in country. Mr. Pollock stated the lockdowns are getting out of control and that we must face problems of today. We should not be getting information from the media. He felt this is a pandemic, it has been planned.

Leo Novak – 209 Arrowwood

Mr. Novak asked Ms. Russell to clarify the Governor's order.

Mr. Novak said he has walked the mall and stopped by 8 stores that have been closed. Unemployment in Brazoria County is almost 8%. Brazoria county is facing an increase in suicides. Nine people in Lake Jackson have died from Covid.

Ms. Russell stated the Governor wants law enforcement to enforce the order, but the language after it makes it impossible to enforce. Yes, everyone needs to enforce the order, but you are not allowed to detain anyone if they are violating the order.

John Tyson – 301 Lotus

Mr. Tyson stated his wife has been in a nursing care facility for that two years. Ever since this virus has come along, it has destroyed people. Mr. Tyson stated his family has been hurt a lot.

Michael Bounds – 205 Camelia Street

Mr. Bounds stated officers cannot enforce the Governor's order. He said the college officers are finding ways to arrest people.

Ms. Russell stated the college is being very strict. A business can ask you to leave for not wearing a mask. If you do not leave, it is considered trespassing and that is what you can be arrested for.

Steve Gagnon - Huisache

Mr. Gagnon asked why exemptions are not posted on the business doors.

Zach Hueland – 807 Buchta Road, Angleton

Mr. Hueland was there to speak on friend's behalf.

Mr. Hueland felt people are not given the chance to decide for themselves. Citizens are given the choice during hurricanes and other events, why not with this? Not asking for removal of mask order. He was asking to give them the freedom to make that choice. We are now 7 months into this pandemic, we know more about it and can decide for ourselves.

Travis McQueen – 418 Garland Drive

Mr. McQueen stated he went to the movies and was not allowed in because he was not wearing a mask. He was given the option to buy one for \$1. Mr. McQueen stated if things do not change, we will head into a Civil War. He said the Council serves the people of this town, not the State.

Craig Conrad- 57 Hibiscus Court

Mr. Conrad wore his mask and had no agenda. He did not have a problem with the mask rule. He was thankful for Council's service to the community and stated this is coming from the Government. He said Covid is very real. He wanted everyone to think about the lives that have been lost and not to downplay the mask. We live by rules all around us, just follow them.

Rebecca Gowen - 111 Anchusa

Ms. Gowen asked if the City was forced to put the mask order in place.

Mayor Sipple stated part of the influence was the industry. Industry leaders approached the City. The plants could not operate without workers.

Ms. Gowen thought the City was forced to issue the mask mandate. Mayor Sipple explained it to Ms. Gowen several times.

Ms. Gowen asked how long the mask mandate would last. Mayor Sipple mentioned the vaccine.

Ms. Russell stated it is up to the Governor when the mask mandate will be over.

Leo Novak –

Stated a Mayor's order is still in effect until it is rescinded.

Janice Borne – 2200 CR 36

Ms. Borne read some information from OSHA about masks. Ms. Borne said her family will not wear a mask and she will not give business to those businesses that mandate it. Ms. Borne asked about the disaster and the Cares Act.

Katherine – Jones Creek

Katherine mentioned some of the side effects of wearing masks.

Mayor Sipple stated the City is doing the best we can do at this time. He respects everyone's opinion and how they feel. Mayor Sipple read his Oath to the audience.

Mayor Sipple stated he would not rescind his order. The new mayor may feel differently.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Broaddus mentioned election day and voting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

These minutes read and approved this _____ day of _____ 2020.

Bob Sipple, Mayor

Alice A. Rodgers, City Secretary