

SPECIAL MEETING, April 27, 2020

The Special Session of the Deadwood City Commission convened on Monday, April 27, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the Deadwood City Commission Chambers, 102 Sherman Street, Deadwood, South Dakota. Mayor David Ruth Jr. called the meeting to order with the following members present: Department Heads, and City Attorney Quentin L. Riggins, Commissioners Michael Johnson, Sharon Martinisko, and Charlie Struble. Commissioner Gary Todd was absent. All motions passed unanimously unless otherwise stated.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance

City Attorney Riggins explained the Ordinance, which reopen all businesses based upon the task force committee. He also stated some changes may be made concerning casino table games. Mayor Ruth Jr. thanked the members of the task force. He stated as communities begin to relax restrictions put in place, we will see an increase in cases on western side of state, so we will be aware of the situation around us. Commissioner Martinisko asked if ordinance includes restaurant seating. Attorney Riggins replied yes, business would still have to follow Governor's executive order. Martinisko also asked if ordinance addresses businesses, which are not complying, or have an increase in cases and have to close. Riggins replied enforcement is going to be addressed in Item B, which would give the Police ability to enforce non-compliance businesses. He also stated if increases in cases arise, we could close down if needed and allows things to be dictated by Governor based on executive order. Mayor Ruth stated members of the task force want to ensure everything is correct so we don't have to reclose again. The goal is to take every measure possible; with understanding there may come a situation that would have to be addressed. Martinisko moved, Johnson seconded to approve first reading of Ordinance 1312, Emergency Ordinance to address a public health crisis by implementing certain measures which have been deemed necessary to slow the community spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19.) Roll Call: Aye-All. Motion carried.

Ordinance

Attorney Riggins stated Ordinance addresses enforcement. He stated currently we have the ability to abate public nuisances; ordinance will speed up the process only if Commission determines there exists a public health crisis that would create a nuisance. He also stated for example in the fall if City would have to shut businesses down again due to corona virus, City could declare by Resolution, a public health crisis which would enable city to follow any requirements set forth by Governor for social distancing, to abate nuisances that violate any ordinances or resolutions passed. Commissioner Martinisko asked if ordinance allows police department to abate now. Riggins replied ordinance will give officers the ability to give citations rather than allow certain abatement procedures, and give flexibility to discuss abatement steps to avoid citation. Martinisko moved, Struble seconded to approve first reading of Ordinance 1313, Amending Chapter 8.16 of the City of Deadwood Municipal Code addressing Nuisances. Roll Call: Aye-All. Motion carried.

Refund

Historic Preservation Officer Kuchenbecker explained the refund. Martinisko moved, Struble seconded to acknowledge refund of \$2,560.80 (a 2019 expenditure) from Glice International for shipping container to store synthetic ice rink and accoutrements and authorize staff to purchase a container locally in an amount not to exceed the refund. Roll Call: Aye-All. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

- A. Next Regular Meeting May 4th @ 5:00 p.m.
- Special Meeting May 11th @ 5:00 p.m.
- Regular Meeting May 18th @ 5:00 p.m.

Resident, Lacey Shirey, asked what is going to constitute shutting the City down again. Mayor Ruth Jr. replied that because task force includes professionals from Monument Health and Industry Leaders feedback, but mostly will come from the Governor.

Resident, Annie Seifert, asked when Ordinance would come effective. Mayor Ruth Jr. replied he cannot give a date because he does not know what is going to happen in a week, as well as how far the task force will be in a week. She also asked about casino testing employees. Ruth Jr. explained the process that the task force is putting together.

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Resident, Mark Shirey asked about the specifics of the Ordinance. Kuchenbecker handed him a copy. Ruth Jr. explained the specifics.

Jessica Eide, questioned what kind of precautions the task force is going to recommend to protect front line workers. Ruth Jr. stated there are measures that are being suggested for close contact, masked employees, disinfectants and others things that professionals are suggesting to utilize.

Attorney Riggins requested Executive Session for legal matters per SDCL 1-25-2(3) and personnel matters per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) with possible action.

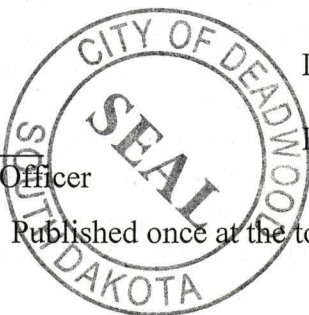
ADJOURNMENT

Johnson moved, Struble seconded to adjourn the regular session at 5:34 p.m. and convene into Executive Session for legal matters per SDCL 1-25-2(3) and personnel matters per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) with possible action. The next regular meeting will be on Monday, May 4, 2020.

After coming out of executive session at 5:58 p.m. Martinisko moved, Johnson seconded to adjourn.

ATTEST:


Jessica McKeown, Finance Officer



DATE: 5/4/20

BY: 

David Ruth Jr., Mayor

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