

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TEXAS

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 26, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

1. **Call to order and quorum call** – Mayor Ball called the telephonic audio meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. In attendance were Aldermen Repino, Tremblay, Fillinger, Walker, and Yelton, City Administrator Lou Fox, City Attorney Cassandra Ortiz, and City Secretary Katherine Yelton.
2. **Citizens to be heard** – Persons wishing to speak had the opportunity to do so by signing up with the City Secretary at least two hours in advance of the meeting by emailing cityclerk@cityofsandyoaks.com or calling (210) 607-0834. No citizens signed up to speak.
3. **Mayoral Announcement**

- a) Updates on COVID-19

Mayor Ball stated this is an ever-changing crisis being experienced around the world. The City website is being updated as soon as information becomes available. Mayor Ball signed a declaration of public emergency on the 23rd of March, which allows the City to be prepared in the event we need to secure resources or available funding, as well as signing up for the FEMA emergency funding should the City need it. At this time, the City does not have anything that is needing reimbursement for or assistance with. The City is following the orders put in place by Governor Abbott at the state level and Judge Wolff at the county level. The intent is that all entities at state, county, and local levels are all in lock-step with the plan to mitigate the spread of the virus. Mayor Ball asked citizens to maintain their distance from each other and maintain hand washing, sanitize surfaces, and stay home. She had reached out to all of the business within City limits. Those who cannot be open because of the order have closed. Those who are open have taken measures to protect themselves and the public. The marshal and deputy have visited Valero and Dollar General to ensure they are maintaining the distance requirements, limiting access to buildings, and sanitizing surfaces.

- b) Update on Town Hall regarding fireworks ordinance.

Mayor Ball stated the town hall meeting will be rescheduled for a future date.

4. **Administration**

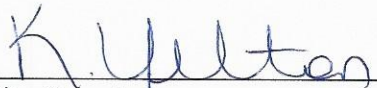
- a) Discuss and/or possible action of approving Ordinance No. 2020-159 extending the Mayor's declaration of Local State of Disaster due to public health emergency and other matters related thereto. Mayor Ball informed Council since this is an emergency, there is no need to waive a second reading. The intent of the ordinance is to ratify the mayor's declaration of emergency issued on March 23rd and to designate an Emergency Management Director and Coordinator. By default, the mayor is the director and because of an interlocal agreement with Bexar County, Kyle Coleman would be the coordinator. The city attorney suggested amending the second sentence of Section 2 and add "and all subsequent orders of the County related to the COVID-19 virus implemented for the public health". Alderman Fillinger made a motion to adopt the ordinance as amended, which was seconded by Alderman Repino and passed unanimously.
 - b) Discuss and/or possible action on an application for audio conferencing and related costs. Mayor Ball stated that Governor Abbott suspended some of the restrictions within the Texas Open Meetings Act so that various government entities can continue to function. A couple of options provided by TML to support this new way of doing business were

presented to Council; Zoom and Log Me In. Alderman Fillinger made a motion approve the cost of the Business Plan through Zoom for \$19.99/month, which was seconded by Alderman Tremblay and passed unanimously.

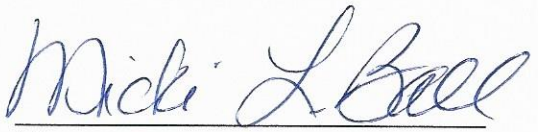
5. **Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 9th DAY OF APRIL, 2020.

ATTEST:



City Secretary
Katherine Yelton



Mayor
Micki L. Ball