

**EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE DASSEL CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 26, 2020 7:00 P.M.
DASSEL CITY HALL**

The emergency meeting of the Dassel City Council was called to order by Mayor Hungerford at 7:00 p.m. on March 26, 2020 at Dassel City Hall.

Present: Council members Carlson, Hallquist, Hollaran, Weseloh and Mayor Hungerford (5)
Absent: None (0)

Also present: Clerk Boese, Public Works Director Otten, Liquor Store Manager Vetsch, Fire Chief Johnson and Fire Fighter Doughty.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Governors' 'Stay at Home' Order, City preparations and Mayoral Proclamation.

Motion by Hungerford, seconded by Carlson to move to Phase 3 of the Community Health Emergency Plan and approved the Mayoral Proclamation as amended. Clerk Boese will update the Mayoral Proclamation and send to the Council and Department Heads for review. Motion carried.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Hungerford to suspend utility shut offs and late fee charges until May 1, 2020. Motion carried.

Depending on the current state of the health emergency, the Council will discuss extending the suspension of these two items at the next regular meeting.

The Council discussed concerns from the Fire Department in regard to COVID-19 exposure and fire fighters employer requirements to stay home if exposed and their potential wage losses. The League of MN Cities Work Comp insurance will cover fire fighters if they contract COVID-19 but does not cover exposure related wage loss. The Council recommended the Fire Advisory Board meet to discuss the potential impact to the fire budget. They also recommend fire fighters be compensated \$20/hour up to 80 hours, max of \$1,600 if a fire fighter is exposed and required by their employer (or self-employed) to self-quarantine. Clerk Boese will schedule a meeting of the Fire Advisory Board and contact the City's Short Term Disability provider to check what options, if any, may be available in this situation.

Motion by Hungerford, seconded by Carlson to pay non-essential, hourly museum employees their regular scheduled hours for the next two weeks beginning March 30th. Motion carried with Weseloh voting no.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Weseloh to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Ron Hungerford
Mayor

Terri Boese
Clerk/Treasurer