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AGENDA - SPECIAL MEETING
COWETA CITY COUNCIL
COWETA CITY HALL, 310 S. BROADWAY
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020 6:00 P.M.

MEETING PROCEDURE: Comments on all scheduled agenda items will be heard immediately following the presentation by staff or the petitioner. Please wait until you are recognized by the Mayor and keep your comments as brief as possible. Individuals addressing the City Council must identify themselves by name prior to making any comments. The City Council will act on an agenda item after comments from staff and the City Council have been heard.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
EVETTE MORRIS _____
HAROLD CHANCE _____
NAOMI HOGUE _____
LOGAN BROWN _____
RANDY WOODWARD _____
1. TELEPHONIC APPEARANCE
IN ACCORDANCE WITH SB661, AMENDING THE OKLAHOMA OPEN MEETING ACT, ANY OR ALL OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ABOVE MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE, AND WILL BE AUDIBLE TO EACH OTHER AND TO THE PUBLIC AT THE COWETA CITY HALL DURING SAID MEETING.
- IV. GENERAL CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS
(During the General City Council Comments section of the agenda, the City Council shall make no decision or take any action except as to request the City Manager to schedule the matter for Council discussion at a later date.)
- V. OLD BUSINESS
 1. RESOLUTION 2020-09
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2020-09, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COWETA, OKLAHOMA ACKNOWLEDGING THE DECLARATION OF AN ELECTION EMERGENCY BY THE OKLAHOMA STATE ELECTION BOARD AND CANCELLING THE SPECIAL ELECTION PREVIOUSLY CALLED FOR APRIL 7, 2020.
(ROGER KOLMAN, CITY MANAGER)

Documents:

[200323 RESOLUTION 2020 09 CANCELLING SPECIAL ELECTION.PDF](#)
 2. RESOLUTION 2020-10
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2020-10, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COWETA, OKLAHOMA DECLARING THAT A STATE OF CIVIL EMERGENCY EXISTS IN THE CITY OF COWETA.
(ROGER KOLMAN, CITY MANAGER)

Documents:

VI. NEW BUSINESS

(Business which was not foreseen prior to the posting of the agenda.)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

IF YOU REQUIRE A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION PURSUANT TO THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE NOTIFY CITY HALL BY 9:00 A.M. ON THE DATE OF THE MEETING.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COWETA, OKLAHOMA ACKNOWLEDGING THE DECLARATION OF AN ELECTION EMERGENCY BY THE OKLAHOMA STATE ELECTION BOARD AND CANCELLING THE SPECIAL ELECTION CALLED FOR APRIL 7, 2020.

WHEREAS, on February 3rd, 2020 the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma adopted Resolution No. 2020-04, a resolution calling for a special election and placing a proposition pertaining to Ordinance No. 828 before the qualified electors of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2020-04 set the date for the special election as April 7th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 18th, 2020 the Oklahoma State Election Board declared that an election emergency exists and requested local jurisdictions to reschedule special elections previously scheduled for April 7th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma, recognizing the gravity of the current nationwide emergency, believes it to be in the best interests of the citizens of Coweta, Oklahoma that the special election previously scheduled for April 7th, 2020 be cancelled.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma that:

Section 1. The Special Election scheduled for April 7th, 2020, to be administered by the Wagoner County Election Board, previously called by Resolution No. 2020-04, is hereby cancelled.

Section 2. Ordinance No. 828 shall continue in full force and effect provided the application and implementation of Ordinance No. 828 shall be held in abeyance until approved by the qualified electors of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma at another Special Election held for purposes of consideration of same.

This Resolution is approved in open meeting by the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma on this 23rd day of March 2020.

Evette Morris, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Casteen, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Ronald D. Cates, City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COWETA, OKLAHOMA DECLARING THAT A STATE OF CIVIL EMERGENCY CURRENTLY EXISTS.

WHEREAS, on the 11th day of March 2020 the World Health Organization declared the Coronavirus Covid-19 to be a worldwide pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on the 13th day of March 2020 the President of the United States of America declared the Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic to be a National Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on the 15th day of March 2020 the Governor of the State of Oklahoma declared that a threat to the public health, safety and welfare exists in the State as a result of the Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the President and the United States Center for Disease Control (CDC) have issued guidelines for slowing the spread of the Coronavirus Covid-19 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is the primary purpose of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma, to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Coweta, Oklahoma.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma that:

Section 1. The Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic presents a clear danger to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Coweta, Oklahoma and that this declaration of a civil emergency by the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma is appropriate to address that danger.

Section 2. All events or gatherings of ten (10) or more people at City of Coweta, Oklahoma owned, leased or operated facilities are banned until April 6th, 2020 at which time the status of the civil emergency will be reassessed. The business and operational needs of the City of Coweta, its Trust Authorities, the City Council, and appointed boards and commissions are specifically exempted.

Section 3. The following City of Coweta, Oklahoma facilities and properties shall remain open for limited individual public access however, events or gatherings of ten (10) or more people not otherwise exempted are hereby cancelled during the term of this civil emergency. Individual facilities may develop and post further rules regarding individual public access.

1. Coweta City Hall
2. Coweta Police Station

3. Coweta Fire Station
4. Coweta Public Library
5. Centennial Plaza
6. Roland Park
7. Coweta Sports Park
8. Jimmy Lee Campbell Memorial Park
9. Graham Park

Section 4. All in-person gatherings of ten (10) or more persons for social, spiritual and recreational purposes, including but not limited to community, civic, public, leisure, faith-based, or sporting events, concerts, festivals, conventions, fundraisers, and similar activities are **strongly discouraged**, per CDC recommendations, until the expiration of this civil emergency.

Section 5. Restaurants, bars and other public gathering places are **highly encouraged** to utilize take out, drive through, or delivery options for their customers and to ensure that at least six (6) feet of space, per CDC guidelines, is available for each patron during the term of this emergency.

Section 6. Applicable laws, regulations, and guidelines promulgated by appropriate federal, state, and or county authorities after the date of this Resolution, that contradict the terms herein shall be adopted without further action of the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma.

Section 7. The Coweta Public Works Authority is hereby directed to not terminate utility services of current customers for non-payment during the term of this civil emergency. Customary late fees, interest and other penalties shall continue to accrue and be immediately due and payable upon the expiration of this civil emergency.

Section 8. This Declaration of Civil Emergency and all provisions contained herein shall take effect immediately upon adoption and shall continue in effect until 7:00 pm on April 6th, 2020, unless further extended.

This Resolution declaring a state of Civil Emergency is approved in open meeting by the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma on this 23rd day of March 2020.

Evette Morris, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Casteen, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Ronald D. Cates, City Attorney