

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

APRIL 1, 2020

The LaFayette City Council met in a Special Called Session on Wednesday April 1, 2020 at 12:00 Noon with Mayor Barry D. Moody presiding. Councilmembers present: Toney B. Thomas, Michael C. Ellis, Tammie B. Williams (by phone); and Charlotte B. Blasingame.

Absent: Councilmember Neal McCurdy.

City Attorney Joseph M. Tucker was also present.

Mayor Moody stated that Governor Ivey made some adjustments on a temporary basis to the Opening Meetings Act, and that the Mayor and Council didn't want to only ask citizens to do something, but they also wanted to follow proper guidelines like social distancing and that's why you see everyone scattered out, and one councilmember participating by phone. Mayor Moody also stated that adjustments to the Open Meetings Act limits meetings to matters that are either necessary to respond to COVID-19 or necessary to perform functions that are deemed essential.

**Resolution
No. 2020-
04-01-01
(Declaring
A State
Of
Emergency)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Ellis to adopt Resolution No. 2020-04-01-01 (Declaring A state of Emergency). Mayor Moody called for a vote: Ayes: Thomas, Ellis, Williams (via phone), Blasingame, and Mayor Moody. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Moody made a statement to the LaFayette Citizens and others from the surrounding area. Mayor Moody stated that during an interview a few weeks back with the LaFayette Sun, he stated that the threat of COVID-19 was real. Mayor Moody urged all citizens to take this threat seriously, and to follow the guidelines recommended by the President, the Governor, and others, which call for limiting travel, limiting gatherings to less than ten (10) people, and social distancing. Mayor Moody stated City of LaFayette Law Enforcement would be dispersing any gatherings that were ten (10) people or greater. Lastly, Mayor Moody again urged everyone to take it seriously and do everything to protect themselves and their family.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Councilmember Blasingame and seconded by Councilmember Ellis to adjourn at 12:19p.m. Mayor Moody called for a vote: All voted aye. Motion carried.

I, Barry D. Moody, Mayor of the City of LaFayette certify that the above minutes are true and correct and was taken at the April 1, 2020 Special Called Meeting.

/s/ Barry D. Moody
Barry D. Moody, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Louis T. Davidson
Louis T. Davidson, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-04-01-01

DECLARING CITY OF LAFAYETTE, ALABAMA STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, President Trump has declared a National State of Emergency based on the impact of COVID-19 becoming a pandemic event; and

WHEREAS, Governor Ivey has also declared a State of Emergency as relates to COVID-19 in the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, City of LaFayette, Alabama, Officials and Personnel in partnership with our regional partners have been proactive beginning around February 10, 2020, addressing the COVID-19 impacts; and;

WHEREAS, the City of LaFayette City Council on advice of Emergency Management Personnel determines to immediately take further action in this emergency circumstance on a continuing basis to address the COVID-19 impacts on our City and community; and to further declare a State of Emergency in LaFayette, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that LaFayette emergency management personnel and other City Departments are authorized to expend City Funds for additional personnel, supplies and equipment as needed, so that action can be taken without delay to protect the lives and the safety of our residents and visitors to our City; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses a serious public health risk to our City stemming from it being a novel respiratory disease, impacting our City Services, impacting Utility Department Services impacting our Schools, impacting our Businesses, and impacting our Industrial Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the extent and level of impact from COVID-19 cannot be determined at present and City of LaFayette Departments need the authority and funding to react promptly and without delay at this critical time;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of LaFayette, Alabama, that it hereby declares a State of Emergency in LaFayette, Alabama with the Mayor and City Departments, with the guidance of the Purchasing Department and the Human Resources Department, authorized to expend City funds and use additional personnel hours necessary to respond to the impacts of COVID-19 (some known and some unknown) in our City and Community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the LaFayette City Council that the Mayor, Police Chief, Fire Chief, and City Departments, are to coordinate the Work with the Chambers County Emergency Management Agency and other appropriate Agencies;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LaFayette City Council determines this action is required in order to be proactive in continuing the previous work of our Officials and Personnel in the future;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Departments are requested and authorized to record the additional expenses incurred in the past and future as a result of the COVID-19 impacts; and seek reimbursement to the extent provided and authorized by Federal and State Laws.

ADOPTED this 1st day of April 2020.

ACKNOWLEDGED and APPROVED:

/s/ Barry D. Moody _____ Mayor

Attest: /s/ Louis T. Davidson _____ City Clerk