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The pledge was presented and Mayor Joe Aull gave the invocation.

The City Council of the City of Lexington, Missouri met in Special Session in the Council Chambers at the City Hall on Friday, March 27, 2020 with Mayor Aull presiding.

The Mayor called the meeting to order and roll being called, the following members of the council answered as follows: Present: Donna Sims, Steve Terry, Carolyn Houseworth, Rodney Wolken, Frank Ashinhurst, Earl Parris, Jim Pohle and Scott Lynn. Absent: none. Also present: Carla Ghisalberty, City Clerk and Mark O'Dell, City Administrator. Whereupon the Mayor declared a quorum present. Steve Terry was upstairs.

Discussion Items:

City Emergency-Stay at Home Order: Council members are practicing social distancing during the meeting. The City is trying to take safety measures and keep the community safe but try to keep a balance as to not negatively impact a person's livelihood. At the Tuesday night council meeting there was only 1 case in Lafayette County and about 100 cases in Missouri. As of today there are 5 to 6 cases in the County and the state is at 670 cases. The Mayor and Administrator think it is time to take a more stringent approach and enact a stay at home order. The ordinance tries to encourage citizens to stay home and follow the social distancing requirement. The ordinance allows for essential businesses and services (about 40) to operate and sets the guidelines for stay at home. Sims asked why would the City wait until March 29th – the Mayor felt this would give people 1 night. Parris asked how the public will know - there will be a social media blast, it will be posted on the City website, it will be posted on the bulletin board and by word of mouth. Restaurants can do carry outs, deliveries and drive-thru's only – no on premise dining. Parris asked about enforcement – the Mayor hopes that citizens will voluntarily abide by the order. Additionally the Police will first inform citizens they are violating the order however enforce a penalty for continual violators. Under Section 4-B add “where if the City finds willful blatant violation of this ordinance a fine or penalty could be imposed, a fine not to exceed \$500 or 90 days imprisonment or both fine and imprisonment. The ordinance shows April 24th as the deadline– this is the date a lot of the cities are using and it is the date schools are using, this is a 30 day order that can extended if needed. A lot of the Facebook viewers think it should go into effect immediately. Motion by Parris seconded by Lynn to add to Section 4-B the penalty of not to exceed a \$500 fine or 90 days in jail or both and to add to Section 5 making the order effective immediately. Motion carried. Sims presented Ordinance No. 2020-14 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEXINGTON, MISSOURI, ISSUING A STAY HOME ORDER DESIGNED TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 WITHIN THE CITY OF LEXINGTON, MISSOURI, AND SURROUNDING AREAS. Motion by Parris seconded by Houseworth to read the ordinance the first time. Motion carried. Ordinance read the first time. Motion by Parris seconded by Lynn to read the ordinance the second time. Motion carried. Ordinance read the second time. Motion by Parris seconded by Sims to place the ordinance on its final passage as amended. Motion carried. ROLL CALL VOTE was answered as follows: Aye: Sims, Houseworth, Wolken, Ashinhurst, Parris, Pohle, Lynn and Terry. Nay: none. Absent: none. Whereupon the Mayor declared the ordinance duly passed. Sims asked the citizens to be mindful of the number of individuals that are currently in a store and maybe wait to go inside. Also wipe down carts if you use them. Businesses are responsible for social distancing – in the ordinance there is a section that says they are to develop a plan and it must be available to any City official. Facebook viewers are asking about curfews. Administrator O'Dell says there could be a lot of legal issues with curfew that have not been considered – should go through legal review before implementing.

Motion by Lynn seconded by Sims to adjourn. Motion carried. Council adjourned at 3:26 pm.

Carla Ghisalberty
City Clerk
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Joseph M. Aull
Mayor