

City of Watertown

Proposed Special City Council Agenda
City Hall, 23 2ND ST NE
Watertown, South Dakota
March 23, 2020, 12:00 PM



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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. REGULAR AGENDA

- (a) Approval of Resolution No. 20-15 declaring an Emergency to address the threat of Covid-19

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7. OLD BUSINESS

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10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SDCL 1-25-2

12. ADJOURNMENT

Kristen Bobzien
Finance Officer

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RESOLUTION 20-15

A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY CONCERNING THE PANDEMIC OUTBREAK OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AND PROVIDING FOR RESPONSIVE MEASURES RELATED TO THE OPERATIONS OF THE CITY AND THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

WHEREAS the pandemic outbreak of COVID-19, a respiratory illness caused by the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), has been declared a public health emergency by the World Health Organization, the President of the United States, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Governor of South Dakota; and

WHEREAS the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends certain actions for the prevention and mitigation of community transmission of COVID-19, including social distancing and limitations related to group gatherings; and

WHEREAS SDCL 9-32-1 provides that municipalities “shall have power to do what may be necessary or expedient for the promotion of health or the suppression of disease;” and

WHEREAS the City finds that there exists a threat to the public’s health, safety, and welfare necessitating immediate measures to prevent the spread and potential effects of COVID-19;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council hereby declare a public health emergency in the City of Watertown; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor shall have the power to temporarily suspend applicable clauses of the City’s personnel policy or enact other measures as necessary related to city employees in order to allow for alternative work arrangements or schedules to protect the health and wellbeing of city employees and the general public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all City buildings shall be closed to the public, but alternative arrangements shall be made where possible allowing the public to continue the transaction of City business; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that arrangements shall be made for board members, City staff, members of the media, and the general public to participate electronically or telephonically in all meetings of the City’s public bodies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the citizens of Watertown, as well as private and non-profit organizations operating in the City, are strongly encouraged to follow CDC recommendations and guidelines related to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to SDCL 9-19-13, this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage as it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and it shall continue in effect until further action by the City Council specifically referencing this Resolution.

Dated at Watertown, South Dakota this 23rd day of March 2020.

The above and foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Alderperson _____, Seconded by Alderperson _____, and upon voice vote motion carried, whereupon the Mayor declared the resolution to be duly passed and adopted.

I hereby certify that Resolution 20-15 was published in the Watertown Public Opinion, the official newspaper of the City, on the _____ day of March, 2020.

Kristen Bobzien

CITY OF WATERTOWN

Sarah Caron, PE, CFM
Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristen Bobzien
Finance Officer