

**MINUTES
EMERGENCY SPECIAL CALLED
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN SABA
April 2, 2020**

The City Council of the City of San Saba, Texas convened into an Emergency Special Called meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 303 S. Clear Street.

Members in attendance were: Ken Jordan - Mayor
Robert Whitten – Mayor Pro Tem
Shawn Oliver – Alderman
Marcus Amthor – Alderman
Michael Nelson - Alderman
Stan Weik – City Manager

Alderman Oleta Behrens was absent.

Others present were: Sabrina Maultsby – City Secretary
Charlene Lindsay – Treasurer
Matt Karcher – IT
Dr. Craig Whiting – San Saba County Health Official
Alice Smith – San Saba News & Star - Via Zoom

Mayor Kenneth Jordan called the Emergency Special Meeting of the City of San Saba, Texas to order at 6:01 p.m., on Thursday, April 2, 2020.

Mayor Jordan also stated the following information:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 551.045 of the Texas Government Code, which reserves the right of City Council to hear emergency items when there is imminent threat to public health and safety, necessitated by the urgent public necessity related to the COVID-19. This Emergency Meeting will be conducted by telephone conference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called “social distancing”) to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). There will be no public access to the location described above.

This meeting will be conducted VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE and the Public Toll-free Dial-in Number is 346-248-7799. The Access Code is 869 367 614 or you may login on your computer at <https://zoom.us/j/869367614>. This meeting is hosted through ZOOM.

This Notice and Emergency Special Meeting Agenda are posted online at www.sansabatexas.com

Please remember that the identity of each speaker must be clearly stated prior to that person speaking each time.

Mayor Jordan asked City Secretary Sabrina Maultsby to please call Roll.

City Secretary, Sabrina Maultsby called roll: Mayor Kenneth Jordan - Here
Mayor Pro Tem Robert Whitten – Here
Alderman Marcus Amthor - Here
Alderman Shawn Oliver – Here
Alderman Michael Nelson – Here
Alderman Oleta Behrens – Absent

Mayor Kenneth Jordan stated his name and announced he would lead the invocation and pledges.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Kenneth Jordan asked if there were any members of the public that would like to speak and if yes, to please state their name and address for the record.

Dr. Craig Whiting, San Saba County Health Official attended the meeting and was available to update the Council and Public on the COVID-19. Dr. Whiting stated that COVID-19 is an unusual virus. He also explained that there are cases in Burnett, Llano, Brownwood, and Lampasas however, there are no known cases in San Saba County. Dr. Whiting gave a brief overview of COVID-19 and was available to answer any questions regarding the virus.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Mayor Kenneth Jordan announced, at this time we will move into the Discussion/Action Items, Item number one:

The first action item was to discuss and consider approval of Ordinance No. 2020-03, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Saba, Texas, Authorizing the extension of the Declarations listed below being in effect immediately and shall be automatically repealed with sixty (60) days unless reenacted by the San Saba City Council:

- a. Declaration of Disaster due to Public Health Emergency; and
- b. Declaration of Local Disaster and Public Health Emergency Related to Communicable Disease – Order No. 1 – Stay Home-Work Safe.

Mayor Kenneth Jordan gave an update regarding Item No. one (1). Mayor Jordan explained that on April 2, 2020, he signed and implemented both Declarations for the safety and welfare of the citizens of San Saba. However, this was only good for seven (7) days and the Council will need to approve Ordinance No. 2002-03 in order to extend the Declarations for an additional sixty (60) days unless the Council chooses to repeal before the sixty (60) days or extend beyond.

Mayor Jordan asked if there were any questions or comments regarding Item No. 1 and he called on each Council Member starting with Mayor Pro Tem Whitten followed by each Council member in order from left to right and asked them to please state their name clearly prior to speaking.

There were no questions or comments from the Council Members.

Mayor Jordan asked if there was a motion to approve Ordinance No 2020-03, Authorizing the extension of the Declarations being effective immediately and shall be automatically repealed with sixty (60) days unless reenacted by the San Saba City Council and to please remember to state their name.

Alderman Shawn Oliver, I make a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-03, Alderman Marcus Amthor seconded the motion.

Mayor Jordan then asked City Secretary Sabrina Maulsby to call roll for the Vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Robert Whitten:	<u>Aye</u>
Council Member Amthor:	<u>Aye</u>
Council Member Oliver	<u>Aye</u>
Council Member Nelson	<u>Aye</u>

Mayor Jordan announced, four (4) In Favor, zero (0) Against, Motion Passes.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-03

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN SABA, TEXAS CONTINUING
DECLARATION DISASTER
FOR THE CITY OF SAN SABA, TEXAS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of San Saba, Texas declared a state of local disaster on March 31, 2020 due to imminent threat from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), the declaration of local state of disaster may not be continued or renewed for a period of more than seven (7) days except with the consent of the City Council of the City of San Saba, Texas; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, advising countries to prepare for the containment, detection, isolation and case management, contract tracing and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General urged aggressive preparedness and activation of emergency plans to aggressively change the trajectory of this epidemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Abbott declared a state of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas due to COVID-19 posing an imminent threat of disaster in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Preparation is closely monitoring the number of COVID-19 cases that have spread in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, Governor Abbot issued four orders to support his initial declaration, including avoiding social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people; avoiding eating and drinking in bars, restaurants and food courts, or visiting gyms or massage parlors (drive-thrus and deliveries excepted); not allowing visits to nursing homes or retirement or long term care facilities; and closing of schools. These orders will be effective on a statewide basis starting at 11:59 PM on March 20, 2020 and will end at 11:59 PM on April 3, 2020, subject to extension thereafter based on the status of COVID-19 in Texas and the recommendations of the CDC.

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, large gatherings of unidentifiable individuals without necessary mitigation for the spread of infection may pose a risk for the spread of infectious disease; and

WHEREAS, the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance was approved by a vote of at least three members of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Saba, Texas, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), has consented to continue the declaration of local state of disaster for the City of San Saba, Texas.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED AND ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN SABA, TEXAS, THAT:

- 1.) The City Council hereby finds and determines that an emergency exists, such emergency being the imminent threat to life, health, property, and public peace posed by the outbreak of COVID-19 and its effects. This Ordinance is in effect immediately and the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to cause the publication of the caption of this Ordinance in accordance with state law. This Ordinance shall be automatically repealed within sixty (60) days unless reenacted by the City Council.
- 2.) The Ordinance of state of local disaster for the City of San Saba, Texas resulting from threats posed by COVID-19 is hereby continued.
- 3.) This Ordinance continues to activate the City's Emergency Management Plan.

- 4.) This Ordinance continues to activate the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of all applicable local or interjurisdictional emergency management plans and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the Ordinance, and the preparedness and response aspects of the plans are activated as provided in the plans and such other measures as set forth in the Mayor's March 31, 2020 disaster declaration.
- 5.) This Ordinance continuing a local state of disaster shall be effective for sixty (60) days on and from its date of issuance, provided however that this declaration may be terminated before the expiration of 60 days by subsequent order of the Mayor, and may be continued or renewed beyond said period from its date of issuance only with the consent of the City Council of the City of San Saba, Texas.
- 6.) The Mayor is authorized to issue orders or proclamations limiting gathering of individuals consistent with recommendations and actions from national, state, and county governments.
- 7.) In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this Ordinance, or a declaration, order or proclamation issued by the Mayor under Chapter 418, Government Code, or the emergency management plan, commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.
- 8.) The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court or competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.
- 9.) This Ordinance shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.
- 10.) This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

This Ordinance is hereby **PASSED AND APPROVED**, this 2nd day of April, 2020.

Mayor Kenneth Jordan announced, at this time we will move into Discussion/Action Items, Item number two:

The second action item was to discuss and consider approving to temporarily suspending disconnects for the City of San Saba Utility services; and temporarily waiving late fees during the time of the Local Disaster Declaration.

City Manager Weik gave an update regarding Item No. two (2), explaining that the City decided to waive all late fees during the Local Disaster and that we would also be suspending disconnects, but if you are employed, you are still responsible for paying your bill. People that have lost their jobs and non-payment is due to COVID-19, the City will work with customers on a case by case basis. We are asking the Council to affirm and bless this decision.

Mayor Jordan asked if there were any questions or comments regarding Item No. 2 and he then called on each Council Member starting with Mayor Pro Tem Whitten followed by each Council member in order from left to right and asked them to please state their name clearly prior to speaking.

There were no questions or comments from the Council Members.

Mayor Jordan asked if there was a motion to approve temporarily suspending disconnects for the City of San Saba Utility services; and temporarily waiving late fees during the time of the Local Disaster Declaration and please remember to state their name.

Alderman Michael Nelson, I make a motion to approve temporarily suspending disconnects for the City of San Saba Utility services; and temporarily waiving late fees during the time of the Local Disaster Declaration, Alderman Shawn Oliver seconded the motion.

Mayor Jordan then asked City Secretary Sabrina Maulsby to call roll for the Vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Robert Whitten:	<u>Aye</u>
Council Member Amthor:	<u>Aye</u>
Council Member Oliver	<u>Aye</u>
Council Member Nelson	<u>Aye</u>

Mayor Jordan announced, four (4) In Favor, zero (0) Against, Motion Passes.

Mayor Kenneth Jordan announced, at this time we will move into Discussion/Action Items, Item number three:

The third action item was to discuss and consider Scheduled Upcoming Events within the City of San Saba.

City Manager Weik gave an update regarding Item No. 3, explaining that this City has several upcoming Events of which most have been cancelled, but would like for the Council to confirm cancelling all Events within the City of San Saba

Mayor Jordan asked if there were any questions or comments regarding Item No. 3 and he then called on each Council Member starting with Mayor Pro Tem Whitten followed by each Council member in order from left to right and asked them to please state their name clearly prior to speaking.

There were no questions or comments from the Council Members.

Mayor Jordan asked if there was a motion to approve cancelling all Scheduled Upcoming Events within the City of San Saba, and please remember to state their name.

Alderman Marcus Amthor, I make a motion to approve cancelling all Scheduled Upcoming Events within the City of San Saba, Alderman Shawn Oliver seconded the motion.

Mayor Jordan then asked City Secretary Sabrina Maulsby to call roll for the Vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Robert Whitten:	<u>Aye</u>
Council Member Amthor:	<u>Aye</u>
Council Member Oliver	<u>Aye</u>
Council Member Nelson	<u>Aye</u>

Mayor Jordan announced, four (4) In Favor, zero (0) Against, Motion Passes.

Being no further business, Mayor Kenneth Jordan hereby adjourned the Emergency Special Called meeting at 6:27 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sabrina Maulsby, City Secretary


Kenneth G. Jordan, Mayor