**EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**March 23, 2020**

The City Council of Faulkton, SD met in an emergency session at the Faulkton City Hall meeting room on March 23, 2020 with Finance Officer Emily Bauer and the following Council Members present were: Linda Bartholomew, Sheila Fischer, Chris Geiger, Danny Ramsdell, Mark Toennies and Steve Wanner. Others present: Jerod Raethz and Val Ramsdell. Mayor Roseland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**COVID-19 CITY POLICIES:** In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Mayor Roseland, wanted the council to meet to be proactive when a confirmed case of COVID-19 is in Faulk County. Roseland stated the front door at City Hall has been locked since March 17th. The office is still open regular hours but residents are asked to call the office and use the drop box located in front of City Hall. Roseland stated nobody wants to tell business owners they have to shut their doors, but we have to take this situation seriously. Some local business have taken precautionary measures upon themselves to protect their employees and customers. Roseland stated the council was given a few ordinances and resolutions from different cities that have passed the ordinance and resolutions in reference to COVID-19 in their communities. After much discussion the council decided to wait on action until a confirmed case was in Faulk County.

**COVID-19 CITY PROPERTIES:** Roseland stated Raethz shouldn’t enter into resident’s homes unless for an emergency situation. The council directed Raethz to post signs in the City Park, Hope’s Park and the City Ballpark to restrict groups to 10 people or less. The council also discussed the swimming pool and decided to move ahead with buying chemicals and hiring staff, with understanding that the pool may not open at its usual time or at all this year. The council then discussed the city utility bills and shut offs. The council will discuss this more at their April meeting. The April meeting will more than likely be hosted via Zoom video conference.

**2020.3.26 Adjournment:** Councilman Geiger moved to adjourn. Time 7:28 p.m.

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