**EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 29, 2020**

The City Council of Faulkton, SD met in a special session via Zoom tele-conference due to COVID-19 social distancing on April 29, 2020 with Finance Officer Emily Bauer and the following Council Members present were:

Sheilah Fischer, Chris Geiger, Danny Ramsdell, Mark Toennies and Steve Wanner. Absent: Linda Bartholomew. Other present: Jerod Raethz & Val Ramsdell. Mayor Roseland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2020.4.40 Resolution 2020-04 – COVID-19 Resolution:** Mayor Roseland stated city attorney, Vaughn Beck, Roseland and Bauer have come up with the following resolution. Mayor Roseland asked for the council’s opinion. The general consensus was the council thinks it’s a good idea to let these businesses open up again but would still like people to be cautious. Motion was made by Councilman Ramsdell, seconded by Wanner to adopt the following resolution. Roll call vote was taken and all members voted aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-04**

**AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE MANDATORY ORDERS RELATING TO PUBLIC GATHERINGS CONTAINED IN ORDINANCE NO. 54**

WHEREAS, the City adopted an emergency ordinance pursuant to SDCL 9-29-1 and 9-32-1 which implemented social distancing guidelines recommended by the Centers of Disease Control (CDC) to stop the outbreak of the disease COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the emergency ordinance allows the City Council to enact further restrictions on public gatherings and public movements it deems necessary to address the current public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the emergency ordinance also allows the City to make amendments from the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the number of COVID-19 cases in the Faulk County region have remained relatively low; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of social distancing requirements is to slow the spread of the disease so that the region’s health care system is not overwhelmed; and

WHEREAS, the City will remain in contact with the local health care providers in the City and the overall impact on the health care system; and

WHEREAS, based on the number of cases in Faulk County, the almost complete lack of hospitalizations in the City, and the available modeling, the Mayor and City Council believe some of the social distancing restrictions can be modified to allow businesses to resume on-site service of customers without causing the number of cases in the City to rise to the level that it will overwhelm the hospital’s capacity if proper procedures are put in place.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Faulkton, that the following regulations be put in place to control the spread of COVID-19 within the City of Faulkton;

1. Any businesses identified in Paragraphs 1 through 4 of Ordinance 54 may reopen to serve patrons on-site pursuant to the conditions established in this resolution.
2. Businesses within Faulkton which are open to the public shall observe the following guidelines to slow the spread of COVID-19:
3. Maintains a minimum six-foot space between tables, chairs, and barstools if occupants are not members of the same household;
4. Limits capacity in restaurants, bars, and casinos to ten (10) customers, or one (1) customer for every 120 square feet of the building footprint, whichever is greater;
5. Limits capacity in indoor recreational facilities and fitness businesses to a maximum of ten (10) customers or one (1) customer for every 200 square feet, whichever is greater;
6. Requires handwashing at regular intervals for all restaurant, bar, and food service employees;
7. Cleans and disinfects video lottery machines between each customer;
8. Reduces seating to allow for social distancing by removing chairs or marking certain seats as “not available due to social distancing”;
9. Posts for customers the regular cleaning and disinfecting schedule;
10. Maintains a six-foot space between customers waiting for service or entry into the facility;
11. Employees of hair salons and spas, massage parlors, nail salons, and barber shops wear masks which cover their nose and mouth during customer contact times. Customer seating must be at least six (6) feet apart; and
12. Businesses are encouraged to conduct daily employee screenings for illness.
13. In addition to the specific requirements listed above, businesses shall operate in a manner consistent with CDC guidelines and any applicable state regulation or executive orders.
14. The City encourages all individuals within the City to continue to follow the CDC guidelines and recommended hygiene practices.
15. Businesses can request, in writing, administrative exception from the City that allow them to modify the strict compliance with these requirements so long as their proposal contains alternative means to implement social distancing requirements. The city will not approve exceptions which completely exempt a business from implementing social distancing, or from following the CDC guidelines.
16. The City Council hereby extends paragraphs 6 and 7 of the emergency Ordinance No. 54.

 The foregoing Resolution was approved after first reading and passed at a special meeting of the Faulkton City Council on the 29th day of April, 2020.

 Number of AYES: 5

 Number of NAYS: 0

 Absent: Linda Bartholomew

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**Other Items:** Mayor Roseland stated that principal, Craig Cassens, asked if they were ok having a drive thru graduation at that ballpark. The seniors would be appropriately spaced and the cars would be driving through congratulating them. The council had no issues.

Roseland also mentioned a few citizens would like to hold a concert in the city park. Again people would be appropriately spaced from each other and the citizens listening would remain in or by their vehicles. The council had no issues.

Councilman Ramsdell stated he and Val were able to get some hand sanitizer from Glacial Lakes Energy. They dropped some off at the high traffic areas in town. Ramsdell stated he will drop some off at the city office as well.

Councilman Toennies stated some of the bars may open up some outside seating to help with social distancing.

**2020.4.41 Adjournment:** Councilman Toennies moved to adjourn, second by Wanner. Time 7:21 p.m.

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