



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 22, 2020

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING 50 E. Main St. City Hall Council Chambers 2:00 PM

Notification of this meeting and its contents was emailed to the Statesboro Herald on March 21, 2020 at 2:45 pm.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the meeting to order

ATTENDENCE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McCollar	Mayor	Present	
Phil Boyum	Councilmember	Present	
Paulette Chavers	Councilmember	Present	
Venus Mack	Councilmember	Present	
John Riggs	Councilmember	Present	
Shari Barr	Councilmember	Present	

Other staff present was: City Manager Charles Penny, Assistant City Manager Jason Boyles, Public Information Officer Layne Phillips, City Attorney Cain Smith and City Clerk Leah Harden.

2. COVID- 19 Update and Strategy Discussion

Mayor McCollar stated this meeting is the City's response to the COVID-19 situation for our community. The purpose of this meeting is to give an update on the information that has been shared with us over the past few days. We want everyone to understand that COVID-19 is a very serious and deadly matter and a contagious situation. Dr. Mark McCracken a local physician and Medical Director of Hospitalist at East Georgia Regional Medical Center and Dr. Anna Benson joined the meeting via conference call. Dr. McCracken stated there have been no positive cases. With the consensus of hospital physicians, COVID-19 is believed to exist in our community but due to the lack of testing available we are not able to tell how many cases are here.

Mayor McCollar read a communication sent to him by several local physicians. Attached.

Councilmember Barr stated we need to really enforce the social distancing to keep others from getting sick. In doing so it will flatten the curve.

Councilmember Boyum stated thirty days is a bit excessive. Most businesses have been proactive and they are taking a big hit. Lots of individuals have been laid off.

Mayor McCollar read the Executive Order. This order will be effect for the next 16 days and will be revisited at the April 7, 2020 Council Meeting.

Councilmember Barr: made some recommendations that will help to curb this, reach out to people you know call email text snap chat etc.

Dr. Anthony Chappell stated he appreciates the Mayor and Council coming together for such an occasion the more we can prepare the better off we will be at the end of this.

Councilmember Chavers stated this is a difficult decision to make for the City but we need to work together. I know there are many individuals who are affected by it but I am here for the life of the people. Setting this executive order right now at this point is what is best for the individuals here in the City of Statesboro.

Charles Penny stated City Hall be closed to the public tomorrow March 23, 2020 for sanitization. City employees will report to work. We will be cleaning other building as well and but not tomorrow and we will let the public know when that happens.

Councilmember Boyum stated we need to require sick individuals to stay home not just encourage.

A motion was made to adjourn.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 pm