

MARCH 20, 2020

An emergency meeting of the Common Council of the City of Angola, Indiana was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, Conference Room 206, 210 North Public Square, with Mayor Richard M. Hickman presiding. Council Members Gary L. Crum, David A. Olson, and Kathleen G. Armstrong participated by telephone conference pursuant to Governor Eric J. Holcomb's Executive Order 20-04. Council Members David B. Martin and Jerold D. McDermid were present. Clerk-Treasurer Debra A. Twitchell recorded the minutes.

For the record, proper notice was given by email to *The Herald Republican* and WLKI regarding this emergency meeting.

Present was City Attorney Kim Shoup.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

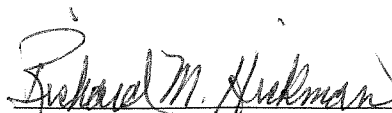
The Common Council was asked to continue the local disaster emergency declaration by Mayor Hickman on March 16, 2020 until Governor Eric J. Holcomb terminates the Declaration of Public Health Emergency for Coronavirus Disease 2019 Outbreak, Executive Order 20-02 issued March 6, 2020. Council Member Martin moved to approve. Council Member McDermid seconded the motion. City Attorney Shoup explained by statute (IC 10-14-3-29), Mayor Hickman's Executive Order 20-01 Local Disaster Declaration for Coronavirus Disease 2019 Outbreak is only valid for seven days and may not be continued or renewed except by consent of the Common Council. Mayor Hickman's declaration (EO 20-01) will expire Sunday, March 22. Discussion followed. On call of the vote, the motion carried 5-0.

The Common Council was then asked to allow the Mayor, Clerk-Treasurer, and Mayor Pro Tem to follow national or state directives and orders relating to COVID-19 without a meeting and approval of the Common Council. As an example, Clerk-Treasurer Twitchell explained the State Board of Accounts issued a directive regarding the approval of claims. The directive states that the Common Council must meet and designate a Council Member to review/approve the claims before payment. Once the governor terminates the public health emergency and Council meets in person again, those Council Members not present will sign the docket. This directive is contrary to what the Council authorized at the March 16 meeting. There are other directives from various federal and state agencies as well that may be amended from time to time. Discussion followed. On call of the vote, the motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business related to COVID-19, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.



Richard M. Hickman, Mayor
Presiding Officer

Attest:



Debra A. Twitchell, Clerk-Treasurer