SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MAY 8, 2020 5:00 PM

The May 8, 2020 special council meeting was called to order by Mayor Lowell Helget at 5:00 PM. Those present include Helget, John Mueller, Sam Hesse, Theresa Beckman, Mike Rothmeier, City Attorney Paul Muske, City Manager Joe Stremcha and City Clerk Amy Vogel.

Stremcha read the proposed letter to Governor Tim Walz regarding opposition in continuing the Executive Order to Stay-At-Home. The council revised it to be less confrontational. The council wants to support area businesses, as well as its residents. The economic impact to the community has been greater than the impact of COVID-19. Residents also mentioned concerns about the mental health of all. They agreed that residents should follow MN Dept of Health and Centers for Disease Control guidelines such as social distancing.

Stremcha reviewed information from the League of MN Cities stating the cities cannot be less restrictive than state law.

Motion by Rothmeier, second by Beckman to approve the letter as revised. All ayes.

Motion by Rothmeier, second by Hesse to adjourn at 6:09 PM. All ayes.

Lowell Helget, Mayor

Amy A. Vogel, City Clerk