

**CHAMBER OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS
YANKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA
SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING, 1:00 P.M.
MARCH 16TH, 2020**

A Special Meeting of the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Yankton was called to order by Mayor Johnson.

Roll Call: Present: Commissioners Carda, Ferdig, Miner, Moser, Schramm and Webber. City Attorney Den Herder and City Manager Leon were also present. Absent: Commissioners Benson and Hoffner. Quorum present.

There were no public appearances at this time.

Action 20-94

City Manager Amy Leon explained the extensive COVID-19 municipal plans to date and reminded commissioners that these plans are being updated every day, as further guidance is received by multiple federal, state, and local agencies. This resolution allows the city to implement such steps as may be necessary for the prevention of the introduction or spread of infections, contagious or pestilential diseases within the City of Yankton and the power to promulgate, with the approval of the board of commissioners, such rules and regulations for the prevention of the spread of contagious diseases and regarding the sanitary conditions of the city, as it may deem proper and necessary. City Attorney Ross Den Herder explained the legal aspects of passing this resolution, forming this City Board of Health and appointing a City Health Officer.

Doug Ekeren, Regional President and CEO Avera Sacred Heart, appeared to support and encourage the commission to adopt this resolution.

Mayor Johnson stressed teamwork in the community as it unifies together to address the COVID-19 emergency and thanked everyone for their efforts.

Moved by Commissioner Carda, seconded by Commissioner Schramm to approve Resolution 20-21.

RESOLUTION 20-21

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 11-26 of the Yankton Code of Ordinances confers upon the State of South Dakota Board of Health the full power to take such steps as may be necessary for the prevention of the introduction or spread of infections, contagious or pestilential diseases within the City of Yankton and the power to promulgate, with the approval of the board of commissioners, such rules and regulations for the prevention of the spread of contagious diseases and regarding the sanitary condition of the city as it may deem proper and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend certain actions for the preparation and mitigation of community transmission of COVID-19, including social distancing measures;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commissioners for the City of Yankton, South Dakota, do hereby declare a state of emergency in the City of Yankton, South Dakota due to the spread of the virus causing the COVID-19 disease; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Yankton, South Dakota, that the following recommendations shall be put in place as it relates to COVID-19 are hereby adopted as follows:

1. Gatherings in City buildings shall be limited as recommended by the CDC, other health authority, or City Health Officer.
2. Private organizations are encouraged to similarly limit the size of their gatherings and cancel events as appropriate.
3. The City Manager shall appoint an appropriate City Health Officer to exercise the powers of that position as set forth in Chapter 11 of the Yankton Code of City Ordinances.

The City Manager shall convene the City Board of Health to exercise its powers as set forth in Ordinance Sec. 11-32 to help prevent the spread of the virus causing the COVID-19 disease within the City of Yankton.

Roll Call: All members present voting “Aye;” voting “Nay:” None.
Motion adopted.

Action 20-95

Moved by Commissioner Miner, seconded by Commissioner Moser, to adjourn into Executive Session at 2:02 p.m. to discuss contractual, litigation and personnel matters under SDCL 1-25-2.

Roll Call: All members present voting “Aye;” voting “Nay:” None.
Motion adopted.

Regular meeting of the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Yankton was reconvened by Mayor Johnson.

Roll Call: Present: Commissioners Carda, Ferdig, Miner, Moser and Schramm. City Attorney Den Herder and City Manager Leon were also present. Absent: Commissioners Benson, Hoffner and Webber. Quorum present.

Action 20-96

Moved by Commissioner Carda, seconded by Commissioner Miner, to adjourn at 2:31 p.m.

Roll Call: All members present voting “Aye;” voting “Nay:” None.
Motion adopted.

Nathan V Johnson
Mayor

ATTEST:

Al Viereck
Finance Officer