

SPECIAL MEETING DE SMET COMMON COUNCIL
April 30, 2020

The De Smet Common Council met in special session on April 30, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., with the following present: Bret Jensen, Alex Botkin, Lowell Hansen, George Cavanaugh, Norman Whitaker, Jay Slater (via video conference), Mayor Gary Wolkow, FO Tracey Larson, and City Attorney Todd Wilkinson. Absent: none.

Mayor Wolkow called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

RESOLUTION 2020-1: Governor Noem has announced the stages for opening up South Dakota due to the plateauing number of COVID-19 positive cases. Information regarding the current COVID-19 pandemic and the stages for moving forward to reopen De Smet was discussed by the council. Many business owners and some medical professionals were present in person or by video conference to comment on the current situation. Options to reopen were to allow 10 people per 1,000 square feet in an establishment for on-premise consumption of food/drink; limiting the number of people in an establishment by a percentage of the occupancy restrictions for on-premise consumption of food/drink; having a specified number of patrons allowed in an establishment for on-premise consumption of food/beverage; and continuing with social distancing. Motion was made by Cavanaugh, to allow establishments to open to 25% of building capacity at a time for on-premise consumption of food/beverage, with six (6) feet between tables, and businesses being responsible to monitor their establishment. Motion died due to lack of second. Motion was made by Cavanaugh, seconded by Jensen, to approve amending Resolution 2020-1, to allow up to 25 people excluding employees in a food/beverage establishment for on-premise food/beverage consumption, with six foot distancing between people, six foot distancing between lottery machines, and the business owner is responsible for monitoring their own establishment, to be effective May 1, 2020 until May 13, 2020, upon roll call vote, voting aye: Hansen, Jensen, Botkin, Whitaker, and Cavanaugh, voting nay: Slater, motion carried.

Discussion was also held in regard to opening the City Event and Wellness Center. The Event Center will be open Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM starting on May 1, 2020 and will follow the guidelines set by Resolution 2020-1.

BUILDING PERMIT: Motion was made by Jensen, seconded by Cavanaugh, to approve concrete building permit submitted by Cole Munger for a concrete patio, upon roll call vote, voting aye: Hansen, Jensen, Botkin, Slater, Whitaker, and Cavanaugh, voting nay: none, motion carried.

ADJOURN: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on motion by Jensen.

Gary Wolkow, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracey Larson, Finance Officer

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