

CITY OF TUSCOLA  
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 TUSCOLA CITY HALL  
 March 16, 2020

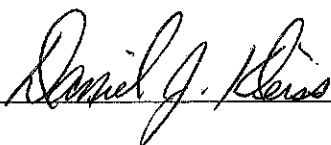
The emergency meeting of the City Council was called to order with Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Mayor Kleiss led the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Kleiss thanked all for being able to attend this emergency meeting on such short notice. The meeting was called to take formal action regarding the COVID 19 virus emergency. Kleiss stated he signed a Declaration of Emergency at 11:40 am this morning, adding he believes anything we can do to help flatten the curve and stem the spread of the virus will be beneficial. The second step is to pass an ordinance dealing with the COVID 19 virus emergency and authorizing the Mayor to take reasonable actions deemed necessary to respond to the emergency. Truitt moved to approve ordinance 2020-0-5, an ordinance related to the emergency created by the COVID 19 virus. Morris seconded. Mayor Kleiss read the definitions in the Local State of Emergency section of the ordinance and pointed out things are rapidly changing. The committee meetings scheduled for the next two weeks have been cancelled. The next regular council meeting, March 23, 2020, is also cancelled. Mayor Kleiss addressed a press release he has prepared for the media which states city buildings will be closed to the public. Staff will be working at City Hall and the Police Department, but the buildings will not be open to walk in visitors. After the primary election tomorrow (3/17), the Community Building will be closed. Mayor Kleiss stated anyone not feeling well should stay home. Again, our goal is to try and flatten the curve. Kleiss went on to say he is not aware of any cases in Tuscola. It is inevitable it will happen; keep contact to a minimum and do your part to stop the spread. Administrator Hoel stated there are three pressing needs for the passage of the ordinance to give the Mayor emergency authority:

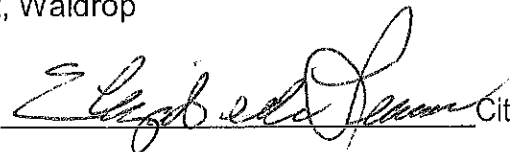
1. Personnel issues – staffing requirements/restrictions. Adjust hours/ sick leave and benefits and react quickly if personnel become ill
2. Water billing policies and payments
3. Public Buildings

Truitt asked if employees would continue to be paid if they become ill or their hours are reduced. Kleiss answered this has been addressed and he does not want any employees to be hurt by the emergency. Treasurer Long added there are plenty of options for paying bills and interacting with City Hall. Citizens can log on to [info@tuscola.org](mailto:info@tuscola.org); send emails; or check FaceBook and Twitter for information. Mayor Kleiss stated anything we can do for our businesses we will do. This community is always willing to pull together for the good of all. The vote was then taken on the emergency COVID 19 ordinance. VOTE YEA\* Day, Hoey, Rund, Morris, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop. Kleiss emphasized the Community Building is closed after the primary. Also, the Senior Center is closed; however, he believes PeaceMeal is still delivering. Check the PeaceMeal site for information. Administrator Hoel added the press release will go into effect tomorrow.

The motion to adjourn was made by Shoemaker and seconded by Rund. VOTE YEA\* Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop



Mayor



City Clerk