



**BLAKELY TELECONFERENCE
MINUTES
CITY HALL**

MARCH 22, 2020

4:30 P.M.

I) CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Let the record show that Mayor Travis Wimbush, Councilmember Ray Jarrett, Councilmember Margaret Zachary and Councilmember Ray Jarrett were all present on a teleconference. Also present was the City Clerk, Melinda Crook.

II) NEW ITEMS PROPOSED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The Mayor and Councilmembers discussed the disinfecting and closing City Hall after getting notification that a City Hall employee had tested positive with COVID-19. They discussed many options and asked each other for their opinions. Many scenarios were discussed with reasoning for all options. The Clerk informed the Council that a company, Dry Rite, could be in City Hall on March 23rd for disinfecting at a cost of .20 a square foot. She informed them that the Dry Rite representative stated employees could return to City Hall within hours so the Clerk recommended shutting down on Monday the 23rd and reopening to the employees on March 24th. The Council agreed to have the Clerk call and confirm. The Councilmembers discussed some more about the amount of days for City Hall closure. The Council then agreed to close City Hall for a period of 14 days to re-open April 6th and for calls to be forwarded to the Fire Department until further notice. The City Clerk was asked to put out notification in the paper, on the City FB page and the City website. The Council also agreed to have the Civic Center disinfected.

Mayor Wimbush and the Council then discussed amending the Local Emergency Declaration to include stricter City-wide regulations such as: Gatherings of 10 people, citizens to stay at home except for work, emergencies, basic necessities and incorporating amounts for fines.

The Council agreed that all items regarding the City and COVID-19 should be reviewed on a weekly basis and amendments made when needed.

Being in full agreement the teleconference was concluded.

Travis Wimbush, Mayor