**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**DOWNEY CITY COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2020**

**12:00 PM**

**Attendance:** Mayor Rex Nielsen and Clerk Brenda Kay were present at the

Downey City Office. Attending by teleconference were Bonnie Hill, Grant Johnson Gary Barnes, and Dan Wilson.

**call to order:** Mayor Nielsen called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

**action item – consider approval of a** **resolution – city council affirmation of local emergency declaration covid-19:** Mayor Nielsen

signed the following Mayor’s Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency on

April 21, 2020.

**MAYOR’S DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, Idaho Code § 46-1011 allows the Mayor of a city to declare a local disaster emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, Idaho Code § 46-1002(2) defines “disaster” as the “imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or manmade cause, including but not limited to fire, flood, earthquake, windstorm, wave action, volcanic activity, explosion, riot, or hostile military or paramilitary action and including acts of terrorism;” and

**WHEREAS**, the imminent threat of widespread and severe harm to the health of residents and visitors to the City of Downey as addressed by the Centers for Disease Control and by actions of the Governor of the state of Idaho constitutes a “disaster”; and

**WHEREAS**, a declaration activates the response and recovery aspects of applicable local or intergovernmental disaster emergency plans for the furnishing of aid and assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, Idaho Code § 46-1002(3) provides that an “emergency” includes the imminent threat to life or property which requires state emergency assistance to supplement local efforts to protect well-being or property or to avert or lessen the threat of “disaster;” and

**WHEREAS**, the emergency referenced herein exists because the contagious nature and potentially serious consequences of the COVID-19 virus for residents and visitors to the City of Downey and requires state emergency assistance to supplement local efforts to protect life, health and property; and

**WHEREAS**, Idaho Code § 67-2808 authorizes the Council of the City of Downey to declare an emergency and that the public interest and necessity may demand the immediate expenditure of public money without compliance with formal bidding procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency declaration must be filed with the county recorder’s office and “given prompt and general publicity.”

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Mayor of the City of Downey does hereby declare:

That a Local Disaster Emergency exists and that all efforts will be made to protect the citizens and property of the City of Downey through activation of all local disaster emergency plans and state emergency assistance; and

That this Local Disaster Emergency shall expire within seven (7) days unless the City Council expressly authorizes the continuance of such Declaration; and

That this Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency (“Declaration”) shall be promptly filed with the Bannock County Recorder’s Office; and

That prompt and general publicity shall be given by a press release notifying the public of this Declaration.

Declared this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of April 2020.

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Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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City Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Confirmed by the City Council of the City of Downey on the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of April 2020.

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City Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mayor Nielsen read the Resolution – City Council Affirmation of Local Emergency Declaration Covid-19, which is attached hereto.

**Gary Barnes moved to approve the City Council’s Affirmation of Local Emergency Declaration Covid-19, seconded by Bonnie Hill, by roll call vote: Grant Johnson, aye; Dan Wilson, aye; Bonnie Hill, aye; and Gary Barnes, aye; motion carried.**

This Resolution will be Resolution No. 2020-02.

**action item – adjournment: Dan Wilson moved to adjourn at 12:11 p.m.,**

**S,econded by Grant Johnson, all voted aye, motion carried.**

**APPROVED\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Rex Nielsen, Mayor**

**Attest\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Brenda Kay, City Clerk**