

CITY OF NORWAY
April 13, 2020

A regular meeting of the Norway City Council was held April 13, 2020. In order to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this meeting of the Norway City Council was held electronically. Chapter 21.8 of the Iowa Code does permit an electronic meeting where all members participate remotely when an in-person meeting is impossible or impractical, which is certainly true during this crisis. On March 19, 2020, Governor Reynolds issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency which included a suspension of Iowa laws that would prevent the use of electronic meetings or the limitation on the number of people present at an in-person meeting site. Therefore, only City Clerk, Wendy Erger, was present at Norway city hall at 108 E. Railroad St. The agenda had this message posted more than 24 hours in advance to give instructions on how others could participate in the meeting: Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the City of Norway will be holding this regular city council meeting electronically via a conference call. If you would like to participate, just before the meeting start time, you must call 978-990-5000 and enter this access code: 728271. Only staff are allowed in city hall.

The meeting was called to order electronically by Mayor Bruce Volz at 6:00 PM. Roll Call – Present electronically: Curtis Mell, Jay Hahn, Kevin Frese, Darrell Schulte, Loras Schulte. Absent: None.

Motion L. Schulte seconded by Frese to accept agenda, minutes and bills presented. Motion carried, 5-0.

An update to the DNR required Pre-treatment agreement with Frontier was discussed as well as the status of the NPDES Permit.

Ordinance 318 – Amending Sewer Service Charges introduced by D. Schulte seconded by L. Schulte. Roll call: Ayes: Mell, Hahn, Frese, D. Schulte, L. Schulte. Nays: None. Absent: None. Ordinance 318 passes the 3rd reading.

Discussion on the late payment agreements was discussed. A draft form will be revised before sending to residents for voluntary completion. A resolution will be added to the next agenda with requirements for mandatory completion of payment agreements.

Concerns were heard about blowing of grass into the streets and open burning.

Motion L. Schulte seconded by Frese to adjourn at 6:35 PM. Motion carried, 5-0.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2020 at 6 PM.

Bruce Volz, Mayor

Attest: Wendy Erger, City Clerk