

# City of Willow Springs

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## Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, April 16, 2020

**City Hall, 5:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Mayor Brooke Fair, Alderman Danny Bradley, Alderman Susan Rackley, Alderman Troy Yonker, Alderman Phill Knott, City Administrator Beverly Hicks, City Clerk Alicia Worley, City Attorney Zane Privette, City Marshal Bryan Hogan.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM**

Announcement of Quorum: City Clerk Alicia Worley called the roll.

Mayor Fair opened the April meeting of the Board of Alderman at 5:03pm with a quorum present

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

**Add item 'B' under New Business: Liquor License approval.**

**Motion by Alderman Knott, seconded by Alderman Bradley to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 4-0.**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion by Alderman Knott, seconded by Alderman Bradley to approve the Consent Agenda which included Approval of Minutes – (RM 2/20, EM 3/22), Approval of Bills for Payment, Receipt of Financial Reports, and YMCA, Department Head's & Board's Reports. Motion carried 4-0.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**COVID-19 Emergency Declaration:** City Administrator Beverly Hicks gives an update:

- There are 5,111 positive cases in Missouri.
- There are 5 positive cases in Howell County (4 in West Plains, 1 in Mountain View).
- 10% of all testing in Missouri is positive.
- 2% of all testing in Howell County is positive.
- The State has extended the Stay at Home Order until 11:59pm May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- The State will reopen the economy slowly in phases.
- Social Distancing will not change when the Stay at Home Order is lifted.
- City wide cleanup will be next week and WCA is still on board.
- City Hall lobby, Police Department lobby, city's public bathrooms, playground equipment, pavilions, Golf Course pro-shop, and airport lounge remain closed. We are also not renting carts at the Golf Course.
- Utility bills went out on the 1<sup>st</sup> and people will have until the 24<sup>th</sup> to pay their bills without incurring any penalties. Shut offs are scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup>. We have waived credit card fees.
- There are 14 businesses temporarily closed and two businesses permanently closed. One of those was thinking of closing by the end of the year anyway and took this time to retire early.
- They say Missouri's numbers will peak around the 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> and could possibly go until the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Hicks stated she would like to discuss the Pool/Waterpark and how to proceed. Hicks said it might seem early to start talking about it but, this is when we start working on getting the pool ready and start training the guards. Hicks read a statement she received by e-mail from MIRMA Director, Matthew Brodersen, when she asked his opinion.

*I cannot imagine that pools will be allowed to open this summer. Although I expect them to start relaxing the stay at home orders fairly soon, I think the social distancing and limitations on group sizes will remain until a vaccine is developed and distributed.*

*As such I think this will be a moot point. However, if the state and federal restrictions allow for the opening of the pools, MIRMA will not advise against it from a risk management standpoint. From a practical standpoint it will be up to each member, but I think the difficulty in finding and training staff mid-summer, and the other expenses involved with opening the pool would be hard to justify for a short season, especially when the cities are facing declining revenues.*

*Unfortunately, your citizens are probably going to be pushing hard for it.*

*Matthew*

We make the bulk of our money during the month of June because of summer schools. This year they are not holding summer schools. Even if we wait to open until July that will only give us one full month to be open. There is also the concern of how to keep the guards and residents safe if we do open. The social distancing order will not be lifted immediately making it hard to even train the guards. It will also be hard to tell 8-9-year old's not to play next to each other in a pool. It would be my recommendation not to open for the 2020 season but instead use this time to bring in a contractor and fix any problems we might currently have.

**Motion by Alderman Knott to keep the pool closed for the 2020 season. Seconded by Alderman Yonker. Motion carried 4-0.**

City Administrator Beverly Hicks stated she has enclosed copies of Howell County and Howell County Health Department's State of Emergency declarations. City Attorney Zane Privette has worked on putting together a state of emergency declaration for us along with the help of City Clerk Alicia Worley.

**Motion by Alderman Yonker, seconded by Alderman Rackley to read Bill No. 20-68 as Resolution No. 68-20. Motion carried 4-0 and the clerk read Bill No. 20-68.**

**Bill No. 20-68**

**Resolution No. 68-20**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WILLOW SPRINGS, MISSOURI, TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF WILLOW SPRINGS, MISSOURI.**

**Motion by Alderman Yonker, seconded by Alderman Rackley to adopt Resolution No. 68-20. A roll call vote was taken:**

**Ayes: Yonker\_\_, Knott\_\_, Bradley\_\_, Rackley\_\_**

**Nays: Yonker\_\_, Knott\_\_, Bradley\_\_, Rackley\_\_**

**Liquor License Approval:** Council reviewed the liquor license application from Mazamilta LLC, dba Chapala Mexican Restaurant.

**Motion by Alderman Bradley to approve the liquor license for Mazamilta LLC, dba Chapala Mexican Restaurant. Seconded by Alderman Yonker. Motion carried 4-0.**

City Clerk Alicia Worley stated Cattleman's Steakhouse will be applying very shortly for a liquor license. They have been working with the State and feel they should be getting their State license shortly. At this time, I have not received any paperwork but you can go ahead and approve the license pending the receipt of all necessary paperwork.

**Motion by Alderman Yonker to approve the liquor license for Cattleman's Steakhouse pending the receipt of necessary paperwork. Seconded by Alderman Yonker. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Motion by Alderman Rackley, seconded by Alderman Bradley to adjourn open session at 5:32p.m. Motion carried 4-0.**

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**ATTEST:**

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Brooke Fair, Mayor

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Alicia Worley, City Clerk