



City of Fairburn
Mayor and Council Emergency Called Meeting
March 26, 2020
3:00 p.m. Telephonic Meeting

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by the Honorable Mayor Elizabeth Carr-Hurst.
- II. Roll Call was taken with the following members present:

Mayor Elizabeth Carr-Hurst

The Honorable Linda J. Davis
The Honorable Alex Heath
The Honorable Pat Pallend

The Honorable Hattie Portis-Jones
The Honorable James Whitmore

Mayor Pro-Tem Ulysses J. Smallwood was absent.

The attendance of Council constituted a quorum and the meeting proceeded.

- III. Also present: Dr. Chris Edens, Medical Director for Fairburn's Fire Department, Attorney Randy Turner, and Fire Chief Cornelius Robinson.
- IV. Agenda Item: To address the potential closure of municipal facilities in response to the existing COVID-19 pandemic. Pursuant to Section 50-14-1(g) of the Georgia Open Meetings Act, this Emergency Called Meeting will be conducted telephonically.

Mayor Carr-Hurst began the meeting with an overview of the Emergency Called Meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 in which the Emergency Ordinance in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic was approved by Council and went into effect March 26, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. The Emergency Ordinance was signed and distributed to all merchants on Highway 29 and Highway 74 by Code Enforcement. Mayor Carr-Hurst also explained that City Hall was closed to all employees for the day due to an employee being exposed to the COVID-19 virus by a family member.

Dr. Chris Edens introduced himself as an Emergency Medical Physician at Piedmont Hospital in Newnan and Upton Regional Medical Center. Dr. Edens stated that the COVID-19 virus can remain in your system for 14 days and if you feel sick or have an elevated temperature you should self-quarantine. Dr. Edens recommends office business remain steady, allowing employees to work from home if they can perform their tasks from home. Dr. Edens also recommended that employees that are required to be in the office be checked daily upon arrival to monitor body temperature.

City Attorney Randy Turner inquired about what should be done if an employee reports to work with an elevated temperature or a cold. Dr. Edens stated that employees should self-quarantine for 14 days or if the employee is essential to the business operation, they should be tested for COVID-19 at a testing facility. If the results from the COVID-19 test is positive they must quarantine for 14 days; if the results are negative the employee can return to work.

Chief Cornelius Robinson stated that for first responders to be tested at a testing facility you need a referral on City letterhead from the Fire Chief.

Mayor Carr-Hurst stated that City Hall is scheduled for sanitizing on Friday, March 27, 2020. After the building has been sanitized it needs to remain unoccupied for 24 hours.

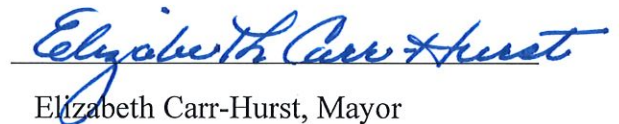
Councilwoman Hattie Portis-Jones asked if all employees were reporting to work daily or just essential employees. Mayor Carr-Hurst stated that all employees are reporting to work unless they show signs of being sick or have an elevated body temperature. Councilwoman Portis-Jones wanted to make sure thermometers were distributed to all departments for all employees to be tested daily and a log sheet would be kept for records. Mayor Carr-Hurst stated that all departments will have a thermometer in place by Monday for daily body temperature checks.

A vote of solidarity was made by Mayor and Council to keep City Hall closed until Monday to allow the building to be sanitized before employees return.

V. At 3:28 p.m., with no further business of the City of Fairburn, the meeting was adjourned.



Arika Birdsong-Miller, City Clerk



Elizabeth Carr-Hurst, Mayor